The Diary of Isaac Fletcher of Underwood, Cumberland 1756–1781



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Isaac Fletcher, a Quaker yeoman, lawyer and merchant, kept a daily record of his activities for a quarter of a century, at a time of gathering change on the eve of the Industrial Revolution. His life centred on the seasonal rhythm of farming at Underwood, near Cockermouth, but he was also heavily involved in trade and industry, as a partner in a stocking factory in Cockermouth, a prospector for lead locally and in Galloway, and an importer of plumbago from America. The diary also records his legal work and chronicles the life of the local Quaker community during the inward-looking, Quietist period in the history of the Society of Friends.

Fletcher's diary is a remarkable document of social history, shedding fresh light on many aspects of rural life in the eighteenth century. This edition of the complete text, with an introduction and substantial supporting material, makes available an important new primary source for students of English social and agrarian history.

Cover illustration. Isaac Fletcher's home, the comfortable but unpretentious yeoman farmhouse at Underwood in Mosser township, near Cockermouth. The porch, rebuilt in 1756, is surmounted by a small lead plaque bearing the initials of Fletcher and his wife, a reminder of his lead-mining interests.

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ISAAC FLETCHER OF UNDERWOOD

May 31, to June 6, 1773.

Appointments, Bills due, and occasional Memorandums.

Mon. 31 Ch Home did not go to Lothersm.th this being the Fair at Whitsuntide, Servants said to be very moderate, several did not get services at the Manuscript — Jo: away this day —

Tu. June 1. At D.r Jo: Pickering. Lads work'g at the Pitt, got Summons by Jn.o Sympson to the Conviction on 6.th day the 4.th inst. at Jn.o Meals's a cloudy day with some showers of Rain

Wed 2 at D.o went to the Beast fair - Cattle sold very well - Sold one five y.r old gelded Heffer for Six pounds to Postle Hawkin for Jackson a very hot, sultry day — Gardner here —

Th. 3 at D.o Wife gone by Mark.t a pretty fresh N.E Wind, not to be very high as Yesterday - Sold another gelded Heffer to the same & for the same price, Jo: & Jn.o gone to Sum to Innerdale Bridge

Fr. 4 at D.o Yesterday afternoon Sarah Jackson from Dublin and Mary Piper dined here and stay'd the afternoon went with them to Mosser a warm day — Gardner here At Longpiction

Sa. 5 at D.o went to Cragg - end in the afternoon Jn.o Allason very coarse walks about the house & into the fields — can get nothing from home, he wants some alterations in his will

Sun. 6 at D.o at Mark.t Rachel Wrigham there she preached very well a sound able Minister of the Gospel — a fine Shower and looks like Rain

Frontispiece Isaac Fletcher's diary, 31 May to 6 June 1773.

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ABBREVIATIONS

CFH	*Cumberland Families and Heraldry* by C.R. Hudleston and R.S. Boumphrey (CWAAS Extra Series, vol. xxiii, 1978).
CL	Carlisle Library.
CRO	Cumbria Record Office. References are to documents held at Carlisle unless otherwise stated.
CW1	*Transactions of the Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society*, old series, 1866–1900.
CW2	*Transactions of the Cumberland & Westmorland Antiquarian & Archaeological Society*, new series, 1901–.
DNB	*Dictionary of National Biography.*
DQB	'Dictionary of Quaker Biography', typescript at LSF.
EDD	J. Wright, *The English Dialect Dictionary*, 6 vols. (Oxford, 1898–1905).
Glossary	W. Dickinson, *Glossary of the ... Dialect of Cumberland, revised by E.W. Prevost* (London, Bemrose, and Carlisle,Thurnham, n.d.[c.1899]).
I.F.	Isaac Fletcher, the diarist.
JGB	Volume of pedigrees, largely of Cumberland Quaker families, compiled by James Gorton Brooker. Dated Cossipore, Calcutta, 1940. (Copy in CRO, D/FCF/2/87.)
Lancs RO	Lancashire Record Office, Preston.
LSF	Library of the Society of Friends, Friends House, Euston Road, London.
M.M.	Monthly Meeting
Observations & Remarks	Isaac Fletcher, *Observations and Remarks on the Conduct of Peter Nicholson* ... [Underwood, 1770; printed in Dublin, 1771]. (Copies in LSF.)
OED	*Oxford English Dictionary.*
P.M.	Preparative Meeting
PRO	Public Record Office, London.
[Q]	Member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).
Q.M.	Quarterly Meeting
'Truth Vindicated'	Isaac Fletcher, 'Truth Vindicated, or errors and falsehoods laid open & detected; being a reply to the many false charges ... against me & some others, in a sermon preached at the Select Monthly Meeting held at Pardshowhall the 20th 12th month 1765 by Elizabeth Wilkinson'. (MS, in I.F.'s commonplace book, in possession of J.W.F. Hickson, 1993.)
'Truth Vindicated' (abstract)	Abstract of 'Truth Vindicated' prepared by I.F. for submission to the committee of Pardshaw M.M. hearing his dispute with Elizabeth Wilkinson, March 1766 (MS in Isaac Fletcher's commonplace book).
Y.M.	Yearly Meeting

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INTRODUCTION

On 4 December 1781 *The Cumberland Pacquet* contained the following death notice in its obituary column: 'yesterday se'ennight at Underwood near Cockermouth, after a long illness, which he supported with great patience and fortitude, Mr. Isaac Fletcher, one of the people called Quakers; a man sincerely and worthily respected by a numerous acquaintance, and greatly lamented in his death'. Four weeks before his death Fletcher had made his last entry in the diary he had kept for most of the previous quarter century. It is that remarkable daily record of life in west Cumberland from 1756 to 1781 which forms the body of this volume. Although included in William Matthews' list of British diaries,[1] Isaac Fletcher's diary does not appear to have been much used hitherto as an historical source. In the early twentieth century it was lent to Sir Arthur Ponsonby, that connoisseur of English diarists, who was, however, dismissive of its interest: 'If Isaac Fletcher had allowed himself more room he might have left a good diary because he was a regular and methodical writer. But the spaces ... are less than an inch for each day, so he could never write more than four lines ... There is interest in the diary as a family record, but the entries are too meagre to call for attention.'[2] Admittedly the diary's literary merit is slight, but Ponsonby's verdict seems too harsh when its value to the social and economic historian is considered.

Written through the eyes of an educated Quaker yeoman and lawyer, who had commercial and industrial interests in Whitehaven and Cockermouth, Fletcher's diary provides fresh insight into the character of society in west Cumberland on the eve of the industrial revolution. The world it describes is very different from that of the local gentry families whose papers have hitherto formed the basis of much that has been written on the eighteenth-century history of the area. Moreover, the coverage of events in west Cumberland in the Lonsdale archive, which has provided so much raw material for the first half of the eighteenth century, is much less full after *c.*1755, and Fletcher's diary helps to remedy the deficiency, despite its different social context.[3] The diversity of the topics touched upon by the entries is one of the diary's striking characteristics. Not only does it provide a chronicle of everyday life on an eighteenth-century yeoman farm, but it also charts the concerns of the west Cumberland Quaker community at a time when the religious life of the Society of Friends was at a low ebb, sheds light on the activities of merchants and industrialists in Whitehaven, Workington and Cockermouth, and records numerous disputes at law. In its variety, Fletcher's diary may be compared with that of another contemporary Quaker yeoman, Alexander Fothergill of Carr End, Wensleydale.[4]

Fletcher wrote during a period in which the speed of change was gathering pace. The quarter century covered by the diary (1756–81) witnessed developments in the political, economic and social spheres which touched the lives of the 'middling sort' at many different points and were to have profound consequences. Nationally, the diary spans the years of the Seven Years' War (1756–63) and the American War of Independence (1774–81) and is contemporary with the pioneering inventions which

paved the way for the mechanisation of the textile industries (Arkwright's water frame in 1769; Crompton's mule in 1779) and with the first great wave of Parliamentary enclosure of open fields in the 1760 and 1770s. At the local level, Fletcher records developments which, though small in themselves, brought west Cumberland into closer contact with the mainstream of national life. The postal service from Cockermouth, for example, was improved in 1761 with deliveries from London on six days of the week, while the journey to London, which had taken over a week on horseback, could be accomplished in three days by 1765, using the York 'fly'.[5] The period also saw the appearance of west Cumberland's first local newspaper, *The Cumberland Pacquet*, published in Whitehaven weekly from 1774, and the 'discovery' of the Lake District as a playground for the rich and fashionable.[6] The diary thus not only provides a chronicle of life in the middle levels of Georgian rural society but also portrays a pivotal period in the history of the local community in west Cumberland.

1. The Diarist: Isaac Fletcher of Underwood, 1714–1781

Isaac Fletcher's roots were in the Mosser/Loweswater area in which he continued to live all his life. Several genealogical tables show his descent from the Fletchers of Cockermouth Hall, through Lancelot Fletcher (1565–1635), rector of Dean.[7] However, the family can only be traced with confidence back to the diarist's grandfather, Lancelot Fletcher (d.1682) of Mockerkin, who was described as a shoemaker and was living at Low Leys, Lamplugh at the time of his death.[8] He was an early Friend, marrying Alice Holstocke of Mossergate in the Quaker manner in 1660. In his will he left a legacy of £2 'towards the mentenance of the poor people pertaining to the meeting house at Pard[s]ay Cragg', and he is probably to be identified with the Lancelot Fletcher of Loweswater parish who, with his wife, was presented for being a Quaker in the church court in 1667.[9] He was a comparatively wealthy man at his death, owning property at Lamplugh and a mortgage on a house at Cockermouth, his probate inventory recording goods to the value of £193 and debts owing to him totalling over £209. The estate at Low Leys, Lamplugh, presumably passed to his son Japheth (1671–1735), the diarist's father, who also inherited an estate at Mossergate, Mosser, in 1708 from his uncle John Holstocke.[10] In 1693 Japheth married Margaret Allason, daughter and heiress of Thomas Allason of Underwood, Mosser, where he settled. Japheth Fletcher died a substantial yeoman, his probate inventory totalling £389, of which a large proportion (£273) took the form of debts and money lent out.[11] The diarist's background was thus firmly in the comparatively wealthy upper levels of Cumbrian yeoman society.

Isaac Fletcher was born at Underwood on 20 February 1713/4, the youngest child of Japheth and Margaret Fletcher.[12] He inherited the Mossergate property after his father's death in 1735 and the farm at Underwood from his mother in 1755. Very little is known about his early life. It is not known, for example, where he received the education which gave him the fluency of phrase and skill of penmanship exhibited in his writing, though it may well have been partly at the school run by Pardshaw Preparative Meeting. On 14 July 1743 he married his immediate neighbour, Susanna Harris, daughter of William and Susanna Harris of Greysouthen

and Underwood who was born 7 September 1718. Isaac and Susanna made their home in the Fletchers' farmhouse at Underwood, where they reared their family: a daughter, Jane, who died aged seven in 1751, and four sons: John, who died of smallpox aged 11 in 1758; Isaac (1755–1781), another John (1758–1830) and William (b.1760).[13]

In addition to the farms he inherited, Fletcher also acquired the Harrises' holding at Underwood by purchase from his wife's brother Jonathan Harris in 1764. Isaac Fletcher was thus for some years a substantial landowner in Mosser, farming his Underwood property himself and letting Mossergate to a tenant. His financial difficulties forced him to mortgage his Mossergate property in 1764, and Underwood in 1769, and to sell three fields at Underwood in 1769 and the whole of his Mossergate property in 1772, yet he nevertheless felt able to describe himself as 'gentleman' in his will.[14] Other concerns occupied much of his time during the period covered by the diary but the annual rhythm of farming activities at Underwood is never far below the surface. Until he gave up farming and let his remaining land in 1779, the day-to-day management of the farm, the marketing of produce and the hiring of farm servants form the backdrop against which his wider concerns took place. His ownership of land underpinned his commercial activities, as it yielded a steady income and provided security to buffer him against the hard times he was to meet in his business affairs. His business interests were diverse, ranging from beer and textiles to lead and plumbago. These are described more fully below. On a day-to-day basis it was his legal work as a clerk and conveyancer which predominated. He fulfilled many of the functions which would later become the preserve of the country solicitor: drafting wills and conveyances, and managing the legal and financial affairs of a fairly wide clientele.

The quarter century spanned by the diary saw Fletcher's decline from being a vigorous man at the height of his powers to an elderly invalid more or less confined to his home. In terms of health and prosperity it is a chronicle of defeat. Until the early 1760s Fletcher appears to have been a successful merchant and a respected member of the Quaker establishment, but from 1763 gathering storm clouds shadowed his affairs. In that year several of his close business associates, notably, his brother-in-law Jonathan Harris, faced bankruptcy. Fletcher was bound for Harris in considerable sums and, when the latter was arrested for debt in April 1763, 'most of the creditors who had my security along with his demanded the money immediatly or else I must inevitably suffer the same disgrace.'[15] Fletcher later wrote of the 'bitter curses and foul reproaches from a multitude of tongues against the Quakers in general' in Cockermouth at that time.[16] He survived the financial crisis of 1763, but at a cost. His relationship with Jonathan Harris and his wife foundered: they 'turned my utter enemies and endeavoured with all their might to ruin me ... I keep my proper distance from them,' he wrote in 1766.[17] Fletcher made further enemies within the close-knit Quaker community as a result of his part as one of the executors of Christopher Wilson (d.1761), whose creditors remained unpaid in October 1764, when a group of them, including several Quakers, filed a bill in Chancery against the executors. The affair is discussed in greater detail below, but it resulted in deep divisions within the Quaker community and in a serious rift with one of the leading ministers in west Cumberland, Elizabeth Wilkinson. She launched a verbal attack on Fletcher in December 1765, supporting the

complainants in the Chancery suit and further claiming that Fletcher had shown partiality as an elder when dealing with cases of Friends whose businesses had failed. The rift between them remained as a festering wound until her death in 1771.

The sorry saga of ill-feeling has been recited in some detail because it culminated in, and may have contributed to, a serious breakdown in Fletcher's health from which he appears never to have fully recovered. The serious 'intermitting fever' which laid him and his family low in 1769 and caused a fourteen-month break in the diary entries, was a prelude to increasing ill-health, particularly in the form of a 'stranguary' (urinary) complaint. The nature of his illness in 1769 is far from clear and parts of his own description of his symptoms, such as 'the three months of my delirium' seem scarcely credible.[18] Although it is clear from the diary that an epidemic 'fever' did sweep the Cockermouth area during the summer of 1769,[19] it seems possible that Fletcher's illness may have represented, in part, a psychological breakdown. It came, as we have seen, after several stressful years of business and legal difficulties, and of conflict within the Quaker community. In public affairs, the quashing of Sir James Lowther's victory in the Cumberland election of 1768, as a result of voting irregularities, would have represented a defeat for Fletcher as well, as he had actively canvassed for Lowther. Perhaps the death, in May 1769, of William Skyrin, the Whitehaven ironmonger with whom Fletcher was closely associated, came as a crushing blow to a man who had been buffeted by problems for several years. The range of Fletcher's activities was progressively curtailed as his health failed in the 1770s and the latter years of the diary portray an elderly man almost confined to his house, the daily round of tasks on the farm at Underwood increasingly dominating over concerns further afield. His writing became less unbending, with a greater use of vernacular terms, as he increasingly wrote *to* his diary, rather than using it simply as a memoranda book as he had done in earlier years.

Much of the diary is that of a very active man with, as his obituary notice put it, 'a numerous acquaintance', whose horizons extended far beyond the yeoman farms of the Cumbrian countryside. Isaac Fletcher's diverse interests and concerns involved him in a considerable amount of travel from home. In most weeks he spent at least one day in Cockermouth, four miles from Underwood, attending the Monday market and the beast fairs, discussing legal matters, or overseeing the activities of the stocking business in which he was a partner. Journeys to Whitehaven, ten miles from his home, were also frequent, mainly to consult fellow Quaker merchants in the town. Commercial, legal and Quaker business also took him further afield: the diary records sixteen journeys outside Cumbria, several extending to a month or more away from home (see Figure 4). Commercial matters took him by sea to Bristol and Dublin in July–August 1756, by land to Liverpool, Warrington and Manchester in 1758 and to the Isle of Man in 1759. His lead-mining interests resulted in two journeys to Galloway in 1776 and another to Galloway and northern Ireland the following year. As an active Friend, religious duty demanded regular attendance at Cumberland Quarterly Meeting, which was held at Carlisle, Caldbeck, Cockermouth and Wigton by rotation. The Northern Yearly Meeting (for the counties of Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and Cheshire) was held in April each year and Fletcher attended when it was held in Cumberland. As a representative from Cumberland Quarterly Meeting, he also attended the yearly meeting held in London in late May and early June, in 1760, 1762 and 1766, and

made a further visit to London on Quaker business in November 1761 when he served on a committee visiting meetings in the London area. Finally, his legal work generated considerable travel, much of it within Cumberland, to meet local attorneys, to seek counsels' opinions, to accompany clients to manorial courts, and to attend the Assizes in Carlisle, which he did regularly in the 1760s. Cases sometimes took him further afield: to Dumfries in 1762, to the archdeaconry probate court at Richmond, Yorkshire, in 1771, and, as a result of his own involvement as a defendant in the Chancery suit concerning the administration of Christopher Wilson's will, on a prolonged visit to London in January 1765.

The diary entries yield only a very incomplete portrayal of Fletcher's character. They tend to be legalistic and, because of the limited space available to him, brief to the point of terseness, but, as no descriptions of Fletcher by third parties have been traced, his own writings are the principal materials available for a reconstruction of his character. What comes over most clearly are Isaac Fletcher's robust personality and his lively and intelligent interest in the world around him. Although he rarely expressed his feelings towards his family, there are hints which suggest a close and affectionate relationship with his wife and children. The surviving letters between Isaac and Susanna (whom he addresses as 'Suse') in 1765 portray a loving partnership and suggest that Susanna was informed and supportive about her husband's business affairs.[20] In the following year he wrote of their twenty-year marriage, 'I can in truth and sincerity say that we have lived together in the greatest friendship, affection and harmony becoming that state, and I think we have bore the losses and disappointments that have happened in the familey, which have been many and various, with patience & resignation to the will of Providence'.[21] The loss of three of their children may have drawn Isaac and Susanna closer together. Of their reaction to the death of their daughter, Jane, in 1751 there is no record, nor did he let his feelings show when recording the death of their son John of smallpox in 1758, other than to comment that the funeral passed off 'pretty well in the main, for which I am thankfull'.[22] The death of Isaac, junior, in 1781 at the age of 25, clearly brought deep sorrow. Two days after receiving the news of his death, he and Susanna were 'still mourning & lamenting the great loss of our dear son'.[23]

The family's social life centred on visits, often on Sunday afternoons, to and from Isaac and Susanna's sisters and their families. The Fletchers appear to have been particularly close to the Robinsons of Pardshaw and another of Susanna's sisters, Jane Pearson of Broughton, frequently came to Underwood to stay. Leisure activities also included fishing outings to Loweswater, Buttermere and Crummock in the 1750s and 1760s, when Fletcher was sometimes accompanied by Susanna and their children.[24] Weddings, funerals and timber-raisings all provided opportunities for social gatherings with neighbours, while a close reading of the diary enables one to identify those whom Fletcher could count as friends. These included neighbouring Quaker yeomen, such as Elihu Robinson of Eaglesfield, William Allason of Mossergate, Jonah Dixon of Toddell, and his immediate neighbour, John Robinson of Beech Hill, but also Friends from further afield like Dan Glaister of Mawbray. The Fletchers sometimes entertained travelling Quaker ministers at Underwood, as well as the wider circle of Isaac's business associates.

If the diary suggests warm relationships with family and friends, it also exposes elements of ill temper and a reluctance to forgive and forget. Fletcher tended to use

the letter of the law, particularly that of the Quaker discipline, to crush opposition and get his own way, as in his response to the Friends who resorted to Chancery in the Christopher Wilson affair. He could be merciless on paper if crossed: the tirade against John Fearon of Deanscales and the unforgiving notice of Elizabeth Wilkinson's death[25] are in the same vein as the rhetoric he employed in the answer to the latter's charges against him, written in 1766,[26] and in his pamphlet against Peter Nicholson, published in 1771.[27] At first sight these outpourings suggest that Fletcher was a stubborn man who could not bear to see his authority challenged, but it is equally possible to interpret his role in the Wilkinson and Nicholson cases as that of a proud man answering unjust charges laid at his door by contentious troublemakers.

Fletcher was clearly deeply hurt by Elizabeth Wilkinson's attack on him and it is probably significant that the diary entry for the date of the outburst (20 December 1765) makes no reference to it. Reeling from her accusations and threats of divine retribution, perhaps he was unable to bring himself to write about it at the time. When they came, his long and often caustic answers seem to be expressions of deep, repressed anger, which had been held down under the heavy blanket of Quaker self control. That repression of emotion is perhaps both a key feature of Fletcher's character and a mask which prevents the real Isaac Fletcher from being visible to us. His sense of duty and responsibility for the Quaker meeting, his attempts to keep it 'pure' and free from derision by a hostile world outside, and his desire to conform to its Discipline seem to have combined to prevail over his own sense of injured feelings. He did not pursue his dispute with Elizabeth Wilkinson as far as he might have done, letting it drop for the sake of 'peace and quietness' among Friends. In Isaac Fletcher we seem to see a bright mind and a naturally strong character, confined by the straight-jacket imposed by the narrow Quaker discipline of the eighteenth century.

Despite these constraints, however, the diary also records Fletcher's sociability, his learning, and his lively interest in the natural world. He seems to have been attracted to the rich and powerful. His friendship with Alexander Hoskins before his fall from grace in Quaker circles in 1758 is a case in point, as may be his support for Lowther in 1767 and 1768. He also showed a keen interest in the world around him, whether the weather, the planets, the 'optical apparatus' he bought in London in 1760, or the world of public affairs. His world was that of the amateur scientists of rural England. John Dalton's patron, Elihu Robinson, was a close acquaintance and, like Robinson and the young John Dalton, Fletcher kept meteorological records. The careful, inquiring approach these yeomen brought to their scientific interests is exemplified by Fletcher's meticulous entry for one summer morning in 1761, when he, Robinson and George Bell got up early to observe through a telescope the transit of Venus across the face of the sun.[28] Other eminent Quaker scientists known to Fletcher included Dr John Fothergill, the physician and botanist, and William Woodville, the pioneer of vaccination. Nor was discussion about natural science confined to his contact with fellow Quakers. The entry for 2 July 1773, recording a visit from two Anglican parsons, when the conversation touched on 'books, prints, botany, etc.' provides a glimpse of the educated culture of the yeoman farmhouses of Georgian England.

Fletcher's aspirations to gentility were frustrated by a combination of misfortune in business, ill-health and the social constraints imposed by his membership of the Religious Society of Friends, yet he was clearly part of an educated elite in the Cumbrian countryside. His style of living was comfortable without being opulent and exhibited a

layer of polite culture grafted onto the rootstock of Cumbrian yeoman life. His substantial library of *c.* 300 volumes;[29] the loving care he bestowed on his garden, with its sundial and peacocks; the luxuries he purchased – as diverse as a set of Liverpool china, wigs, a parrot and a telescope – and the variety of teas (green, Congo, sushong, and bohea) he drank, all tell of a man whose horizons were those of the educated middle classes of Georgian England. In short, Isaac Fletcher's life demonstrates that the concept of the eighteenth-century English as a 'polite and commercial people' extended to the farmhouses of the quiet countryside on the edges of the Lake District.

Isaac Fletcher died at Underwood on 26 November 1781 at the age of 67 and was buried in the Quaker burial ground at Pardshaw Hall. His wife, Susanna, continued to live at Underwood until her death on 12 August 1783, a few weeks before her 65th birthday. They were survived by two sons, John (1758–1830) and William (b.1760).[30] The former settled at Greysouthen, and was the progenitor of the Fletchers of Tarnbank. His son, John Wilson Fletcher (1788–1857) was a prominent colliery owner, and two of his grandsons were members of Parliament.[31] By the later nineteenth century Isaac Fletcher's descendants had achieved the gentility and affluence which eluded him during his lifetime.

2. The World of Isaac Fletcher: Yeoman, Quaker, Merchant, and Lawyer

It is difficult to find a single term to describe Fletcher's occupation for, as the diary makes abundantly clear, his activities were much wider than those generally brought to mind by the designation 'yeoman'. In his early thirties he had acted as schoolmaster for the Quaker school at Pardshaw Hall from 1745, when the surviving schoolroom at the meeting house was built. He taught common arithmetic, Latin, writing and 'English schollers' and the meeting guaranteed him an annual salary of £14. He did not remain in the profession of schoolmaster for long, however, as the minutes record the appointment of another master in 1749.[32] By 1756, when the diary opens, much of his time was spent in legal work, in furthering his commercial interests, and in carrying out the duties required of a clerk and elder of a Quaker meeting, while in the background flowed the seasonal rhythm of life on the farm at Underwood. The diary's breadth of interest makes the task of writing an introduction more than usually challenging, and what follows is inevitably selective. However, Fletcher's different spheres of activity may be thought of as four overlapping social circles within which he moved. He was, respectively, a member of the rural farming community at Mosser; a leader in the Quaker community in west Cumberland; a merchant with business connections with the mercantile communities of Cockermouth, Whitehaven and Workington; and, finally, a lawyer, albeit not formally qualified, moving within the legal fraternity of Cockermouth and neighbourhood.

(a) Yeoman Farming

Mosser township, in which Fletcher's property at Underwood and Mossergate lay, was a scattered rural community on the very edge of the Lake District hills (see Figures 1 and 2). Most of the farms (including Underwood) lay on a north-west

facing slope, their lands stretching from the wet mossland and meadows of Mosser Moss, which separated Mosser township from Pardshaw, to pastures on a spur of hill rising to about 800 feet (250 m) above sea level. To the east the township boundary ran up to the summits of Fellbarrow (1364 ft; 416 m) and other hills along the watershed to embrace unenclosed rough grazings on fell land. Land suitable for cultivation was thus restricted to a fairly narrow belt around the farmsteads, and the traditional farming of the area had a strong pastoral bias.

Unlike most neighbouring communities, the farms in Mosser had been enfranchised to their tenants in 1625[33] and were thus freeholds, though their owners were still obliged to record changes of tenancy at Egremont Lordship court. In the adjacent townships of Whinfell and Loweswater, by contrast, most land was still held under customary tenancies in the mid eighteenth century. Holdings were generally small, 35–55 acres (14–22 ha) being common, though some approached 100 acres (40 ha). Fletcher's estate at Underwood (comprising the two holdings, one inherited from his mother; the other bought from his brother-in-law Jonathan Harris in 1763) contained approximately 107 acres (43 ha).[34]

That Underwood was a mixed farm is clear from the diary, but it is more difficult to place figures on acreages under crop or on the numbers of stock it supported. Although the cropping data are incomplete, Table I suggests that oats predominated, with barley and potatoes forming the bulk of the remaining crop in most years.

Table I: Crops Sown and Harvested at Underwood 1756–1779

Figures for corn are in bushels sown (S) and shocks harvested (H). Figures for potatoes are in bushels planted (P) and harvested (H). * = quantity unspecified

Year:	*Oats*		*Barley*		*Potato*		*Wheat*		*Rye*
	S	H	S	H	P	H	S	H	S
1756		220		105		*			
1757	*		*		*				
1758	12	330		130					
1759	11		2.67						
1760	10		3			17			
1761		265	1.75	121				53	
1762	13		3						
1763		*c.*600		*c.*290					
1764	18		6	300	4				
1766		500+				30	*		0.5
1771		*	5.5			34.5			
1772	17		5		7				
1773		*	5			*			
1775	23	683		128					
1776		*	3		3	*c.*80			
1777		*	3		4–5			*	
1778		*		120	3.75				
1779	20			*		*		114	

The rotations practised by Fletcher appear to have been similar to the system recorded by Bailey and Culley in 1797 as being that most commonly found in Cumberland.[35] Ley grass was ploughed, grain crops taken each year for four years or more, then the land was put down to grass for seven to nine years. Fletcher kept three fields under crop each year. The diary records a rotation which began by ploughing the ley for oats. The following year the ground was manured before being sown with barley and/or planted with potatoes. A crop of wheat was taken in the third year, followed by one or more grain crops before the ground was put down to grass again. On only one occasion, in 1769, does the diary record the sowing of grass seed with the final grain crop. The number of years a field was cultivated depended on its fertility. The home fields (Corn Close, the Croft and Middle Close) were normally cropped for four or five years in succession. The ley period in Corn Close was only three or four years; in the Croft it was six years; and in Middle Close seven years. Fletcher's other main block of arable land was on the Whinneys (see Figure 1). Here, no more than two or three crops were taken in succession and the ley period was generally between seven and nine years.

Data on the livestock reared at Underwood are more difficult to obtain from the diary. A small herd of cattle provided milk for cheese-making, calves for sale, and a beef cow, normally killed in November, which yielded meat for the household and tallow and hide for sale. How many cattle he owned at any one time is almost impossible to ascertain, but the cash accounts enable his purchases and sales of stock to be reconstructed (Table II).

Table II: Cattle purchased and sold by Isaac Fletcher, 1756–1779

	BOUGHT				SOLD			
Year	*cows*	*heifers*	*calves*	*other*	*cows*	*heifers*	*calves*	*other*
1756	1				1		1	
1757		1	1		1a		2	
1758	2		2		1		2	
1759	2		2		1		2	
1760	1						2	
1761		1	1		2b		2	
1762	1	2	1		2		4	
1763	5			2 'Scotts'	5		6	2 'Scotts'
1764	2	2	1				1	
1765		2			1a		3	
1766					1		4	
1767	2c				2a		4	
1768					5		7	
1769			1				2	
1772			2				4	
1773	1				3d	3	1	
1774	1e		1		1e		4	
1775	1	2	1		1	2	3	

	BOUGHT				SOLD			
Year	*cows*	*heifers*	*calves*	*other*	*cows*	*heifers*	*calves*	*other*
1776				1 bull	2		2	1 bull segg
1777					1	1	3	
1778			1				1	1 bull
1779					2	1	4	

Notes:
a. described as 'fat cows'.
b. one described as an 'Irish cow'.
c. one described as 'an Irish cow bought at Bellaport for beef'.
d. 'old cow'; 'six year old geld cow'; and 'the old Scotch cow'.
e. described as 'a Scotch cow and a calf'.

He regularly sold calves and fat cows at the beast fairs held at Cockermouth between Easter and Old Michaelmas Day (10 October), and his purchases of cows and heifers suggest that in some years he might have traded cattle on after calving. The trade in Irish and Scottish cattle, hinted at in Fletcher's cash accounts, is well attested in eighteenth-century Cumberland.[36] Between 1776 and 1778 Fletcher kept a bull from which he received income for serving cows on neighbouring farms: there were over 60 bullings in 1777 and 114 in 1778.[37]

Other livestock included a small flock of sheep, numbering about 50 in all (there were 35 sheep and 14 lambs at clipping time in 1779, for example);[38] more than one horse; and a variety of poultry, including geese, ducks and turkeys. Pigs were bought each spring and killed, largely for home consumption, the following January or February. Fletcher appears to have fattened only a single pig each year to 1765 but kept two thereafter, except in 1776–7 when the cash accounts show him buying larger numbers of swine (5 in 1776; 11 in 1777) and selling them on after a few weeks. The accounts also suggest that he dealt in larger numbers of poultry in these later years, selling five geese in 1778 and eight the following year. All in all, the diary and accounts provide a cameo of a mixed yeoman farm, in which production for the market was spread across the board and a wide variety of food for home consumption was produced. The gardens and orchard at Underwood, on which Fletcher lavished much care, were important in this respect. Fletcher bought a wide variety of vegetable seeds in most years (cabbage, cauliflower, radish, carrot, kidney beans, turnips and peas) and planted strawberry plants and cherry, apple, pear, plum, and walnut trees in 1760 and 1761.

Marketing of produce was through local markets and the network of travelling cattle dealers, such as John Jackson, an Ulverston cattle buyer. In the later years of the diary there is some evidence that Fletcher was gearing at least some of his agricultural production towards the growing urban markets of Whitehaven and Workington. Cheese, butter, plums, cherries and potatoes were all taken to these markets by his farm servants during the 1770s.

Labour on the farm was provided for the most part by a single farm servant, helped on occasion by Fletcher or his sons. In the early years of the diary, Fletcher appears to have spent time 'at the plough' himself, for example, while his 'lads' were old enough to assist the hired hand during the 1770s. For most of the period

covered by the diary, Fletcher employed only two living-in servants, a hired man and a maid, though on three occasions he hired an additional farm-hand for a few weeks at a time. The employment of both farm servant and maid servant was structured around the twice-yearly hiring fairs, held at Cockermouth at Whitsuntide and Martinmas. Appendix II draws together the evidence in the diary and cash accounts concerning the farm and domestic servants at Underwood. It is striking that, despite the importance of the six-month terms of employment to which the hiring fairs gave rise, Fletcher frequently came to an agreement with a new servant several weeks before the fair day and servants sometimes left Underwood mid-way through their terms, as a result of illness or disagreements. The cost of farm labour rose across the middle decades of the eighteenth century.[39] Fletcher's accounts show that the wages for a farm man rose from £3 10s per half-year in the late 1750s to between £6 and £7 in the 1770s, representing an increase from a rate of 3s to 5s per week over the twenty-five year period covered by the diary. Until the 1770s the farm hands appear to have been unmarried and often stayed at Underwood for a comparatively short time, less than two years in most cases and only one six-month term in several instances. From 1772 Fletcher employed married men (Joseph Mitchell, 1772–7, and Peter Murray, 1777–80) who lived in a separate house at Underwood. Across the year, notably at harvest time, he bought in additional labour on a daily basis. The succession of day labourers recorded in the diary – old Adam Thompson, Alexander Patton, John and Betty Bushby, for example – sheds light on the lives and work of an important section of the rural community who are often not readily visible in more formal records.

The diary also sheds valuable light on agricultural improvement, notably on the otherwise often invisible process of piecemeal enclosure of common land. Between 1756 and 1759 Fletcher and his neighbour at Mossergate, William Allason, divided and hedged their shares of land at Bankhead and Pasture, in an area of Mosser township where undivided strips remained as late as 1840.[40] In 1767 Mosser Moss, an area of wetland between Mosser and Pardshaw containing 51 acres (20 ha), was surveyed in February and articles of agreement for its division signed in June. A further division and drainage in the same area took place between February and May 1772. Three years later Fletcher assisted in the division of a shared pasture in Whinfell township called Toddell Pasture. Other aspects of agricultural improvement included the application of lime, in which Fletcher may have been a local leader. In 1759 he leased land near the limestone outcrop of Pardshaw Crag, on which he built a lime kiln. After initial difficulties when he first fired it in 1760, the kiln appears to have produced a regular supply of lime for his own use and for sale locally.

Straddling Fletcher's farming and legal knowledge was his evident skill as a land surveyor. His abilities in this field were drawn on when he directed the enclosure of an open field at Dean in the 1740s,[41] and of Toddell Pasture, referred to above, in 1775. He also carried out surveys of several estates locally, including the Lorton Hall estate in 1758–9, the lands belonging to Hugh Tickell's charity at Portinscale, near Keswick, in 1766, and Jonathan Bell's estate at Hundith Hill, Embleton, in 1773.[42] None of Fletcher's surveys has been traced, but the diary suggests that he fulfilled an important role as a surveyor for landowners in the Cockermouth area.

In recording his own farming activities, Fletcher's diary constitutes an important

source for the progress of agricultural change on the eve of the agricultural revolution. The piecemeal improvement of a yeoman farm, a process normally lost to the historian, is here recorded in detail. Not only do we see enclosure, mossland drainage and liming, but also the erection of new farm buildings (the new stable, barn and byre built at Underwood in 1757, for example) and the renewal of field boundaries, through a programme of hedging and walling. The cash accounts record the bulk purchase of thorns between 1759 and 1766,[43] while in 1776 and 1777 Fletcher had wallers quarrying and walling on his higher ground.[44] As the record of a yeoman farm, the diary serves as an example of the impact of the small landowner on the landscape of the Georgian countryside.

(b) The Quaker Community

The meeting at Pardshaw Hall was one of the 'mother churches' of Quakerism in Cumberland, dating from George Fox's preaching journey through the county in 1653. Initially meeting at Peter Head's house at Pardshaw, the early Quaker community met for many years in the open on Pardshaw Crag. In 1672 a meeting house was built at Pardshaw Hall on the edge of the crag and this was replaced in 1729 by the present meeting house.[45] The Quaker community which worshipped there was a substantial one and had a particularly strong membership in the out-townships of Brigham parish, including Mosser and Whinfell, which contained no other place of worship. In 1688 Thomas Denton noticed of Mosser township that 'they are almost all Quakers being too near Neighbours to Pardsey-Crag and too far distant from any Church,'[46] while in 1748 a visiting American minister described Pardshaw as 'the largest country meeting in England.'[47] It is likely that membership declined during the later eighteenth century, but figures provided by the Brigham parish clerk in the 1790s (see Table III) suggest that the Society of Friends continued to claim the allegiance of a significant proportion of the rural communities in the area, particularly in Mosser and Whinfell townships.

Table III: The Quaker Community in Brigham Parish in the 1790s

Township	*Families 1801*	*Quaker families c.1794*	*Quaker families (%)*
Brigham	62	6	10%
Greysouthen	109	9	8%
Eaglesfield	74	8	11%
Blindbothel	19	2	11%
Mosser	22	7	32%
Whinfell	[20]*	5	[25%]

Sources: *c.*1794: William Hutchinson, *Hist. Cumberland* (1794), ii.106. 1801: *Parl. Papers, 1801–2, VI.* [* No figure is given for Whinfell in the 1801 census returns; the figure used is from the 1811 census abstract: *Parl. Papers, 1812, XI*].

For much of his adult life, Isaac Fletcher was a leading member of this Quaker community. As we have seen, he served as schoolmaster at Pardshaw Hall for a

while from 1745 and he later served as clerk and elder. He seems to have fulfilled several of the roles performed by John Wilson of Graythwaite, stepping into Wilson's shoes as clerk of Pardshaw Monthly Meeting after his death in 1746. The minutes of Pardshaw Monthly Meeting are in Fletcher's hand sporadically from 1744 and continuously from 1746, as are those of Pardshaw Perparative Meeting from 1756. He was appointed clerk of Cumberland Quarterly Meeting in 1768 and fulfilled both Monthly and Quarterly Meeting offices almost until his death, relinquishing the Quarterly Meeting clerkship in June 1779 as a result of his declining state of health. He was succeeded in both positions by Elihu Robinson.[48] The clerkship also involved maintaining the marriage register and record of sufferings, bringing in the Yearly Meeting Epistle each year, writing letters on behalf of the meeting, and paying into the Commissary court the money collected on church briefs in the local Quaker meetings. In addition to his clerkships, Fletcher was also an elder (from 1755) and one of the sixteen-man committee appointed by Pardshaw Monthly Meeting in 1755 'to act ... in the intervals between monthly meetings in any case that may require haste.'[49] Fletcher's prominence and the considerable influence he wielded within the Quaker community in Cumberland – and, indeed, the tensions this caused when differences arose – are themes which surface at several points in the diary.

The middle decades of the eighteenth century are often thought of as a 'dead' period in the history of British Quakerism, a time after the fire of the early Friends had died, but before the religious rekindling provided by the Evangelical Revival. The heart of the local Quaker community lay in the regular meetings for worship when Friends gathered to wait in silence or to hear the ministry of one of the numerous travelling ministers who visited the area. Meetings were held both on Sundays and on a weekday. Some were entirely silent, but Fletcher also records the excitement and increased attendance when a visiting preacher was expected. The diary records visits by no fewer than 96 such travelling ministers, many from other parts of northern England, but at least seven from America. Their presence helped to maintain the unity – and uniformity of practice – of the Quaker body on both sides of the Atlantic and to foster the spiritual life of the meetings they visited. Despite the activities of the travelling ministry, contemporary Friends felt that the spiritual life of the Society was in a low state by the 1750s. They responded by attempting to preserve the purity of the Quaker 'precious remnant' by tightening the discipline which meetings exercised over their membership, and which set Friends apart from 'the world' by insisting on adherence to strict rules governing such matters as dress, speech, behaviour and marriage. Describing the Discipline as a 'hedge', Fletcher wrote graphically of 'the Society [of Friends] encamped in the wide extended plain of this world, under the direction and sole command of their great Captain & Leader, & surrounded as it were in their tents with the impregnable walls of their Discipline'.[50] One of the leaders in the crusade to revive the Discipline was Samuel Fothergill of Warrington, with whom Fletcher was clearly in sympathy. The culmination of the drive towards discipline was a series of visits made to monthly and quarterly meetings throughout England by committees of 'heavyweight' Friends appointed by London Yearly Meeting in 1760.[51] Fletcher himself was a member of the committee which visited the monthly meetings in London and Middlesex Quarterly Meeting in November 1761, an appointment which indicates that he

could claim to be a member of the inner elite of the national Quaker body in the early 1760s, even if the disputes in which he was later implicated (notably the ill feeling generated within the Cumberland Quaker community over the Christopher Wilson case) were soon to reduce his standing.

The diary also touches on the tensions within the Quaker body, which were beginning to rise to the surface despite the apparent calm of the Quietist orthodoxy and the rigid uniformity imposed by the Discipline. To the Quietist, the object of Quaker worship was to still the mind and empty oneself to become receptive to the workings of the Light within. Flowing into the vacuum thus created were currents of thought which pulled the Society in two opposing directions. On the one hand was the rationalism of the age of enlightenment, appearing in the form of Deism; on the other, the beginnings of the evangelical revival with its stress on Scripture. Deist views were cited among the reasons for the disownment of two members of Pardshaw Monthly Meeting, Alexander Hoskins in 1758 and John Fletcher in 1762, and Isaac Fletcher himself appears to have been attracted by Deist thinking. His surviving commonplace book contains a long abstract of an anonymous 'Creed of a real Deist'[52] and, as has been seen, he was by nature strongly infused with a rational and scientific approach to life.

What is extremely clear from the diary is his dislike of the tendency towards Evanglicalism. He made a telling comment in 1777, when he contrasted the encouraging ministry of Samuel Spavold, a visiting minister from Hitchin, with the 'harshness and uncharitable suggestions' of others (by implication, evangelicals) which had led to many people being 'almost sunk with terrifying words.'[53] The preaching of eternal damnation by evangelical ministers received Fletcher's forceful disapproval. In 1771, he described William Hunt, a visiting minister from North Carolina, as 'a super-rational bigot and red hot Enthusiast, [who] seems to think that he has Heaven & Hell, rewards & punishments at his disposal.'[54] It is also clear that Fletcher considered there to be an evangelical party within the Society of Friends by the 1770s, but his views were coloured by his personal quarrel with Elizabeth Wilkinson, who had claimed divine inspiration in her attack on him in 1765. Fletcher's riposte in a letter to Peter Nicholson in 1768, contains a colourful exposition of his views on Enthusiasm:

> these fiery spirits, and furious tempers, cannot bear any opposition to their pride, without a kindling into a flame, and Phaeton like, would soon set the world on fire ... by their interposition of a superior power, for enthusiasm is nearly allied to madness, reason is lost upon it, because it acts by the immediate influence of some superior being, the truth of which is not to be controverted ... [55]

This, and Fletcher's disparaging references to 'the ministry and their adherents' and to a 'dead, dry and barren ministry, notwithstanding the appearance of zeal and pretended good wishes for the cause of Truth',[56] are perhaps to be interpreted as evidence of the old guard of elders in Pardshaw Monthly Meeting feeling themselves to be challenged by evangelical modernisers among the recorded ministry.

A dominant theme during the middle and later years of the 1760s is the ill feeling caused by the legal dispute over the administration of Christopher Wilson's will. Wilson, son of John Wilson of Graythwaite, was a prominent minister, whose travels

in America had led him to become deeply involved in the Atlantic trade. When he died in October 1761, naming Fletcher as one of his executors, his financial affairs were, as Fletcher put it, left 'very wide.'[57] The difficulties and delays experienced by the executors in gathering in his effects and paying his creditors led to a lawsuit, in which a group of Wilson's creditors filed a bill in Chancery against the executors. The delay was compounded by suspicions, ultimately voiced by Peter Nicholson,[58] that one of Wilson's trading partners, John Nixon, had conspired with the executors to obtain a court order forcing them to pay him what was due to him in full, before settling with other creditors. Many of the complainants and all the defendants were Quakers and, by going to law without first laying the dispute before the Friends' meeting, the complainants had breached the strict code of the Quaker Discipline.[59] Whether they would have received a fair hearing, given that Fletcher was clerk to the meetings before which the dispute would have been brought, is a moot point. But, having breached the Discipline, the complainants who were Quakers were forced to answer before the meetings. The dispute was finally settled in 1766, but only after 'weighty' Friends from outside Cumberland Quarterly Meeting had been involved in reconciliation.[60]

The dispute had been given another twist in December 1765, when Elizabeth Wilkinson made a strongly worded verbal attack on Fletcher and his fellow executors at the Select Monthly Meeting at Pardshaw Hall. She complained about the delay in settling Christopher Wilson's affairs, but also raised other grievances, principally claiming that Fletcher and other elders had shown partiality in their treatment of Friends whose businesses had failed. In particular, she contrasted the treatment meted out to Jonathan Harris, Fletcher's brother-in-law, who had been excluded from business meetings when he failed in 1763, with that of Thomas Abbatt (whose principal creditor was her husband, Jonathan), who had been given time to pay his debts.[61] Fletcher was deeply hurt by her attack and wrote a long and detailed rebuttal early in 1766.[62] He took his complaint against Elizabeth to the Select Monthly Meeting in March 1766 and a committee appointed to hear the dispute agreed that she had wronged him. She refused to retract or apologise but 'for the sake of peace and quietness' the meeting prevailed on Fletcher to drop his case against her for a time. By 31 July 1770, when he wrote an addendum to his answer to her charges, the dispute had not been resolved and Fletcher continued to smart, a 'much injured and abused' man.[63]

Fletcher contributed further to the ill-feeling in Pardshaw Monthly Meeting by his response to the case of Peter Nicholson, a litigious merchant, the status of whose membership in the Society of Friends was confused by the later 1760s.[64] Matters came to a head in 1770 when Nicholson published pamphlets attacking Lancashire Quarterly Meeting and claiming that he had received unfair treatment from Pardshaw Monthly Meeting in a dispute over a debt he claimed from William Skyrin. The heart of Nicholson's attack on Pardshaw Monthly Meeting was an attack on Fletcher and Skyrin for their conduct over the affairs of Christopher Wilson, and the claim that Fletcher and others in the meeting had no right to interfere in Nicholson's dispute with Skyrin because of their heavy financial involvement with Skyrin. Fletcher took it upon himself to reply in print, and published a tract entitled *Observations and Remarks on the Conduct of Peter Nicholson*, written in December 1770 and printed in Dublin the following year. This contained

a vituperative attack on Nicholson but also a much wider 'Vindication and Defence' of the actions of Wilson's executors. Its publication caused a stir, particularly as he included the text of a letter he had written to Nicholson in 1768 in which he attacked Elizabeth Wilkinson for her Enthusiasm, describing her as 'that blaspheming preacher and prophetess.' Elizabeth's widower, Jonathan Wilkinson, made a formal complaint against Fletcher in February 1772 but dropped it two months later, when (to Fletcher's obvious anger) Cumberland Quarterly Meeting agreed to write a testimony to the grace of God shown in Elizabeth Wilkinson's life.

These bitter disagreements and divisions within the Quaker community in west Cumberland in the mid eighteenth century present a frank and often unattractive portrait of the Society of Friends in its Quietist period. The diary is valuable in that it enables us to peer behind the bland and uninformative minutes of the monthly and quarterly meeting minute books (mostly penned by Fletcher himself!) and to apprehend something of the reality of the tensions which appear to have pervaded the Society locally. Did the disharmony which is evident in the local Quaker community kill the Christian spirit of the meetings for worship? The diary leaves this question unanswered but, despite the brevity of its entries, it opens a door on to the religious life of a Quaker community at local level.

(c) Minerals and Merchandise

By the middle of the eighteenth century the west Cumberland coalfield appeared to be poised for industrial take-off. Whitehaven, founded by Sir John Lowther in the late seventeenth century was the principal focus both for the shipping of coal to Ireland and for wider commercial activity, notably the colonial tobacco trade. By the 1740s, Whitehaven was second only to London in the importing of tobacco. In 1749 a second planned port was created when Humphrey Senhouse founded Maryport (formerly known as Ellenfoot), and trade also took place through the older fishing settlement of Workington. Despite the apparent potential for industrial and commercial expansion in west Cumberland, the region had already begun to fall behind its competitors by the end of the eighteenth century. Exports of coal continued to grow, but much of the tobacco trade was lost to Glasgow from the 1750s and the coal-using industries which were to form the economic bedrock of other coalfields failed to develop in the hinterland of the west Cumberland ports. West Cumberland's failure to attract industry has been blamed on geographical isolation, the absence of a local market of any size and the failure of the coal-owners, particularly the Lowthers, to risk investment in industry.[65] The evidence for industrial and commercial activity recorded by Fletcher has to be viewed in the context of unrealised expectations, as the early promise of wealth based on industry slipped away. What the diary demonstrates particularly clearly is the involvement of lesser fry, including yeomen like Fletcher himself, in attempts to establish new commercial and industrial enterprises.

The commercial ventures in which Fletcher was involved across his lifetime were very diverse. By 1747 he appears to have been involved in importing corn and in establishing a brewery in Whitehaven in partnership with others, including Stephen Beck, a Bristol Quaker. The winding up of that venture took him to Bristol in

1756.[66] During the later 1750s and early 1760s Fletcher's attention turned to textiles, though he also traded in rum in 1757–8. Each autumn from 1756 to 1759 he made bulk purchases of Irish yarn from merchants in Dublin, which he then sold in Cumberland. As well as dealing in yarn on his own account, he sometimes acted in partnership with others, including Peter Nicholson and Robert Smithson, a Cockermouth weaver. By 1755 Fletcher's principal business activity was in the stocking factory at Cockermouth in which he was a partner and which employed at least two frame-knitters. The partnership appears to have consisted largely of a group of Quakers related by marriage: other recorded partners were Jonathan Harris, Fletcher's brother-in-law, who held a one-third share, John Gill, junior, his nephew, and John Reay, Harris' brother-in-law. The factory was managed by George Bell, a Quaker stockinger from Derby, who took out a quarter share in the partnership in 1771. In 1755 their products included stockings of both brown and bleached thread, 'marbled stockings' and 'waistcoat breasts of marbled thread.'[67] Part, at least, of the production was intended for the American market and entered a trading network controlled by Quaker merchants on both sides of the Atlantic. The two-way trade involved exporting goods manufactured in Cumberland and importing raw materials (principally tobacco, bar iron and deer skins) from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Carolina, and the merchant families from Cumberland often had family members in the colonies overseeing the American end of the trade.[68] Conversely, younger members of American merchant houses, like the brothers Thomas and Jabez Maude Fisher of Philadelphia, were sent to Britain to make contact with English Quaker merchants with a view to establishing trading connections.[69] Through his part in the web of Atlantic trade, Fletcher was intimately connected with a close-knit group of Quaker merchants in Whitehaven and the surrounding countryside. The names of John Nixon (a Whitehaven tobacconist), William Skyrin and Richard Dearman (iron merchants), Christopher Wilson and Jonathan Hudson, both of Greysouthen, Jonathan Harris of Cockermouth and John Gill of Eaglesfield (two of Fletcher's brothers-in-law) are prominent in the diary entries. The early 1760s appear to have been very difficult for these Cumbrian merchants. Christopher Wilson's death in 1761 exposed the perilous conditions of his financial affairs; by the spring of 1763 Jonathan Hudson, Jonathan Harris and John Gill were all in severe financial difficulties; and the bankruptcy of Peter How, the leading source of credit in Whitehaven, in December 1763 left John Nixon, who was 'pretty deeply connected' with How, in an exposed position.

Perhaps because of these difficulties, Fletcher's interests shifted in the later 1760s towards minerals. The latter half of the diary records his attempts to mine lead ore at Mosser between 1765 and 1773, his involvement in the importing of American black-lead (plumbago) from 1770, and his partnerships in lead mines in Galloway and northern Ireland between 1775 and 1779. The Ordovician rocks of the Mosser area contain small veins of lead, few of which have been exploited commercially.[70] The first indication of Fletcher's interest in lead is in March 1758 when John Reay, his partner in the stocking business, who lived at Alston, a prominent lead-mining centre, came to inspect the lead vein in 'the gill'. Fletcher's trials in these rocks, which seem to have begun in 1765, involved considerable expense in employing miners to sink shafts on his property in Mosser. Several men were employed in this work at different times, but the longest-serving miner was Thomas Winn, probably a

Quaker from the Sedbergh area of Yorkshire, who was employed (though not, perhaps, continuously) from 1766 to 1773. One shaft, abandoned because of flooding in April 1771, reached a depth of 12 fathoms. Little lead ore seems to have been raised from any of the trial pits. It is possible, however, that the lead plaque bearing his and his wife's initials over the porch at Underwood was made from lead won during these trials.

In 1770 Fletcher began to import graphite or plumbago (which he called 'black lead' or 'wad') from America, through a group of Quaker merchants in Philadelphia, which included his nephews William and John Gill, John Wilson, another Cumbrian emigrant, and Daniel Offley of Philadelphia.[71] The market for the black lead was partly for pencil-making but also for the manufacture of crucibles in iron foundries. Fletcher dealt with John Mouncey, pencil-maker, and others involved in the only black lead mine in England (at Borrowdale) and in the Keswick pencil industry, though his imported black lead was found to be too soft for pencils.[72] His main market was probably to the ironmaster, Richard Bell at Clifton iron furnace, near Workington.

The final strand in Fletcher's varied business interests was his involvement in lead-mining in Scotland and Ireland. After the very limited success of his trials for lead at Mosser, he appears to have begun to look further afield. In 1773 he viewed veins of copper and lead ore in the Keswick area with a eye to taking a lease of them, and he discussed forming a mining partnership with John Jackson and Wilson Pearson, fellow yeomen from the Cockermouth area.[73] That proposal appears to have come to nothing. In 1775, however, he turned his attention to the lead mines in Galloway. Thomas Winn, whom Fletcher had employed to work his mine at Mosser, had moved to work in the lead mines at Black Craig, near Newton Stewart, in 1773 and he acted as one of Fletcher's contacts in Galloway. Another was William Lawson, a member of Lord Galloway's staff at Galloway House, near Garliestown, who had worked for Fletcher at Underwood between 1759 and 1762. In February 1776 Fletcher went, with his son, Isaac, and Isaac Robinson, to inspect the mine at Knockiebae, in New Luce parish, in which he, Robinson, and John Nixon subsequently took out shares. Although they agreed to drop 'the Scotch adventure' in June 1778, Fletcher and Nixon were also involved in negotiating shares in a mine at Newtonards, Co. Down, which they visited in May 1777.

(d) Legal Affairs

Throughout the diary Fletcher recorded making wills, drafting and engrossing deeds, acting as arbitrator and as executor, guardian or trustee, and giving legal advice to a wide clientele, many of whom were fellow members of the Quaker community. As a Quaker he was barred from becoming a fully qualified attorney-at-law but the range of his legal activities, his wide knowledge of law, and the law books in his library (see Appendix VI) all suggest that his role was that of an unofficial attorney. How he acquired his legal training is not known, but it is possible that he served an informal clerkship with John Wilson (1667–1746) of Graythwaite, Mosser, the Quaker yeoman whom he later described as having

been 'well known in this county for his distinguished abilities as a clerk and conveyancer'.[74] Fletcher is known to have worked with Wilson on legal matters: in 1743 the two men were appointed by Pardshaw Monthly Meeting to draw up a case in a dispute between two Friends, and two successive stages in the enclosure of a common field at Dean were carried out *c.*1739 by 'John Wilson with assistants' and *c.*1745 by Isaac Fletcher.[75]

The diary illustrates the workings of a spectrum of legal institutions at local level. Fletcher took his turn as overseer and surveyor for Mosser township and attended the township meetings to discuss communal responsibilities for paupers and highways. As a writer of wills, he regularly accompanied executors to the local commissary court, where wills were proved before the representative of the archdeacon of Richmond, within whose jurisdiction lay Copeland deanery (that part of Cumberland south of the river Derwent). Similarly, as a conveyancer, he accompanied purchasers of land held by customary tenure when they went to have their names enrolled in the manor court book by the manorial steward. For transfers of land in Loweswater manor, this necessitated a journey to Brayton Hall, near Aspatria, the seat of the Lawson family. He also used his legal knowledge to guide Mosser township through the complexities of the laws governing the settlement of paupers, representing the township when settlement disputes came before justices of the peace at petty or Quarter sessions.

Of particular interest is the light the diary sheds on the common law process of arbitration, by which disputes were referred to arbitrators whose decision bound the parties involved. Arbitration was a common means of settling commercial and civil cases (concerning debt or trespass, for example) in the eighteenth century, and the law governing the process became increasingly complex across the century, as the courts of Common Law attempted to control it.[76] The diary demonstrates the procedures involved in arbitration in its descriptions of the numerous cases in which Fletcher acted. When parties submitted to arbitration they normally entered into bonds which named the arbitrators (and often an umpire, in case the arbitrators failed to agree), placed a time limit on the process, and bound the parties to abide by the arbitrators' decision. The arbitrators then examined written evidence and could call witnesses. They would sometimes take legal advice from a qualified lawyer before drawing up their award. Not all arbitrations were concluded successfully: they appear often to have been preliminary attempts to settle disputes without the great expense of going to the courts of law. For example, after the parties in a dispute in 1760 failed to reach agreement, Fletcher commented in exasperation that he 'threw it up & left them to the law.'[77]

As well as acting as an arbitrator in the wider community, Fletcher was frequent involved in settling disputes between Quakers through a parallel process under the auspices of the Quaker meeting. In 1697 London Yearly Meeting ruled that a Friend who took a fellow Quaker to law was in breach of Quaker discipline.[78] Disputes were to be brought before the Friends' meeting, which would appoint Friends to act as referees. In the 1750s and early 1760s Fletcher was frequently asked to act in such cases. It is striking how often he was called in to settle disputes in the Allonby area of Holm Monthly Meeting: presumably being a member of a separate but adjacent monthly meeting distanced him sufficiently from the personalities involved.

In addition to his day-to-day dealings in legal affairs, Fletcher was drawn into a

number of cases of litigation in the court of Chancery, either as a defendant or in connection with the affairs of his clients. He was named as a defendant in two suits, both concerning the administration of the financial affairs of others. In the first, the 'leather company' affair as he called it, Fletcher had been given power of attorney to gather in and wind up the finances of a partnership between John Winder, John Fisher and Joseph Glaister, after Winder's death in 1758. Delays and difficulties ensued and, in June 1762, Winder's two sisters filed a bill in Chancery against Fisher, Glaister and Fletcher, claiming that they had conspired to deprive Winder's administrators of their entitled share of the partnership's assets.[79] The second Chancery suit in which Fletcher was directly involved was that concerning the estate of Christopher Wilson, to which reference has already been made. In October 1764, three years after Wilson's death, eighteen creditors, headed by his brother, Thomas Wilson, filed a bill in Chancery complaining that the executors had combined with three of Wilson's trading partners (John Nixon, Jonathan Hudson (and his assignees: John Ellwood, Peter Nicholson and Fletcher himself) and Thomas Pleasant of Virginia) and had converted to their own use considerable sums of money from Wilson's effects, misapplying his assets in order to defraud the complainants. The dispute rumbled on for at least eight years, bills of revivor being filed in 1769 and 1772 after the deaths of William Skyrin (one of the executors) and Jonathan Hudson, respectively. No record of the outcome of the case has been found but fees to their attorney, Henry Bowman, alone cost the defendants £354 in August 1774.[80]

As a clerk and scribe, Fletcher's output was prolific. His firm, legible hand with its distinctive ampersand and regular, well-formed letters still greets the eye of the searcher in the records of the preparative, monthly and quarterly meetings of the Quaker community in Cumberland; in the probate files of Copeland deanery; and in family and estate papers from eighteenth-century west Cumberland. His long written answers to the criticisms levelled against him by Elizabeth Wilkinson in 1765 and Peter Nicholson in 1770 survive,[81] but other writings recorded in the diary – such as the treatise on the Quaker testimony to tithes which he wrote in 1773 – have not been traced. His major surviving work is the diary which is printed in this volume, the terse but lively daily record of a man of many parts.

3. The Diary

The diary volumes are preserved in the Jackson Collection in Carlisle Library (class no. 1H FLE; accession no. 7629), where they were deposited in 1953 by James Gorton Brooker (1885–1978) of Aberdeen, in accordance with the wishes of Mrs Anne Maud Hickson (1870–1952), daughter of Fletcher's great-grandson, William Fletcher (1831–1900) of Brigham Hill, the M.P. for Cockermouth.

The diary begins on 1 January 1756 and runs until 28 October 1781, though there are two major gaps caused by illness, from July 1769 to September 1770, and from February to October 1780. It is contained in twenty-six leather-bound octavo volumes, each published as an annual pocket-book, with spaces for both daily diary entries and cash accounts. Over the period covered by the diary, Fletcher made use of pocket diaries from five different publishers, as the following analysis shows:

Year(s):	*Publisher and Title:*
1756, 1759	Thomas Slack, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: *The Newcastle Memorandum-Book: or a Methodical Pocket-Journal ... calculated to answer the immediate purposes of all persons in the Northern parts of Great Britain respecting their daily transactions and occasional business.*
1757, 1761–70, 1772, 1778	R. Baldwin, London: *The Daily Journal: or the Gentleman's and Tradesman's Complete Annual Accompt-Book for the Pocket or Desk.*
1758, 1760	J. Scott, London: *The New Daily Journal or Useful Memorandum and Account Book.*
1771	I. Thompson & Co., Newcastle-upon-Tyne: *The Newcastle Pocket-Book: or Gentleman's and Lady's Complete Journal.* [Note that Fletcher used the 1764 edition of this pocket-book for his diary for 1771.]
1773–7, 1779–81	T. Saint, Newcastle-upon-Tyne: *The Universal Cash-Book and Newcastle Pocket Diary ... suited to every gentleman's and tradesman's business.*

Each volume includes space for daily entries ('Appointments, Memorandums, & Observations') as well as a weekly cash account of receipts and disbursements. In the pocket books published by Slack, Scott, and Thompson the spaces for a week's diary entries provide from *c.*65 mm. × 20 mm. to *c.*85 mm. × 20 mm. for each day and are printed opposite the cash account for the same period. Saint's *Universal Cash Book* provides about the same amount of space for diary entries, but each opening contains a fortnight and the cash accounts are placed separately at the end of the book. In Baldwin's *Daily Journal* the space for daily entries is more limited (*c.*40 mm. × 20 mm.), each week's page being divided vertically to include a larger column for longer 'Memorandums and Observations'.

In much of the diary, particularly when he was away from home, Fletcher appears to have made his entries day by day, probably recording the previous day's activities each morning on rising. This was clearly the case in the later years, when his disabilities confined him to the house. In some places, however, it is clear that he entered several days at one time, thus leading to delay and occasional errors. The entry for 2 October 1759, for example, is placed in the space for 4 October, after the entries for 3 and 4 October, and Fletcher acknowledges this with the comment, 'The above two days is wrong placed.' Longer delays are implied in two instances. In 1766 the entry for 28 November was entered in the space for 5 December with the comment 'This an error; see the same last week,' and, in 1772, events occurring on 3–5 September were entered in the spaces for 27–29 August. Presumably Fletcher was at least a week behind in keeping his daily record on those occasions. Despite the retrospective nature of some of the entries, Fletcher was a careful, legalistic man

and we may assume that the diary provides an accurate and fairly immediate account of his activities. The following analysis, summarising the principal contents of the diary, is intended as a key to its contents:

Chronological Outline of the Diary

1756	20–22 April	attends Northern Y.M. at Cockermouth.
	30 June–19 August:	travels by sea to Chepstow, Bristol (to settle the accounts of the Whitehaven brewery), and Dublin.
1757	February–March	as an elder, pays disciplinary visits to Quaker families in Pardshaw meeting.
	26–29 April	attends Northern Y. M. at Penrith.
	May–July	stable, barn and byre built at Underwood.
1758	24 April	son, John (I), dies of smallpox.
	31 May	given power of attorney to collect debts of John Winder, John Fisher and Joseph Glaister, partners in the 'leather company'.
	7–19 August	travels on business to Liverpool, Chester and Manchester.
	14 September	son, John (II), born.
1759	14 February	leases ground at High Bouchfield for a lime kiln (first kindled 10 January 1760).
	2 July	granted administration of estate of Joseph Ritson, schoolmaster of Cockermouth.
	9–17 September	travels on business to Isle of Man.
1760	14 May–11 June	travels to Y.M. in London; returns via Leicester.
	18 July	Robert Smithson, I.F.'s partner in importing of Irish yarn, dies. I.F. and John Fisher granted power of attorney to administer his estate, 8 August.
	4 September	son, William, born.
	6 December	preliminary meeting in dispute over land at Great Salkeld inwhich I.F. is referee for the defendants. Arbitration unsuccessful; abandoned 30 April 1761.
1761	19–20 April	attends Northern Y.M. at Appleby.
	13–25 September	London Y.M. disciplinary committee visits meetings in Cumberland.
	30 October	Christopher Wilson dies.
	31 Oct–12 Dec	travels to London and visits meetings in London & Middlesex Q.M. as a member of London Y.M. disciplinary committee.

1762	19 May–17 June	travels to London to attend Y.M.
	28 June	served with subpoena to answer charges in bill in Chancery, filed against I.F., John Fisher and Joseph Glaister by Mary and Elizabeth Winder, *re* leather company affairs.
	31 Aug–4 Sep	travels to Dumfries in connection with affairs of Henry and Christian Wilkinson.
1763	4 March	beginning of involvement in the affairs of Thomas Jefferson, late of Wigton.
	7 March	leather company affair referred to arbitration.
	2 April	together with John Ellwood and Peter Nicholson, I.F. reluctantly takes assignment of personal estate of Jonathan Hudson for use of Hudson's creditors.
	12 April	I.F. and John Reay take assignment of Jonathan Harris' estate at Underwood with power to mortgage or sell.
	5 July	Christopher Wilson's estate at Greysouthen sold.
	27 September	Jonathan Harris' estate at Underwood sold, I.F. buying greater part of it and subsequently buying the remainder, after the purchaser of the lesser part withdrew ('TruthVindicated', p.29).
	21 October	arbitration bonds signed in leather company affair.
1764	4 April	mortgages Underwood land purchased from Jonathan Harris.
	10 June	executors of Christopher Wilson agree to pay John Nixon what he is owed out of Wilson's estate. This precipitates legal action by Wilson's other creditors.
	5 October	mortgages Mossergate property for 5 years.
	9 November	served with subpoena at suit of Christopher Wilson's creditors.
	20 November	Pardshaw M.M. appoints committee to enquire into breach of Quaker discipline by Wilson's creditors going to law without leave of the M.M.
1765	11 Jan–7 Feb	travels to London to consult counsel in Chancery suit over administration of Christopher Wilson's estate.
	16 February	first diary reference to prospecting for lead at Mosser.
	28 March	dispute about going to law over Christopher Wilson's estate first discussed by Cumberland Q.M.
	19 April	affirms his answer to the bill in Chancery concerning Christopher Wilson's affairs, before commissioners at Cockermouth.
	27–28 June	further discussion at Cumberland Q.M. about dispute overgoing to law.
	[20 December	Elizabeth Wilkinson's verbal attack on I.F. at close of Select M.M.]

1766	January	writing answer to Elizabeth Wilkinson's charges.
	2 May–5 June	travels to London to attend Y.M. Returns via Sheffield and Leeds.
	23 & 25 September	'heavyweight' Friends (including Isaac Wilson and Samuel Fothergill) attend Pardshaw M.M. and Cumberland Q.M to advise on resolution of dispute about going to law.
	28 October	lead miners (Thomas Winn and J. Greenup) come to Underwood to try for lead.
	23 December	Thomas Wilson and Peter Hudson admit to Pardshaw M.M. that they had been wrong to go to law against other Friends.
1767	September	canvassing for Lowther in run-up to Cumberland elections to Parliament.
1768	March	canvassing and treating freeholders in Dean, Pardshaw, etc. on behalf of Lowther.
	11–17 March	travels to Lancaster to attend Assizes in case concerning William Skyrin and Joshua Gee.
	30 Mar–20 Apr	election held at Cockermouth: Sir James Lowther and Henry Curwen declared elected 23 April.
	4–8 April	attends Northern Y.M. at Carlisle.
	19 December	Lowther's victory quashed because of electoral irregularities.
1769	21 February	Peter Nicholson complains against Pardshaw M.M. over his dispute with William Skyrin. His appeal heard at Cumberland Q.M. on 30 March.
	28 April	I.F. mortgages Underwood land for £550.
	14 May	William Skyrin dies.
	22 July	I.F and wife begin to suffer from 'the fever'.
	30 July	final diary entry before first major period of illness.
1770	28 September	daily diary entries resumed. First diary reference to dealing in 'black lead' (plumbago).
	19 Nov–1 Dec	drafting answer to Peter Nicholson's complaint against Pardshaw M.M. Subsequently printed as *Observations and Remarks on the Conduct of Peter Nicholson* ... (Dublin, 1771).
	December	hires Thomas Winn to sink a pit to search for lead at Mosser.
1771	23 January	sends his answer to Peter Nicholson to be printed in Dublin. Printed copies received 14 May.
	19 April	lead-mine abandoned because of flooding; miners go to work in 'the gill'.

	12–14 June	travels to Lancaster to prove James Fletcher's mother's will.
	13 September	complaint made at Select M.M. against I.F.'s publication.
	27 September	William Hunt, visiting American minister, makes verbal attack on I.F. about his publication.
	30 October	death of Elizabeth Wilkinson.
	23–28 November	travels to archdeaconry probate court at Richmond, Yorkshire, in connection with Jonathan Hudson's affairs.
	1 December	receives news of death of nephew, William Hudson, by whose will he is appointed joint executor.
1772	31 January	served with writ at suit of Peter Nicholson, claiming libel.
	16 February	Jonathan Wilkinson, Elizabeth's widower, complains against I.F. about his comments about Elizabeth in his publication. Arbitration takes place 4 March, but dispute not determined.
	12 March	beginnings of serious urinary tract disease by which I.F. is progressively incapacitated.
	18 March	meets Peter Nicholson at Calder Bridge and settles his differences with him.
	21 April	Jonathan Wilkinson drops his charges against I.F. Cumberland Q.M. agrees to write a testimony to Elizabeth Wilkinson, to I.F.'s great displeasure.
	3 December	sells Mossergate property to William Allason for £1000.
1773	14 June	discusses forming lead-mining partnership with John Jackson and Wilson Pearson.
	9 December	Thomas Winn, lead miner, leaves Underwood abruptly after he is accused of fathering a child on I.F.'s former servant. He goes to the lead mines near Newton Stewart, Galloway.
1774	6 August	Richard Dearman moves to Birmingham.
	13–15 October	canvasses for Lowther and Fletcher in the county election.
	1 November	increasing lameness: violent pain in hip and kidney.
1775	23 January	served with subpoena in cause in Chancery between John Fearon and Ruth Payle over Joseph James' will. Depositions taken before commissioners 31 Jan–4 Feb.
	27 January	begins subscription to *The Cumberland Pacquet.*
	9 February	son, John, starts to teach at Pardshaw Hall school.

	15 May	finally establishes William Hudson's freehold interest in burgage at Cockermouth which Lowther has agreed to purchase.
	18–22 August	travels to Carlisle to attend Assizes and to Annan about James Fletcher's affairs.
1776	24 Feb–12 Mar	travels by sea to Galloway to view Knockiebae lead mines, New Luce parish.
	24 March	son, Isaac, goes to sea.
	15–18 April	attends Northern Y.M. at Keswick.
	3–17 July	travels to Galloway to negotiate with Lord Stair over a lease of the Knockiebae mines; and on through Ayrshire to Glasgow to visit Sir John Stewart of Castlemilk, apparently in connection with an arbitration over lead at Keswick.
1777	22 March	mortgages Underwood land (late Harris') for £500 for one year.
	27 April–14 May	travels to Galloway to view Knockiebae mine and to negotiate with Lord Stair; then to Ireland to view lead mines near Newtonards and to negotiate a lease with Robert Stewart of Mount Stewart.
	30 December	writes to John Nixon about the success of their mine in Scotland.
1778	February	'ticketting' the books in his library.
	24 June	meets John Nixon and Isaac Robinson and agree to drop 'the Scotch adventure'.
	13 July	son William enters apprenticeship as stocking weaver.
	3 & 16 November	correspondence concerning his dispute with Smith, Wright & Gray, bankers, London.
1779	5–10 August	subpoenaed to appear at Carlisle Assizes in 'ejectment cause'.
	16 September	agrees to let land to John Jackson for 3 years.
	20 Sep–31 Oct	arbitration in his dispute with Smith, Wright & Gray. Describes the arbitrators' decision as 'very hard and severe'.
1780	18–19 February	farm sale [at Underwood], presumably in advance of letting land to John Jackson.
	20 February	begins to be very ill: violent pain in back and kidneys, with fever.
	22 February	last diary entry before second major period of illness.
	23 October	diary entries resumed.

1781	Jan–Feb	wife Susanna repeatedly visits Whitehaven in fruitless attempts to conclude sale of William Hudson's burgage to Lowther and thus to raise cash.
	2 March	settles part of debt to Smith, Wright & Gray with cash provided by John Harris.
	16 April	mortgages Underwood land (late Allason's) to Henry Bowman for £520.
	23 April	receives news of death of eldest son, Isaac, at Cork on 13 April.
	20 June	narrowly escapes arrest for debt at suit of Matthias Aspden of London.
	12 July	Sir James Lowther finally agrees to pay purchase money for William Hudson's burgage at Cockermouth. £140 received 7 August, enabling I.F. to clear his debt to Matthias Aspden.
	28 October	final diary entry.
	26 November	I.F. dies.

4. Editorial Notes

The aim of this edition is to make available a readable and readily used version of the text of Fletcher's diary. Only the diary entries are included in this edition: the cash accounts entered in the same volumes have been excluded, although information from them is incorporated in Appendices II, V and VI, and, sparingly, in footnotes and as insertions into the diary text. In preparing the diary for publication the central aim has been to publish as full a transcript as space would allow, retaining a sense of the rhythm of Fletcher's life and the variety of his activities. With the following exceptions, what is printed is a full transcript of the diary:

1. Fletcher regularly used the diary volumes to record the receipt and transfer of bills of exchange and bonds. These entries have been consistently omitted, except in a few cases where the record sheds a broader light on Fletcher's commercial activities.

2. Certain routine information recorded in connection with Quaker business meetings has been omitted, on the grounds that it is readily available in the records of those meetings. The categories omitted are: (a) the names of parties presenting their intentions of marriage, except where Fletcher makes some further comment on the marriage; and (b) the names of representatives from Monthly to Quarterly Meetings. The names of representatives of Select Meetings have been retained as no minute books survive for the Select Meetings in Pardshaw Monthly Meeting for the period in question.

3. While the bulk of entries recording Fletcher's legal work have been retained, most of those to the drafting and engrossing of conveyances, mortgages, etc. have been omitted, except where Fletcher himself was a party or where the deeds related to a case in which Fletcher was heavily involved. Such entries rarely give full details of the transaction and are of limited use. References to the drawing of leases of farmland between landlord and tenant have been retained, however, as have all

references to wills drawn by Fletcher, on the grounds that they may shed light on wills which were never proved. Such phrases as 'see the copies', referring to Fletcher's own copies of outgoing correspondence have been omitted.

In preparing the text for publication the following modifications have been made:

1. The original spelling has been retained throughout, but punctuation (of which Fletcher used little) and the use of capital letters have been modernised.

2. Fletcher devised his own abbreviations for frequently occurring words, and often referred to individuals by their initials only. Contractions and suspensions have been expanded in full, though ampersands and readily intelligible abbreviations (e.g. 'SE' for 'south-easterly') have been retained. Where possible, identifications are offered for individuals named only by initials.

3. Each day's entry begins with a reference to where Fletcher rose that morning. Only when he was away from home have such entries been retained; where no location prefaces a day's entry, he was at home at Underwood.

4. The *Daily Journal* contains weekly memoranda columns as well as spaces for daily entries. Where material in the memoranda column duplicates that entered in the daily diary spaces, the two have been conflated to cut repetition while retaining full detail.

5. Where material from the cash accounts has been included in the transcript, it is placed between brackets, thus: {....}.

6. Editorial notes, including the identification of individuals who are referred to by initials only, are placed between square brackets, thus: [...].

Notes to the text have been kept to a minimum and are grouped together at the end of the diary text. They consist largely of explanatory material and cross-references to other entries in the diary and to related documents. Brief accounts of the individuals most frequently referred to in the diary will be found in the Biographical Notes, while the appendices include biographical notes on Fletcher's farm and domestic servants (Appendix II) and topographical notes (Appendix III). Dialect and technical terms are explained in the Glossary.

Notes

1. William Matthews, *British Diaries: an annotated bibliography of British diaries written between 1442 and 1942* (Cambridge University Press, 1950), p.88.
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5. Diary, 6 Jul 1761, 5–8 Feb 1765.
6. See Norman Nicholson, *The Lakers: the first tourists* (London, Robert Hale, 1955); Victoria & Albert Museum, *The Discovery of the Lake District* (London, 1984).

7. Burke, *Landed Gentry* (1906 edn), Fletcher of Brigham Hill; JGB, nos. 3, 10.
8. He is confused with Lancelot Fletcher of Mockerkin who died in 1698 in Burke and JGB. The two Lancelots may well have been related: William (d.1689) and Lancelot (d.1698) Fletcher of Mockerkin were two of the four guardians of Japheth Fletcher appointed by Lancelot Fletcher of Low Leys in his will: Lancs RO, WRW(C), 1682, Lancelot Fletcher; 1689, William Fletcher; 1698, Lancelot Fletcher.
9. Lancs RO, WRW(C), 1682, Lancelot Fletcher; ARR/15/6, f.15v.
10. Lancs RO, WRW(C), 1708, John Holstocke.
11. ibid., 1735, Japheth Fletcher.
12. Genealogical details are from Cumberland Quarterly Meeting Digest of Births, Marriages and Burials (copies in LSF and CRO, D/FCF).
13. For brief biographies of the three sons of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher who reached adulthood, see Biographical Notes.
14. Lancs RO, WRW(C), 1782, Isaac Fletcher. Fletcher's will was dated 10 April 1780.
15. 'Truth Vindicated', p.27.
16. ibid.
17. ibid, pp.35–6.
18. See especially the description of his illness in Appendix IV, no.9.
19. Diary, 6, 13 Jul 1769; Biographical Notes (Wilfrid Clementson, John Robinson of Beech Hill).
20. Appendix IV, nos.5–7.
21. 'Truth Vindicated', p.38.
22. Diary, 25 Apr 1758.
23. Diary, 27 Apr 1781.
24. Diary, 21 Jul 1758; 31 Jul, 1, 23 Aug 1759; 1 Jul 1760; 1 May 1761; 19 Jul 1765; 4 Jun 1768.
25. Diary, 9 Oct 1767; 1 Nov 1771.
26. 'Truth Vindicated'.
27. *Observations & Remarks.*
28. Diary, 6 Jun 1761. For John Dalton's early life, see *DNB*; Henry Lonsdale, *The Worthies of Cumberland, vol. v* (London, Routledge, 1874), pp. 32 ff.; and Arnold Thackray, *John Dalton: a critical assessment of his life and science* (Harvard University Press, 1972), pp. 15–7.
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30. See Biographical Notes.
31. Oliver Wood, *West Cumberland Coal 1600–1982/3* (Kendal, 1988), p. 124. J.W. Fletcher's three sons were all prominent in the public life of West Cumberland: Isaac Fletcher (1827–1879) and William Fletcher (1831–1900) both served as MP for Cockermouth; and Henry Allason Fletcher (1834–1884) of Croft Hill, Moresby, was managing partner of Lowca ironworks. See Burke, *Landed Gentry* (1906 edn) and CFH, p.118.
32. CRO, D/FCF/1/67, 26–3–1745, 22–11–1748/9; David M. Butler, *Quaker Meeting Houses of the Lake Counties* (London, Friends Historical Society, 1978), p.46.
33. Several of the original enfranchisement deeds are preserved in CRO, DX/127/A8–A11.
34. For details of farm acreages in the Mosser area, see Appendix III.
35. J. Bailey and G. Culley, *General View of the Agriculture of the County of Cumberland* (1797), chap. vii.
36. See Joan Thirsk (ed), *Agrarian History of England & Wales, vol.* v.(i) (Cambridge University Press, 1984), pp. 12–15; G.E. Mingay (ed), *Agrarian History of England & Wales, vol. vi* (Cambridge University Press, 1989), pp. 243–8.
37. See below, p. 415 (n.229) and Diary, 30 Oct 1778.
38. Diary, 7 July 1779.
39. See G.E. Mingay, *Agrarian Hist. of Eng. & Wales, vol. vi,* p. 701.
40. CRO, DRC/8/134.
41. PRO, C12/1991/4.
42. Diary, 26–30 Dec 1758; 2–3 Jan 1759; 5–15 Mar 1766; 27–30 Apr, 2–15 May 1773.
43. Fletcher purchased 1,200 thorns in 1759; 300 in 1762; 700 in 1764; 2,550 in 1765; and 1,400 in 1766. The price ranged from 9d to 15d per 100. His principal suppliers were Jonathan Spencer (1759 and 1762), Jonathan Stainton, William Wilson and Jacob Sibson (1764–6). (Cash accounts).
44. Diary, 22 Mar – 20 Apr 1776; 20 Jan, 28 Feb – 12 Mar 1777.
45. David M. Butler, *Quaker Meeting Houses of the Lake Counties*, pp. 40–48.

46. CRO, D/Lons/L, Thomas Denton ms., p.35.
47. William Evans and Thomas Evans (ed), *The Friends Library, vol. v* (Philadelphia, 1841), p. 362.
48. CRO, D/FCF/1/86,87; FCF/5/2.
49. CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p.138.
50. 'Truth Vindicated', p.9.
51. For further details see below, pp. 404–5 (nn.62–63).
52. Commonplace book of I.F. (in possession of J.W.F. Hickson).
53. Diary, 7 Aug 1777.
54. ibid, 27 Sep 1771.
55. *Observations & Remarks*, p. 38.
56. Diary, 21 Apr 1772; 'Truth Vindicated', p.42.
57. For Christopher Wilson, see Biographical Notes.
58. Quoted by Fletcher in *Observations & Remarks*, p. 8.
59. *Rules of Discipline of the Religious Society of Friends* (3rd edn, London, 1834), pp. 22–7.
60. Diary, 23–25 Sep, 21 Oct, 23 Dec 1766 and below, pp. 407–8 (nn. 104–5).
61. For Thomas Abbatt and Jonathan Harris, see Biographical Notes.
62. This is preserved as 'Truth Vindicated'.
63. 'Truth Vindicated' (abstract), pp.8–9.
64. For Peter Nicholson, see Biographical Notes.
65. J.V. Beckett, *Coal and Tobacco*, particularly chapters 4 and 5 and pp. 202–9.
66. Appendix IV, nos. 1–3.
67. Details from loose account of sales dated 31 Oct 1755, preserved in 1756 diary volume.
68. See Angus J.L. Winchester, 'Ministers, merchants and migrants: Cumberland Friends and North America in the eighteenth century,' *Quaker History*, 80 (2) (1991), 85–99.
69. See Kenneth Morgan (ed), *An American Quaker in the British Isles: the travel journals of Jabez Maud Fisher* (Oxford University Press/British Academy, 1992); Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, journals of Thomas Fisher.
70. See Appendix VII.
71. See Appendix IV, no. 9.
72. Diary, 20 Jan 1775.
73. Diary, 22 May, 9–10, 14 June 1773. John Jackson was probably Fletcher's neighbour at Beech Hill (see Biographical Notes); Wilson Pearson owned property at Sneckyeat in Blindbothel township (Diary, 20 Oct 1766; CRO, QRP/1).
74. *Observations & Remarks*, p.23. For the Wilson family of Graythwaite, see Biographical Notes.
75. CRO, D/FCF/1/85, 20–10/1743; PRO, C12/1991/4.
76. Sir William Holdsworth (ed. A.L. Goodhart & H.G. Hanbury), *A History of English Law* (1964), vol. xiv, pp. 187–97.
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79. Records of the suit are in PRO, C12 1583/32. See also below, pp. 402–3 (n.26).
80. Records of the suit are in PRO, C12 1613/36, 1625/56, and 1967/15. See also below, pp. 407–8 (n.104).
81. 'Truth Vindicated' and *Observations & Remarks*.

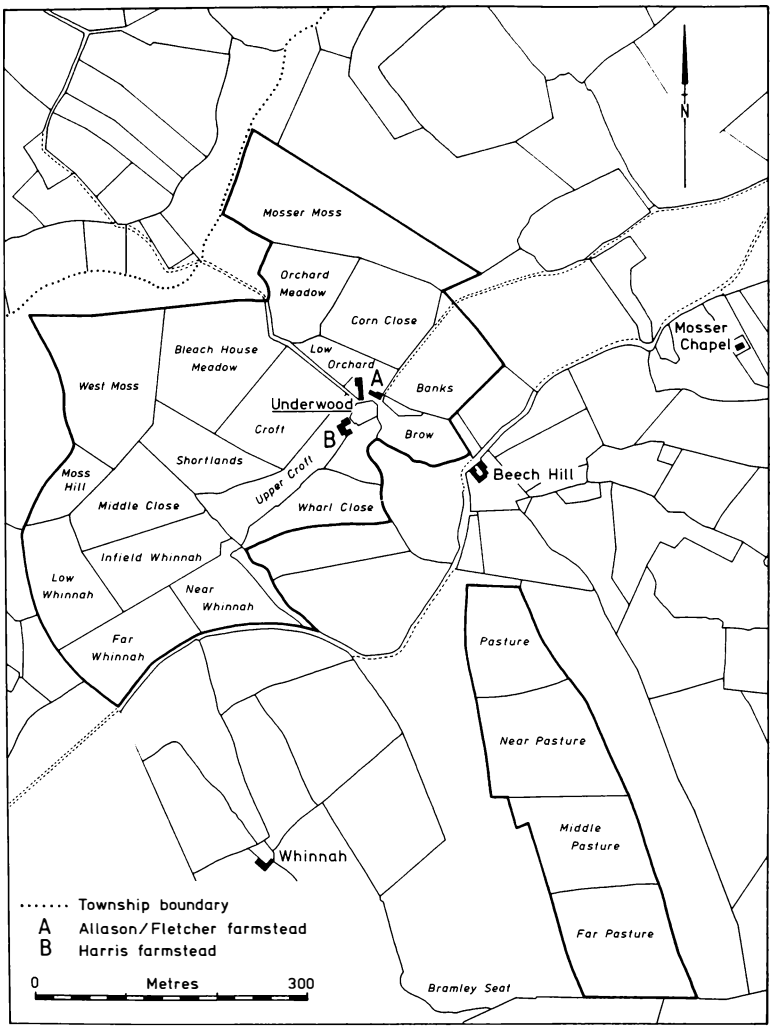


FIG. 1. Underwood estate: field names, 1840. *Based on Mosser tithe plan and schedule: CRO, DRC/8/134.*



FIG. 2. Mosser and its environs in the eighteenth century.

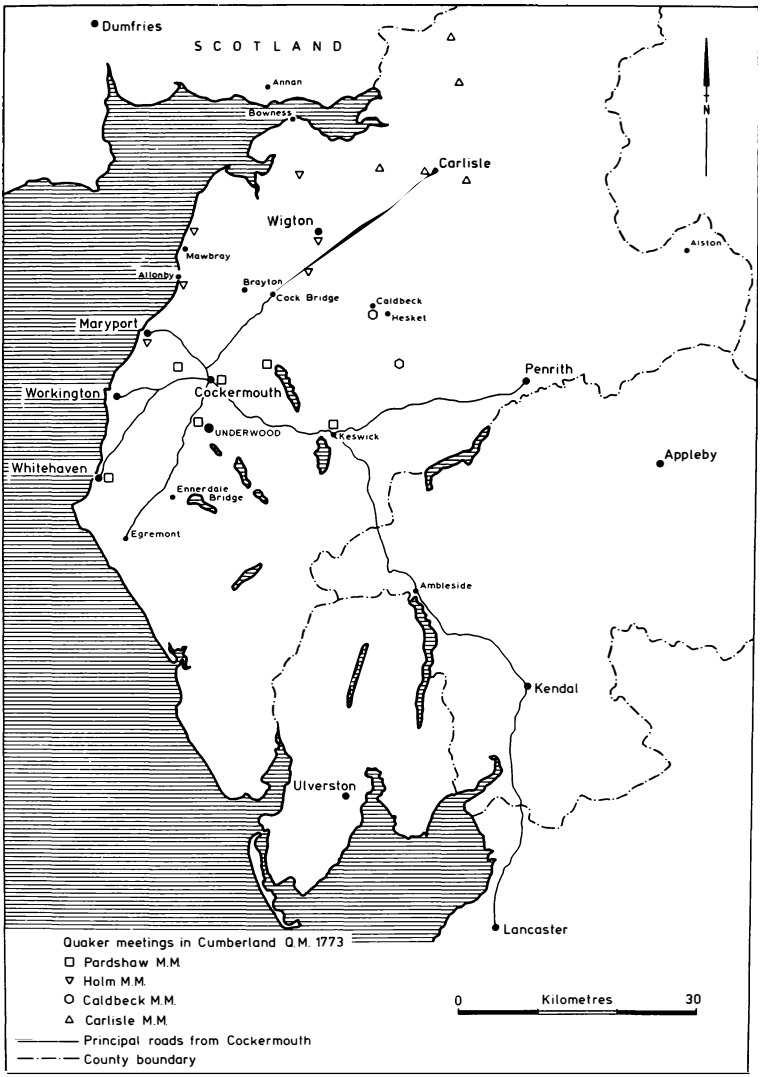


FIG. 3. Cumberland in the eighteenth century.

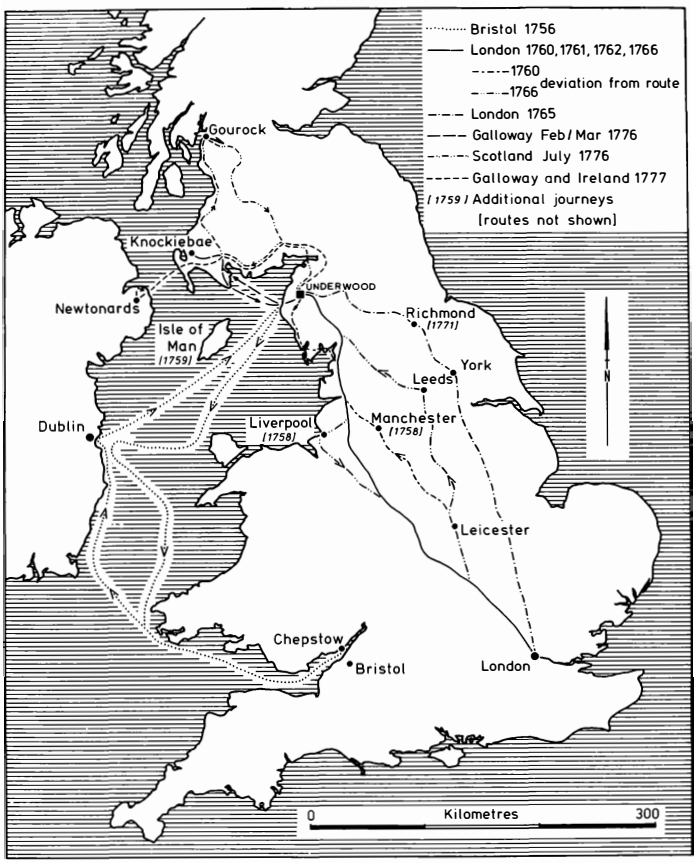


FIG. 4. Isaac Fletcher's principal journeys outside Cumbria 1756–1777.

The Diary of Isaac Fletcher of Underwood, Cumberland

1756

January 1756

Thu 1st At Cockermouth. Settling the factory books.[1] Moderate weather, cloudy & inclinable to moisture. ***Fri 2nd*** At ditto. This day finished the books. 1st part of this day pretty moderate weather, latter snow, sleet & rain. ***Sat 3rd*** At Sneckgate about an arbitration. Came home this night. Moderate & fair weather.

Sun 4th Nothing remarkable. Weather stormy & a flood of rain. ***Mon 5th*** Very wet weather attended with high winds from the S & SSW. ***Tue 6th*** Wrote a mortgage deed between Joseph Fearon of Crakeplace-hall & John Fox of Whitehaven; term 7 years; consideration £20 @ 10d. Rainy weather. ***Wed 7th*** Drew out Margaret Williamson's account current from the Monthly Meeting book. Moderate weather in the day, the night very wet & rainy. ***Thu 8th*** Was at Meeting. In forenoon moderate & fair weather; in afternoon rainy & blew pretty fresh from SW. ***Fri 9th*** At Cockermouth on account of an arbitration between Dorothy Fletcher & Richard Taylor. Referees Henry Fisher & Henry Lancaster not agreeing, choose Isaac Fearon umpire. Wet weather, wind SW. ***Sat 10th*** Wrote part of an assignment for John Allason of Cragend of a mortgage deed for ¼ of Wood & Fellside lands between myself & him. Stormy weather & a flood; wind S & SSW.

Sun 11th Peter Nicholson came from the Meeting & lodged with me. Rainy weather; wind about SSW. Blew hard. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. Henry Lancaster & myself delivered the papers to Isaac Fearon the umpire & agreed to meet again on 4th day next. Wet rainy weather; wind about WNW. ***Tue 13th*** Went to Mossergate to meet John Fisher & Thomas Iredale about the fell way &c. Compaired writings & do not find they can make any out but thro' sufferance; to meet again on 6th day. Fair & moderate on the 1st part; 2nd snow, sleet & rain. ***Wed 14th*** At Cockermouth. The time of [*Quarter*] Sessions. Spoke again to Isaac Fearon about the difference but no conclusion come to. Showry weather with sleet & snow. Wind south. ***Thu 15th*** At ditto. The Sessions. Signed the deed of assignment to John Allason of Craggend. Showry weather; the tops of the hills covered with snow; wind NW. ***Fri 16th*** Nothing remarkable. Cold showry weather; wind west. ***Sat 17th*** Went to Mossergate & divided Bankhead Deals between William Allason & self. Got my share next Bramley. All the new hedges to be divided between us each half. My share is 1.45529 [*acres*]. Cold; showers from the SW.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the forenoon; Preparative Meeting held. Jonathan Wilson paid in his share of the school money in his hand to the cashere. It is 11£ & interest due to this time 8s 3d.[2] Weather pretty moderate, inclin'd to rain; wind about south.

Mon 19th Nothing remarkable. A heavy storm of wind & rain from the W & SW. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Wrote a marriage certificate for Jonathan Pearson & Sarah Scott. Wrote a letter of attorney for George Topping & George Beeby. Rainy weather & a hard gale of wind from SW. ***Wed 21st*** This day killed the swine. Dirty weather and a strong SW wind. ***Thu 22nd*** Attended the marriage above mentioned. Read & executed the certificate at a Meeting appointed for that purpose. To make Mary Head's will to be signed on 2[n]d day at Cockermouth. Wet weather; a strong SSW wind. ***Fri 23rd*** At home on the forenoon. Wet rainy weather. On the afternoon went to Kirby on account of a difference between Elihu Robinson & Jacob Hudson about his wife's dour. Elihu agreed to pay unto Jacob 21£ in lieu of all & Jacob to sign a bond in full discharge for the same.[3] ***Sat 24th*** Wrote & executed Mary Dixon's will. Very wet weather in the forenoon; in the afternoon more moderate. A strong gale of wind from the west.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the forenoon, after which was the adjourn'd Monthly Meeting held. Very wet weather in the forenoon; in the afternoon fair. Wind about SW. ***Mon 26th*** At Cockermouth. Signed Mary Head's will. With Isaac Fearon: desired him to make an award in the time limited. To be at Whitehaven on 5th next month about Joseph Fearon's case. Moderate weather with showers from the SW. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. Drew the award for Isaac Fearon on account of Dorothy Fletcher & Richard Taylor. Settled with Joseph Hutchinson, taylor, to this day per receipts. Moderate weather & a westerly wind. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. Made & signed Joseph Hutchinson's will. This day John Hudson & Anne Fawcett was married at Issel Meeting. Came home this evening. Moderate weather with with [*sic*] rain in the evening; wind SW. ***Thu 29th*** Planted some bery trees which I brought from Cockermouth this day. Finished cutting Croft & Hogs grass hedges & yesterday caryed 380 stovers to Mossergate outfield. Moderate weather; wind westerly. ***Fri 30th*** Planted remainder of the bery trees & rose trees. Also set out the open gutters for the convenience of watering the Hogs grass meadow. Moderate winter weather. A cold breese of wind from the SW. ***Sat 31st*** Moderate weather with some rain; wind SSW.

February 1756

Sun 1st Went to Meeting on forenoon. Wrote to H. Lancaster & Richard Fletcher letting them know that I. Fearon had made the award &c. At Hill in the afternoon & night. Fine sunshiney weather inclining to frost; wind east. ***Mon 2nd*** At Cockermouth. Isaac Fearon signed the award & Richard Taylor tendered the money but Dorothy would not receive it, so I. Fearon took away the award. Cold weather with snow & frost; wind about SE. ***Tue 3rd*** This day finished the gutters in the Hogs grass meadow. Cold frosty weather; wind about SSE. ***Wed 4th*** Went to Cockermouth, Ellenfoot & Whitehaven along with Peter Nicholson. Very cold weather with showers of snow; wind SE. ***Thu 5th*** At Whitehaven. Settled with John Jackson. Wat. Robinson agreed to send us worsted in two weeks. Cold weather & a hard gale of wind SSE. ***Fri 6th*** At ditto. This morning signed the mortgage deed between John Fox of Whitehaven & Joseph Fearon. Settled with P. Nicholson

& gave him my bill on John Nicholson for the balance £9 1s 4d. Rainy weather with a hard gale from the SSW. ***Sat 7th*** Went to Cockermouth to Robert Smithson's wife burial which was attended by a great number of people. Took up the corps about 4 p.m. A hard gale of wind SSW but little rain.

Sun 8th Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Nothing remarkable. Cold weather; the air pretty serene & clear. A strong south wind. ***Mon 9th*** At Cockermouth. Delivered the mortgage deed & other writings to Joseph Fearon. Took instructions for a purchase deed from John Fox to Joseph Fearon, consideration £5, to be signed on said Fearon's sale day. Also took instructions for indentures between Thomas Ritson & Joseph Jackson. A very hard gale from the south with a very heavy rain in the afternoon. ***Tue 10th*** Finished a piece of new hedge between Hogs grass meadow & the Croft, about one rood. Moderate weather; wind about SW. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Elinor Wise burial at Lorton & read the will at the Cross there. Came home in the evening. A pretty moderate day, in the night a hard gale of wind & rain from the SSW. ***Thu 12th*** Went to Mossergate to the appraisment of Elinor Wise goods which came to £10 5s 6d; in Esther Allason's hand £5 3s 0d. John Wilkinson refused to pay the legacies. A storm of wind & rain from the SW. ***Fri 13th*** Peter Gibson & Peter Nicholson came about the Carolina affairs. Took copies of P. Gibson's accounts to send to Bristol. The[y] both went home at night. Pretty moderate weather; wind SW. ***Sat 14th*** Wife went to Cockermouth to exchange some old peuther, 20 lbs. Wind blew pretty fresh from a south & SSW. Thick hazy weather with showers of rain.

Sun 15th Went to Meeting after which the Preparative Meeting was held. Cold weather; wind SW. A strong gale; very wet in the night. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Received a letter from John Sibson of Workington. Agreed to execute his infranchise deeds of ½ of a tenement at Brigham on the 26th inst. at Whitehaven. Very cold weather; a hard gale from the WNW. ***Tue 17th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. To go to Graysoothen on 1st day next about the visiting. Cold weather; wind about WNW. ***Wed 18th*** At Cockermouth. Gave two letters to the post for John Bell, London, & John Sibson of Workington. Settled with Martha Robinson & paid her the ballance {£4 13s 6d, factory}. Very cold weather; the tops of the mountains covered with snow. Wind north. ***Thu 19th*** Sent for to make Samuel Atkinson's will in the morning. In the afternoon drew an indenture of apprentiship between Joseph Jackson & Thomas Ritson, term 5 years, [from] 17th May 1752. Cold weather & sharp frost; wind NW. ***Fri 20th*** Pretty moderate weather; wind about SW. ***Sat 21st*** In the afternoon went to Kirby & executed two indentures of apprentiship between Thomas Ritson & Joseph Jackson & John Usher & Wilfrid Curwen. Wind SSW.

Sun 22nd Went to Graysouthen Meeting & met after on account of the visit of families but did not agree to proceed. Came home in the evening. Moderate weather; wind west. ***Mon 23rd*** At Cockermouth. Moderate weather inclined to frost. Wind northerly but little. ***Tue 24th*** At ditto. Settled with Thomas Antrobus & paid him in full & Isaac Robinson ditto. Came home this evening. Fine weather; wind westerly. ***Wed 25th*** Finished the infranchisement deeds for John Sibson; to be signed at Whitehaven tomorrow. Fine moderate weather; wind [*sic*]. ***Thu 26th***

At Whitehaven. Sibson did not come, so brought the deeds back & wrote to him from Dessington. The *Saltash* sloop of war here to impress men. Executed the power of attorney &c. Fine weather; wind NE. Moderate frost. ***Fri 27th*** At ditto. Came away about 11 a.m. P. Gibson & P. Nicholson either to come over or to write me soon about going to Bristol. Got home about 1 p.m. Cold cloudy weather; wind SSE. ***Sat 28th*** Went to Sosgill to divide a field called Holgill between John Jenkinson & Jeremy Nicholson containing 12.48045 a[cres]. It came on very wet & stormy weather in the afternoon so left it. Wind SSW.

Sun 29th Was at the Meeting in the forenoon. Settled Margaret Williamson accounts. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon to see Mary Harris. Moderate weather; wind about SW.

March 1756

Mon 1st At Cockermouth. Settled with Joseph Heathcoate per account. To go again on 4th day. John Sibson did not appear. Moderate weather; wind westerly. ***Tue 2nd*** Went to Sosgill & divided Hollgill field between John Jenkinson & Jeremy Nicholson. Went after to Pardshow to see John Robinson, come from Dublin. Moderate weather; wind about south. ***Wed 3rd*** At Cockermouth. Went to Meeting there. John Alderson from Westmoorland was there & to be at our Meeting on 1st day. Received a letter from William Strickland, London. Came home that night. Fine weather; wind SSW. ***Thu 4th*** Wrote two lists for John Taylor: window duty £1 5s 0d. Edward Jones came. Got beans & some peas planted. Wet dirty weather; wind SSW. ***Fri 5th*** John Robinson junior, Pardshow, came over in the afternoon. Nothing remarkable. Wet weather most of the day; wind about SW. ***Sat 6th*** This day wrote out & finished my remarks on brewing for John & David Dockray, Carlisle. Wet moist weather; wind SW.

Sun 7th Was at Meeting in the forenoon. John Alderson from Rosendale [*for 'Ravenstonedale'*] in Westmoorland was there: a pretty eminent minister. Stormy weather & a hard gale of wind from SSW. ***Mon 8th*** At Cockermouth. Paid Widow Webster 105£ & took in the note in the presence of Joseph Hutchinson. Very wet dirty weather; wind northerly. ***Tue 9th*** Begun to plough the Croft out of ley. Got Jonathan Jackson's horses to help with it. Moderate & warm weather; wind westerly. ***Wed 10th*** Wet in the forenoon; at plough in the afternoon. This day Thomas Fentyman &c begun to drain the Ing weadow [*sic, for 'meadow'*]. Moderate weather; wind SW. ***Thu 11th*** At plough this day. Drainers finished cutting the drains. Fogy weather with some rain; wind SW. ***Fri 12th*** This day cutting & providing wood for the drains. Willow's man to be at Cockermouth on the 14th inst.[4] Very moderate pleasant weather & very little wind. ***Sat 13th*** Thomas Ritson brought me four oak chairs for the parlor. I paid him for them {3 chairs @ 4s 6d; an arm'd chair: 7s 6d}. Finished the drains. Fine weather but frosty in the night.

Sun 14th Was at Meeting in the forenoon. Nothing to be remarked. Fine sunny weather with frost in the nights; wind easterly but variable. ***Mon 15th*** At

Cockermouth. Met P. Nicholson on his way from Wigton to Whitehaven. Alexander Hoskins is come from London. Fine weather; wind easterly. ***Tue 16th*** At ditto. Went to Meeting in the forenoon, after which examined the meeting house & agreed to make a gallery at low end. Deputed Jonathan Drewry undertaker & to provide timber & workmen to get it done readily. ***Wed 17th*** At ditto. Drew out Cornelius Cochran's account & gave George Robinson of the Isle of Man said account. Fine weather; wind easterly. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Jonathan Harris & wife & John Reay came in the afternoon. Thick weather & rainy but not much wind – westerly. ***Fri 19th*** Went to Mossergate outfield to see my new hedge. Very cold & sharp frost; the Scotch mountains covered with snow. Wind NE. ***Sat 20th*** Drew up a part of the Queries as ordered by last Quarter Meeting. To finish them as soon as can. A sharp frost in the night; wind SE.

Sun 21st Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Nothing remarkable. Cold weather & frosty; wind about south. ***Mon 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Examined John Willow's account but could not settle it without their account, so agreed to get it from them. Cold weather & snow; wind north. ***Tue 23rd*** Came from Cockermouth this morning & went to the Monthly Meeting. Very cold, the ground covered thick with snow; wind easterly. ***Wed 24th*** Wrote part of a lease between Jonathan Dixon & George Wilkinson for Akebank land & mill: term 21 years; rent 13£. Suny weather & sharp frost; wind SE. ***Thu 25th*** Finished the lease this forenoon. John Robinson came over. He intends for Dublin next week. Imbargo taken off. Very cold & snow; wind SW. ***Fri 26th*** At home in the forenoon. Went to Crakeplacehall in the afternoon & made an estimate of the damages done to Joseph Fearon farmer by the fall of wood. Estimated at 51£. Cold weather & snow; wind north. ***Sat 27th*** Made out a fair copy of the estimate. In the afternoon measured my drains in the Ing meadow, 38 rood, & Jonathan Harris's in the Brakenhill, 179 rood @ 4d. Moderate weather; wind westerly.

Sun 28th Went to Cockermouth Meeting. In the afternoon about P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] affairs & agreed to an enq[uiry] & Christopher Wilson & myself to draw a letter to the Men's Meeting, Dublin.[5] Matthew Miller was at this Meeting going to Whitehaven on business. Wet weather; wind north. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. Gave John Pearson the estimate I had drawn up of the damages by fall of wood at Crakeplacehall. Wet weather; wind westerly. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. Settled with the men & paid as on the other side. Agreed with Mary Potter for the lads' board @ £5 10s 0d a year for one year.[6] Weather wet. ***Wed 31st*** Came home along with John Robinson this forenoon. Nothing to be remarked. Moderate weather, inclinable to rain; wind easterly.

April 1756

Thu 1st At Meeting in the forenoon. Imployed myself in the garden in the afternoon. Abundance of snow on the mountains; wind SE. ***Fri 2nd*** Drew a new draft of our comon Queries & also of the Select Meeting Queries for the approbation of the Quarter Meeting. Foggy weather with some rain; wind southerly. ***Sat 3rd***

Wet in the forenoon. In the afternoon employed in the garden. Foggy weather; wind about south.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the forenoon. Nothing remarkable. Thick foggy weather with rain; wind west. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth. Agreed by Isaac Fearon's direction to write to his son Peter about the Pensilvania affairs. Wet foggy weather; wind northerly. ***Tue 6th*** This day begun sowing & sew in the Croft 3 bushel oats. Brewed 3 pecks South Country malt. Got the lease signed for Jonathan Dixon. Moderate weather; wind south. ***Wed 7th*** Nothing remarkable. Wet weather; wind westerly. ***Thu 8th*** Planted out in the new garden about 1000 thorns. Got joyners Thomas Ritson & men to work. Moderate weather; wind variable. ***Fri 9th*** At Cockermouth. Brought John down with me. About settling the worsted accounts with Robert Smithson. Also settling accounts between him and Jonathan Harris about the wheat. ***Sat 10th*** At ditto. Wrote P. Fearon about the Pensilvania affairs. Wind west.

Sun 11th At ditto. Went to Meeting in the forenoon. At home after. Cold weather with showers of hail; wind easterly. ***Mon 12th*** At Whitehaven. Met at James Wharry's about Thomas Allason affairs. About 21 of his creditors appeared & agreed to an assignment from the widow to John Gale, Joseph Glaister, John Fisher & John Dixon. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. Settled accounts with John Nicholson, cooper. He is owing for sundries £6 0s 5d; credited by 3 casks 10s 5d. Balance due £5 10s 0d to be paid me next week at Cockermouth. Came home about 11 a.m. Cold showery wither [*sic*]; wind about east. ***Wed 14th*** Unwell. Joyners here. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; wind east. ***Thu 15th*** Thomas Ritson about mending the doors, window-shutts, deck &c. Sunny weather; wind NE. ***Fri 16th*** Unwell. Cold weather, snow upon the mountains; wind east. A vestry at John Taylor's in the evening. ***Sat 17th*** Was at Mossergate in the afternoon about hanging the doors. Wind east.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the forenoon. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon. John Robinson propose to go for Dublin on 6th day. Showry weather; wind east. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Settled sundry accounts. Moderate weather attended with some showers; wind easterly. ***Tue 20th*** At home in the forenoon & went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Yearly Meeting for Ministers & Elders begun at 4 which was pretty well. ***Wed 21st*** At ditto. The Meeting for Worship begun at 9 this morning & that in afternoon at 3; both which ended pretty well, after which the Meeting for Sufferings was held. ***Thu 22nd*** At ditto. Meeting of Conferrance begun at 7 & ended about 10 after which the Quarter Meeting begun & ended about 12. Meeting for Worship begun at 3 & all ended pretty well. ***Fri 23rd*** Went to the court at Egermont & got inrolled. Expences as on the other side {for inrollment at court: 2s 4d; expences at ditto: 1s 0d}. Very wet in the afternoon; wind westerly. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Brambley; made & executed Thomas Iredale's will. Stormy weather; wind westerly. Snow on the hills.

Sun 25th Was at Meeting in the forenoon. John Alderson was again there in his return from Scotland: a very able minister. Wind about SW. ***Tue 27th*** Went to

the Monthly Meeting in the morning. Mally Nicholson went from here this morning. In the afternoon was writer at Deborah Atkinson's sale which begun about 3. ***Wed 28th*** Was very unwell: begun yesterday about 4. Was obliged to keep my bed most of this day. Wind northerly. ***Thu 29th*** A little better. Examined & added the sale bills which exactly answer. Wife went to Cockermouth this forenoon. Very severe frost & abundance of snow on hills. ***Fri 30th*** Wrote indentures for putting out a poor boy, John Sewel alias Cartmel, apprentice to John Barker of Cockermouth until he be 21 years age. He was 10 last Candlemas.

May 1756

Sun 2nd Got John Robinson junior, Hill, to go for me to Lorton to execute [*a mortgage*] deed[7] yesterday afternoon. Stayed at home: unwell. Cold weather; frost & snow. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. Signed John Sewel alias Cartmel's intentures [*sic*] to John Barker from 1st May till he be 21 years of age. Also proved Samuel Atkinson's will before the Surrogate. ***Tue 4th*** Still unwell. Wrote last 1st day a marriage certificate for Samuel Fargison and Mary Russel & left it with George Bell to fill up this day. Sold 40 stone meadow hay to John Pearson. ***Wed 5th*** Last night took a vomit which wrought pretty well. Wet snowy weather; abundance of snow upon the fells. Wind northerly. ***Thu 6th*** Imployed myself in reading &c. Could not go much out. Snow & rain, inclinable to frost. Set about 5 pecks potatoes last 2nd day. ***Fri 7th*** Yesterday afternoon old James Steel of Pardshow Hall was buried aged 82 years. Wet in the forenoon; in the afternoon pretty fair & moderate weather. Got 4 load lime. ***Sat 8th*** Sent Jackson to Cockermouth for beer. Very wet weather & cold; wind south.

Sun 9th Continue unwell: could not get to Meeting. This morning heard the cuckoo 1st time this year. Wet weather; wind southerly. ***Mon 10th*** Taking by Wilfred Clementson's order a decoction of the barks. The disorder turned intermitting. This day sowed some barley in the Gully. ***Tue 11th*** Sew remainder of barley in the Gully. Wet weather; wind south. Snow still upon the high mountains such as Skidow, Grassmire &c. ***Wed 12th*** Still continue taking the barks. Drew out an account of sales of the 5 packs worsted between R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] & self. J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] & R.S. came this afternoon about their account. ***Thu 13th*** Went to Meeting this forenoon; delivered Christopher Wilson Yearly Meeting papers. ***Fri 14th*** At Cockermouth but could do little business. Came home in the evening. Spinky calved. Fine weather; wind about SSW & warm. ***Sat 15th*** Churry calved. Very warm pleasant weather; wind south.

Sun 16th At Meeting in the forenoon after which Preparative Meeting was held. In the afternoon went with Henry Lancaster & John Burnyeat to view the ground & hedge at Mossergate. Jonathan Wilson did not come to us. Very fine warm weather; wind westerly. ***Mon 17th*** This day was leading out the dung into the Mosshead. Close weather & small rain in the forenoon. After, moderate & warm; wind [*sic*]. Mercury 29.3.[8] ***Tue 18th*** Went to Monthly Meeting in the forenoon. Signed James Gandy's certificate to Rookhow Monthly Meeting in the name of the meeting.[9] Fine

weather and hot; inclinable to thunder. Wind SW; mercury 29.2. ***Wed 19th*** Wrote Jonathan Harris about P.N. [*Peter Nicholson's*] affair. To forward a letter to John Robinson, inclosing one to James Gough. Sir William Fleming elected to serve in Parliament for this county in the room of Sir William Lowther, deceased. Wind NE. ***Thu 20th*** Sowed all the barley. Brand calved. Dry sunny weather with white fiery clouds. Wind NE & blew pretty fresh & in gusts. Mercury 29.15. ***Fri 21st*** Dry weather; wind east. Mercury 29.2. ***Sat 22nd*** Had Edward Jones working in the garden: sowed the annuals and remainder of the kitchen garden seeds. This evening came Robert Proud & John Stephenson from Yorkshire attended by Thomas Scott. They lodged with me.

Sun 23rd Went with said two Friends to Meeting. They are designed for Ireland first opportunity. They lodged again with me: very agreable company. Dry weather; little wind: NE. ***Mon 24th*** At Cockermouth. Went to Oldfield along with Robert & John & dined there & came here about 3 p.m. Settled with Mary Potter. Strong NE wind & dry. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 25th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the forenoon. Robert Proud & John Stephenson was at Meeting: two able ministers. Went along with them to Oldfield & lodged there. Dry sunny weather; wind northerly. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Whitehaven this morning along with said Friends &c. & was at Meeting there. Came home in the evening. The Friends came back to Oldfield: no ships going. Spang calved. Thick weather this forenoon & rainy; wind NE. Mercury 29. ***Thu 27th*** Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Nothing remarkable. A cold south wind & moderate weather. This day put beasts to grass. Mercury 29. ***Fri 28th*** Got a bag flour from Samuel Dent, £1 9s 0d: to allow in his account. Sarah Hudson got half of said bag. Cold weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.9. ***Sat 29th*** Cold cloudy weather; mercury 29.3.

Sun 30th Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Robert & John above named were there, it being General Meeting. John requested a meeting after with the ministers & elders which was held & very suitable advice given. Cold cloudy weather with showers of rain in the afternoon. Wind about west; mercury 29.3.

June 1756

Tue 1st Went to Whinney in the afternoon: was writer at Henry Casson's sale. Sold Churry calf to John Jackson for 10s 6d. Cold weather with some rain in the evening. Wind south; mercury 28.9. ***Wed 2nd*** Transcribing the accounts of the owners of the ship *Bristol* with me & writing some letters to London. Cold weather but pretty sunny. Mercury 28.75. ***Thu 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth this morning. Was at Mosser-maines yesterday evening: town met about Lancelot Pearson. Agreed with John Taylor to board him for £3 10s a year to enter at Whitsuntide. Settled factory accounts with J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] Showry weather; wind south. ***Fri 4th*** At Cokermouth. Employ in settling the books. Went in the evening to William Woodvil's along with Jonathan Harris & Robert Smithson. Showry weather; wind northerly. ***Sat 5th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. Came home this afternoon. Very hot weather & thunder with some heavy showers. Wind south; mercury 29.

Sun 6th Went to the Meeting in the forenoon: there was Daniel Glaister from Allonby. A cold wind & pretty moderate weather. Wind west; mercury 29. ***Mon 7th*** Whitsuntide fair. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.6. ***Tue 8th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather as above. ***Wed 9th*** Leading stones of the fell to Mossergate. James Porter sent his daughter & a horse & cart to help us. Thunder & heavy showers. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Meeting in the forenoon. Stephen Sedgewick & George Dawson from Yorkshire was there in their visit to this county. ***Fri 11th*** Peter Nicholson & self examining the *Bristol* accounts & drew out an account of sales of the Boston merchant's cargo & agreed to go to Bristol with P. Gibson to settle. Showry weather; wind about south. Mercury 28.8. ***Sat 12th*** Wrote Sarah Hudson's will. Went in the evening to Mossergate & John Usher sett out porches &c. Showry weather; wind south. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 13th Was at Meeting in the forenoon. Old Stephen Sedgewick & George Dowson was again there. Weather stormy; wind south. Mercury 28.6. ***Mon 14th*** Employed in the drawing out accounts to take with me to Bristol. Showry cold weather; wind about south. ***Tue 15th*** At Whitehaven consulting with P. Nicholson & P. Gibson about going to Bristol. Agreed to go & to be ready on 7th day. A hard gale of wind from SSW. ***Wed 16th*** At Cockermouth. Came from Whitehaven this morning. Settled with the men & with Jonathan Harris. He is owing me upon a balance 18s 2½d. Gave him bills to pay of R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] ***Thu 17th*** Went to Meeting in the forenoon; looking out accounts in the afternoon & went to settle the accounts between Deborah Atkinson & the trustees. Warm weather; in the afternoon loud thunder & heavy rain. ***Fri 18th*** Overhauling my papers & accounts & puting them in order for the voyage. This evening signed Sarah Hudson's will. Showry weather; wind SSW. Mercury 29. ***Sat 19th*** Employed this forenoon in writing out the accounts for Bristol. In the afternoon the wallers came to Mossergate. Showers in the fore part; after fine weather. [*Mercury*] 28.

Sun 20th Was at Meeting in the forenoon after which the Preparative Meeting was held. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] came home & lodged with me. Moderate weather; wind south. Mercury 29. Loss upwards of £2000 by a storm of hail in the counties of Kent & Essex (July last). ***Mon 21st*** Wallers & a wright was at Mossergate: attended them. Cold weather & pretty strong gale of wind from the south. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 22nd*** Went to Monthly Meeting in the forenoon. With the wallers &c. after. Fine warm weather, the wind about SW. Mercury 29.25. ***Wed 23rd*** With work people in the forenoon. At Cockermouth after. Drew & signed a certificate for Joseph Peile about his marriage with Mary Harrison. Ditto. Mercury 29.2. ***Thu 24th*** At ditto. Went to Whitehaven in order to take a passage for Bristol. Got there about 3 a clock in the afternoon. Very hot weather, much rain & thunder night. 29. ***Fri 25th*** At Whitehaven. Wet dirty weather; wind about SSW. Could not get to sea.

Sun 27th At ditto. Was at Whitehaven Meeting & went home in the afternoon. Called at Graysoothen to see Christopher Wilson who is intending for America in a short time. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Graysoothen & Peter Nicholson & self came to Whitehaven. Still contrary winds tho' pretty moderate weather. Wind SSW.

Tue 29th At Whitehaven. This day wrote Christopher Wilson's certificate directed to Friends of the province of Pensillvania or elsewhere in America. Wind about south. ***Wed 30th*** At ditto; waiting for an oportunity to sail. Sailed from Whitehaven about 2½ p.m. Foggy weather; wind from SSW to south. Got John Lewthwaite & Thomas Hartley to attest copies of the brewry articles & award.

July 1756

Thu 1st At sea. About 7 this morning the wind came fair but very moderate; a steady breze from the NE. Abrest of Ramsey at 8. At 8 p.m. had the Sounds of Calf open; distance about 4 leagues. Fine weather. ***Fri 2nd*** At ditto. A fine wind & very moderate. At 12 this day Holyhead bore S by E, distance 2 leagues; & Skeryes lighthouse about SE by E, distance 4 leagues. Calm most of the afternoon. About 8 p.m. close in with Holyhead. Contrary wind: SSW. ***Sat 3rd*** At ditto. Had it blowing pretty fresh from a SSW. Sick all the day but never got to heaving. Stood of & on. Spoke a ship from Jamaica bound to Liverpool. Rainy weather.

Sun 4th At ditto. This morning at 4 was pretty near the Irish land; at 8 just at the mouth of Dublin Bay. A fine privateer brig came close past us. Suposed she belonged to Liverpool. She mounted 16 carriage guns; a clean ship with a broad pendant flying. Catched a good deal of knoud or gurnet fish. At 6 p.m. Hill of Howth which makes the north side of Dublin Bay bore NE ½ N, distance about 5 leagues. Was becalmed most of this day. Fine warm weather & catched abundance of fish. ***Mon 5th*** At sea. At 8 this morning Brasey Island on the Welsh coast bore E by S, distance about 9 leagues. At 12 said island bore ESE nearly same distance. Fine weather; wind north. Go away right before it south & south a little easterly [?] about 3½ knots. ***Tue 6th*** At ditto. This morning at 8 was close in with the rocks called the Bishop & his Clerks which lyeth of the island of Ramsey close by St. David Head. Distance about 2 miles from the head. A very easy gale but stil fair for us. At 12 this day St. David's Head bore NNE, distance about 3 leagues; the lighthouse on St. Ann's Head bore SE, distance about 5 leagues; the island of Gresholm bore W by N, distance 1 league. At 5 p.m. was abreast of the lighthouses on St. Ann's Point & had the mouth of Milford Haven open. About 8 came past Crow Point & rock & also Gaven Point. From Gresholm to St. Ann's Point is 4½ leagues; from St. Ann's Head to Gaven Point 5 leagues; from Gaven Point to Nash Point 12½ leagues; from Nash Point to Flatholm lighthouse 5 leagues; from Flatholm to Posset Point 8 leagues. ***Wed 7th*** In Bristol Channel at 8 this morning abreast of Minehead peer. Came away E by S to the lighthouse on Flatholm. Wind about NW. The Welsh coast all along aford a pleasant prospect. At 12 this day came through the Holms & was becalmed. ***Thu 8th*** Came to an anchor in King Road at 9 p.m. Spoke the *Boston* merchant, Captain Stiven, & he came too a little after us. We went aboard him & stayed all night. Weighed about 8 a.m. Got a pilot & he brought us to Chepstow about 3 p.m. ***Fri 9th*** At Chepstow. Went ashore & viewed the town. Nothing remarkable but the ruins of an old castle & the old city wall. Their trade is chiefly iron ore, pig iron & bark. The tide riseth in this river in high spring tides 52 feet; about 48 in comon. Went along with Warren Sise of Chepstow

upon a little look out above the town. See six counties, viz. Devonshire, Somersetshire, Glocestershire, Worcestershire, Monmouthshire & Cardiganshire [*recte Brecknockshire?*]. The country is very pleasant & affords as fine a prospect as perhaps any in England. Extreem hot weather & almost burned with the scorching heat of the sun. ***Sat 10th*** Came this morning from Chepstow with Captain Lewis, the *Windsor* sloop, along with Captain Gibson & Captain Serjent. About 6 a.m. came too at the mouth of Bristol river & stop'd tide, then weighed & got up to Bristol about 4 p.m.

Sun 11th At Bristol. Went yesterday evening to see S. Beck & wife & met with a seeming kind reception. Was at Friar's Meeting this morning: a very fine house & a large congregation of people. Went in the afternoon onto Brandon Hill to view the town: see 19 parish churches in city & 4 ditto without. We lodge at the sign of the Three Cups upon the Back, Edward Philips: very civil people. Wrote to wife.[10] ***Mon 12th*** Went this morning to the hot wells to drink the waters. Soft pleasant water & went to Durdem Down & from thence to the Change. Agreed to meet S. Beck & John Coram at this place at 4 a clock tomorrow afternoon. Very hot weather; wind northerly. ***Tue 13th*** At Bristol. Went to William Fry's in Castle Street & delivered him my letter of recommendation. Also delivered Richard Champion's letter at Friar's Meeting this morning & spoke to Lucey Braidley. Very hot sultry weather. Peter Nicholson here. ***Wed 14th*** At ditto. Imployed in the forenoon in drawing out copies of the accounts. Dined at the Constable's hall along with S. Beck. Went after to the hot wells & drunk the waters. A little rain. ***Thu 15th*** At ditto. Captain John Serjent left us this morning & went down to Chepstow. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & self about the accounts. Dined at John Coram's. Got S.B.'s [*Stephen Beck's*] accounts & made remarks upon them. To meet again tomorow. Christopher Wilson & John Hunt here in their way to Pensilvania. Hot weather, sultry & little wind. ***Fri 16th*** At ditto. All the forenoon employed in examining S.B.'s accounts; found several mistakes. Dined at S. Beck's & met after about said accounts which keept us pretty late in the night. Had very warm work at times. J.C. [*John Coram*] very moderate. ***Sat 17th*** At ditto. About 11 this forenoon Christopher Wilson, John Hunt &c. took boat at the Gib slip & went down to Kingroad, the snow (*Charming Hetty*, Captain Blaithwaite Jones) being gone down. John Dockray to go down in the night with Captain Jones. Dined at Gib. Very warm weather; wind about east. wrote to Jonathan Harris.

Sun 18th At ditto. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & self went to Fryer's Meeting in the morning & dined at the inn. After went to Temple Meeting. Read the news & put the letters into the Post Office. Very hot weather; wind about south. Went to the hot wells in the evening & returned about 9 p.m. & supped at the inn. ***Mon 19th*** At Bristol. Beck & Coram came this day & dined with us & stayed till late at night. Went through most of the accounts & agreed pretty well. All to charge interest. Hot weather. ***Tue 20th*** At ditto. Morning about fixing the account of interest. Went to Change; acquainted Christopher Devonshire & Richard Champion that we should agree to leave disputable matters to their determination. Afternoon wet & thunder. Very hot weather. Christopher Wilson & John Hunt sailed from King Road down the Chanel about 1 p.m. ***Wed 21st*** At ditto. Drawing out a case for the referees.

Christopher Devonshire, upon reading over the case, gave his oppinion for us. Dined at Devonshire's. Finished the accounts this afternoon. Very fine weather. ***Thu 22nd*** At ditto. Copied out my accounts with S.B. [*Stephen Beck*] Dined at Josa. [*Joshua?*] Wilcox's. Agreed to sell the *Bristol*: Richard Mayler, broker, to print bills; fix the inventory in public places. Day of sale fixed on 4th day next. Thunder & some rain. ***Fri 23rd*** At ditto. Went to some hosier shops in the forenoon. Dined at Richard Champion's; breakfasted at Christopher Devonshire's; supped & spent the evening at Joseph Robson's. Finished the inventory & gave out bills of sale. Showry weather. ***Sat 24th*** At ditto. Examining S.B.'s account of interest: found sundry erours which we corrected. Dined at William Fry's; in the evening at the Fountain tavern in High Street at the Club & supped there.

Sun 25th At ditto. At Fryar's Meeting in the morning & dined at William Reeves' country house. At Temple Meeting in the afternoon & again at Fryer's in the evening. Drunk tea at John Roberts's & supped at S.B.'s [*Stephen Beck's*]. Alexander Hoskins came here on 5th day in evening. Preached at all the 3 meetings. Warm weather. ***Mon 26th*** At ditto. Went to Martin's about settling a corespondence about stock[ing]s: to call again. Dined at our inn. Drew over again my account current. Went in the evening to see the fair: abundance of fine clothes & almost everything to sell. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. Went to Bath along with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] Had Joseph Robson's mare. Set from Bristol about 10 & got to Bath about 12. Had a letter of recomendation from Samuel Smith to Thomas Collet of Bath. Dined at the Angel Inn at the foot of the bridge. Came away about 6½ p.m. & got to Bristol about 9. Hot weather. At Bath see the Parade, the Long Rooms, & walks below along the river side; the baths viz. the King's & Queen's, the hot & the Lepar's Bath; the cathedral; town hall & circus. Every thing very grand in the place which is very well built throughout. The Queen's Square & pyramid in the midle afords an agreeable prospect. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. Attended the sale of the *Bristol*. Bought her at £390 & paid down to Richard Mayler, broker, £5 5s earnest money. Dined at Joseph Robson's & supped at John Roberts's. Pleasant warm weather. ***Thu 29th*** At ditto. Still about fixing the accounts: expect soon to bring them to a conclusion. Met John Crocket this evening. To fix tomorrow about his going master of the *Bristol* on a voyage to Liverpool. Some rain & sultry. ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. This morning copied S. Beck's account with interest. Fixed sundry articles which were disputable with John Coram. Ordered Captain Crocket to put up a bill in the morning on the Exchange for Liverpool & Whitehaven. ***Sat 31st*** At ditto. This morning copied another long account of S.B.'s & fixed the whole accounts & delivered them in for their inspection. Agreed to meet tomorrow afternoon at 3 a clock. Supped & spent the evening at the Fountain club.

August 1756

Sun 1st At ditto. At Fryar's Meeting in the morning. Dined at Samuel Smith's. Met S.B. [*Stephen Beck*] & J. Coram at 3 p.m. & fixed the account; to sign receipts to each other tomorrow. To meet at 11 at West India coffee house. Rainy weather. At Fryar's again in the evening. Wrote to Jonathan Harris & Robert Smithson.

Mon 2nd At Bristol. Met S.B. & J.C. at the Exchange coffee house & settled the accounts. Signed them & the bill of sale of the vessil. In the afternoon gave in my private accounts with S. Beck to John Coram & proposed a refferance. Showry weather. ***Tue 3rd*** At ditto, preparing my accounts & vouchers for an examination if called upon. Last night paid of all our accounts at our inn. Met again in the evening & fixed the whole. Took notes of S.B. & J. Coram for my ballance. Signed arbitration bond to S.B. ***Wed 4th*** At ditto. Copied out remainder of accounts this morning. Took leave of several friends. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] set forward at 12½ for London. Dined at William Fry's. Gave Christopher Devonshire arbitration bond & brewry award. Went abbord the Chepstow sloop at 1 a clock morning. ***Thu 5th*** On board the Chepstow boat: full of passengers. On deck all night. A 40 gun King's ship & the *Brittania* privateer in Kings Road. Got to Chepstow about 9½ a.m. Moderate warm weather. Went over the bridge into Glocestershire & upon the hill: a fine prospect. Hot weather. ***Fri 6th*** On board the *Nancy* in Chepstow river called the Wye. Sent two shirts & a crivat to wash. Wrote to wife.[11] Got the ship into the high dock & begun again to take in bark. Very hot weather. ***Sat 7th*** At ditto. Went to market: it is but small. Very good beef & mutton: Captain bought a quarter at 18s a hundred. Went ashore in the evening to read the news.

Sun 8th At ditto. Staid on board most of the forenoon. Dined at Merchant Williams's. Went in the afternoon to the seat of Valentine Morris Esq.[12] Went through the walks which is above 2 miles long through a steep wood. After went up the river to see the ruins of the old abbey [*Tintern Abbey*] about 6 miles up; demensions & description I ha[ve] taken down. Very hot weather. ***Mon 9th*** On board the *Nancy* in Chepstow river. Got remainder of our cargo of bark on board: in the whole about 55 ton. Warm weather & very little wind. ***Tue 10th*** Came from our moorings before Chepstow at 7 this morning. Was the length of the Evens Rock at the river's mouth at 8. Had the Severn open a little after. Came through the Shoots [at] 9 & got into Kingroad at 10. Wind ENE. Came through between the Holms about 1 p.m. Tide beginning to make against us. Abreast with the Neath Point at 8 a clock. ***Wed 11th*** In Bristol Channel. At 8 this morning was the length of Lundy Island; about 11 up with Govin Point; at 1 p.m. up with Milford Haven. Fell in with a fleet of marchent men under convoy of a man of war & two other ships that wore pendants. Spoke one of them. They were bound round the land; about 42 sail. At 3 spoke a Bristol sloop bound to Chester; was abreast of the light houses on St. Anne's Head. ***Thu 12th*** At sea. Becalmed from 3 p.m. yesterday until about 4 this afternoon. We were haved back & forward by the tides which run very strong here, keeping turning from the island of Sca-more [*Skomer*] to the island of Ramsey in St. Bride's Bay. At 4 p.m. had a breeze of wind about W by N & NW. Stood of from Ramsey Island about 6 & the tide run us up almost with Stockholm about 8 had it blowing pretty fresh & the tide run us a broadside through Grasholm which is above 3 leagues against a great hard sea. Got through at the Bishop's about 9 into the North Channel. ***Fri 13th*** At ditto. At 8 this morning see the Irish land all along from Wexford to Arklow. At 1 p.m. spoke a Yarmouth brig bound for Dublin & not acquainted. Keept us company this afternoon & night. Very little wind & contrary. ***Sat 14th*** At sea. At 10 this morning wind sprang up at SSE: a fine breeze. Got studing sails on her. Made the Hill of Howth & standing right into the Bay of

Dublin. Got into the river about 3 p.m. & came up to town about 4 ditto. Lodged at John Hall's (Golden Ball) upon Aston's Quay, Dublin.

Sun 15th At Dublin. John Robinson came this morning & breakfasted with me. Went to Meath Street Meeting & dined at Joseph Barcroft's. Was at the afternoon Meeting at Sycimore Alley. Drunk tea at Daniel Bewley's. In the evening went to Samuel Russel's. Supped & lodged at William Greenhow's in Earl Street. ***Mon 16th*** At Dublin. Breakfasted at William Greenhow's. Went to Peter Tomey's & dined there. Wet weather. Took a walk in the evening along with Samuel Jessop & John Robinson to see Sackvill Street & Sponall Hill & supped at a tavern. Lodged at William Greenhow's. ***Tue 17th*** At ditto. Breakfasted & dined at Samuel Jessop's. Was at Meath Street Meeting in the forenoon. Went in the afternoon to Herald's Cross. Came back in the evening; supped & lodged at W.G.'s. ***Wed 18th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at William Greenhow's & dined at Jacob Ford's. He & John Robinson came down with me to John Hall's. Aaron Mickle met us there: staid about an hour. Took leave of my friends & came on board the *Resolution*, Captain Wilson; sailed about 5 p.m. ***Thu 19th*** At sea. Came over the bar about ½ past 5 p.m. Wind at west or W by S. At 8 the gale hardened. Double reeved both topsails & handed our mainsail. Was a breast of Duglas at 2 a.m.; lay too until 6; then bore away & got to Whitehaven about 4 p.m. All well. ***Fri 20th*** At Whitehaven. Shewed Joseph Barwise S. Beck's bill on him in my favour, which said he would pay when due. Lodged at Henry Piper's. Came away at 5 p.m.; got home before 9. All well. So ends this voyage. Got all the hay yesterday: about 50 cart loads. ***Sat 21st*** At home. Things in general in pretty good order. Corn looks well for a good crop. Cloudy weather & very little wind. Mercury 29.15.

Sun 22nd At Meeting in the forenoon, after which the Preparative Meeting was held. Mary Wilson from Dublin came home with me. Warm weather. Mercury ditto. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth: settled some accounts. To draw a purchase deed for William Woodvil. Moderate showry weather; wind south. 29. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting in the forenoon. Mary Wilson went to Bridge Foot from the meeting. Warm showry weather; wind south. Mercury 29. Got four loads of lime this day. ***Wed 25th*** Nothing Remarkable. Warm weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.75. ***Thu 26th*** Sent John Jackson to Whitehaven for my cloths, trunk &c. Settled with him & paid him in full. Moderate warm weather. ***Fri 27th*** Came to Cockermouth; employed about the books. Delivered several small books to David Mathews to bind. Richard Ramsey & Henry Allason's case to consider. ***Sat 28th*** At ditto. Settled & paid Wilfrid Clementson. Stated William Woodvill's case: he to acquaint T. Simpson & to give me an answer after the Assizes. Wife came for me home this evening.

Sun 29th At Meeting in the forenoon: read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. Differance on account of 30£ secured on mortgage on Colebeck tenement between Jonathan Wilkinson's wife & John Hudson's ditto. Not determined. Joseph King & Anne his wife came here this afternoon & stayed until the evening. Showry weather. Wind SSW. 29.2. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Allason & Richard Ramsey. Went to Robinson the attorney but could come to no conclusion. To meet

Joseph King & wife &c at Pardshow tomorrow afternoon. Fine weather; wind south. Mercury 29.25. ***Tue 31st*** Unwell. In the forenoon employed in reading & examining some accounts. Went along with wife to Pardshow in the afternoon. Joseph King & wife & Jonathan Harris & wife there. Fine warm weather; wind about SW. Mercury 29.3.

September 1756

Wed 1st Employed in looking over the Bristol accounts. John Jackson away yesterday & this day about his own affairs. Viewed the meadows: they look very well. This day took up some potatoes. Fine weather; mercury 29.2. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting in the forenoon. Jackson at coals. Leading the black peats in the afternoon. Warm weather; wind SSW. Mercury 29.15. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth with Peter Nicholson who lodged with me last night. With Robert Smithson about our affairs. Moist fogy weather with some rain; wind S. 29. ***Sat 4th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote to William Greenhow & John Robinson of Dublin; also to Mackintosh & Hunter of London requesting my account current. Was at John Foster's about the lads: to continue at same price this quarter. 29.5.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the forenoon. General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. Went with John Usher to the Hill in the afternoon. Showry weather but very little wind: northerly. Mercury 29. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. Was security for Jonathan Harris for £150 @ £4½ per cent. Bond dated July 12th 1756 to Joseph Fisher of East House in Embleton. Fine weather; wind north. Mercury 29.1. ***Tue 7th*** Had John Usher junior about rebuilding the porch & mending the houses. Hot weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. Wed 8th John Usher & John Scott here about the porch &c. Went with wife & son to Mary Head's, Brandlingill: dined there & returned in the evening. 29.25. ***Thu 9th*** This day had both Ushers & Scott. Nothing remarkable. Fine weather; wind northerly. 29.1 ***Fri 10th*** Came to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & P. Gibson about the Bristol afairs. Wet in the morning; wind NW. 29. ***Sat 11th*** At Whitehaven. Took out a licence for the ship *Thomas*, Captain Isaac Wood, for 20 packs of bay yarn from Dublin. Gave bond along with Captain Wood in treble the value, viz. £1200. Fine weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.25.

Sun 12th Was at Meeting in the morning. A stranger there from Lancashire: John Dixon. Was at Brandlingill in the afternoon; little Isaac with us. Moderate weather & cloudy. Mercury 29.25. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again about Dorothy Fletcher & Richard Taylor's affair: got nothing done. Moderate weather & cloudy with some showers of rain. Wind SSW. 29.2. ***Tue 14th*** At Cockermouth. Breakfasted at Jonathan Wilkinson's. Settling some accounts &c. Came to Eaglesfield about 1 p.m. to a timber rearing & came home in the evening. Cloudy weather with some rain. Wind SE. 28.8. ***Wed 15th*** Wrote to Christopher Devonshire requesting he would speak to John Coram to forward S. Beck's accounts to me, & I on the receipt of them would prepare answer &c. Fine weather; suny in the afternoon. Wind SE. Mercury 29. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting in the morning. Wrote

to Joseph Barcroft & Isaac Wood about the Irish yarn. 29.1. ***Fri 17th*** Sheering the Mosshead barley. Went in the afternoon to Brandlingill about letting Cleaty-bank land. Stay till late: no agreement. Fine weather; wind NE. ***Sat 18th*** Finishing the haymow. Got in two cart loads of barley out of Gulley in the afternoon. Cold cloudy weather; wind NE. 29.15.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the morning, after which the Preparative & Select Meeting was held. At Soskell in the afternoon. Fine harvest weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 20th*** At Cockermouth. Receipts & payments as on the other side.[13] Difference between John Hudson & Jonathan Wilkinson referred to William Ecklestone & myself, to be determined in a month. Fine weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 21st*** At ditto. Could not attend the Monthly Meeting on account of the Conviction (held this day at the George before Robert Lamplugh & Joshua Lucock): they laid 10s costs on every one without exception. Very fine weather; wind easterly. ***Wed 22nd*** At ditto: with William Lowther from Durnock, settled in North Carolina: expect to deal with him. Fine weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.15. ***Thu 23rd*** Got in some barley out of Moss head. Fine weather. ***Fri 24th*** Laying flours in the garden & got more barley in. Nothing remarkable. Fine weather; wind about SW. 29.1. Barley in Gully: 50 shocks; ditto in Moss head: 55 ditto. ***Sat 25th*** Employed in the garden in the forenoon. Had John Usher junior mending the houses. Very rainy in the afternoon; wind south. Mercury 29.1.

Sun 26th At Meeting in the morning. To go to Whitehaven tomorrow: the ship *Bristol* arrived in Whitehaven. Rainy weather; wind SSW. 29.1. ***Mon 27th*** Came forward to Whitehaven about 9 a.m. Dined at the inn. Went on board the *Bristol*. Sent for P. Gibson. Settled with Captain Birch & paid him in full. Fine weather; wind NW. 29.2. ***Tue 28th*** At Whitehaven. Agreed to take an inventory of the vessel & post her for sale. Peter Nicholson came home. Stayed about settling an affair between him & John Nixon: to be reffered to Edmund Gibson & John Tod. ***Wed 29th*** At ditto. Came from Whitehaven about 5 a.m. & got home a little past 8. Set forward to Carlisle about 10. Lodged at Wigton, the Queen's Head. Moderate weather. 29.1. ***Thu 30th*** At Carlisle. Attended the Quarter Meeting in the forenoon. Vote at Cockermouth. Hugh Tickel's lands & Birkar affair reffered to a comittee: John Harris & myself to examine into the case from the old records. Vote not to be sold.

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Fri 1st At ditto. Meeting in the morning after which the adjourned meeting was held. The vote: if belong to the Quarter Meeting not to be sold. A search to be made. Showry weather; mercury 29. ***Sat 2nd*** Employed in the garden & about the corn. Had the taylors & very heavy rain in the afternoon. Wind about SW. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 3rd At the Meeting in the morning. Went to Graysoothen on an arbitration between John Hudson & Jonathan Wilkinson. William Eckleston & self did not

agree, so chose John Harris umpire. He to award at or before the 15th next month. Stormy weather & blew very hard from SSW. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. Sir James Lowther has in all likelihood closed the burrough of this place by buying votes until he has got a majority. The hig[h]est was sold for 500£. The earl's agents not acting. Some suppose it treachery.[14] 28.6. ***Tue 5th*** Yesterday Sarah Hudson articled for her vote at Cockermouth for £10 10s in hand & £325 10s to be paid on perfecting a good title when her son William comes to age. Jonathan Hudson signed upon condition of receiving £36 if William receive the money or to pay £30 if he receive it to her. Showry 28.6 ***Wed 6th*** Sheering the Croft oats. Cold showry weather; wind about west. Got a cart load into the house. ***Thu 7th*** This morning from 12 until 4 had a violent storm of wind from the west. It tore up abundance of large trees by the roots, uncovered many houses, & did abundance of damage all over the country. Mercury 28.5. This day got all the Croft oats cutt: about 150 shocks. Extraordinary fine corn & lost but little in the shake. Many has suffered much that way last night. ***Fri 8th*** Yesterday had it blowing pretty strong from about NW with frequent showers of hail & rain. Was righting the corn for there was not one shock standing in all the neighbourhood. Got about 5 cart load. Pretty moderate all this day; cold northerly wind. 29.15. ***Sat 9th*** Went to Mossergate & got the great doors hung. Afternoon unroofed old backhouse. Very wet weather & a great wind from south. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 10th At Meeting in the morning. Got home about 2 p.m. Nothing remarkable. Cloudy weather but pretty moderate with some rain. Wind SSW. 28.8. ***Mon 11th*** At Cockermouth. Very wet weather. 28.6. ***Tue 12th*** This day Sir James Lowther entered upon Clifton colliery which he lately purchased of the Widow Salkeld of Whitehall. Great showers of rain; wind about west. 28.3. ***Wed 13th*** Had John Usher junior mending the houses. Very cold weather & a strong west wind with showers of rain. Corn continueth very wet; some to shear. 28.5. ***Thu 14th*** Should have had eight carts for slate this day, but the weather was so very wet that they referred it until tomorrow. A great flood in the afternoon; wind south. 28.3. ***Fri 15th*** Got 8 cart load of slate this day from Watson & Grundel. Showry weather but pretty warm & moderate; wind about south. 28.4. ***Sat 16th*** At Cockermouth about posting the books. This day an account that the Prussians had gained a victory over the Austrians. Moderate weather with some showers of rain; wind east. 28.7. This day got all the oats shorn. Quantity in the Croft: 150; Bank: 70. In all about 220 shocks oats.

Sun 17th At Meeting in the forenoon after which the Preparative Meeting was held. In the afternoon examined the Monthly Meeting books about Birkar lands. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Egermont this morning to the court. Paid John Benson for Joseph Fawcett Mozer free rent 16s 2d. Wet showry weather in the morning; pretty fair after. Wind easterly. 28.8. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting in the forenoon. Got in two cart loads of oats in the afternoon. Captain Gibson sent Thomas Cook with a letter advising he had sold the *Bristol* to Captain Daniel Bains for £440. ***Wed 20th*** Had wrights, a waller & slaters at work. Wet weather in the forenoon; after pretty fair. Wind southerly. 28.9. ***Thu 21st*** Had wrights & slaiters. Was this day employ among the corn. Got all the corn housed. Received a

letter from Christopher Devonshire. 29. ***Fri 22nd*** Ditto. This day caryed from home to Mossergate 8 cart loads of old slate. Moderate weather; wind easterly. 29.1. ***Sat 23rd*** Got two cart loads of Ewcrag slate from Church Stile in Loweswater. At Mossergate about slaters &c. Fine weather; wind ditto. 29.4.

Sun 24th At Meeting in the morning. In the afternoon examining the Monthly Meeting old book about Birker land. Also the case sent me by Joseph Wilkinson of Abbey-holm. Moderate cloudy weather; wind ditto. 29.5. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Signed the bill of sale of the *Bristol* to Isaac Binsley. Received his bond & Richard Parker's for £440, the 1st payment the 20th January; the 2nd the 20th April next. P. Gibson received 10 guineas in hand. 29.5. ***Tue 26th*** Had 3 slaters & a wright at Mossergate: mostly there attending them. A strong east wind; cloudy & very cold. 29.4. ***Wed 27th*** Had two slaters at ditto. Nothing remarkable. Very fine moderate weather & a cold east wind. 29.5. ***Thu 28th*** Finishing out the work at Mossergate & slating the penthouse at Underwood. Fine weather; wind SE. 29.6. ***Fri 29th*** At Cockermouth. Writing the draft of a letter for Christopher Devonshire in answer to S. Beck's charges. With George Bleamire & William Thompson at Globe. Wind Westerly. 29.4. ***Sat 30th*** At ditto. Wrote to Richard Nall. Sent his account & inclosed a bill. Came home with Jacob Nicholson. Some rain in night; moderate. 29.2.

Sun 31st At Meeting in the morning. At home after, looking over the Monthly Meeting book about Birker land. Found nothing. Moderate weather & little wind. 29.1.

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Mon 1st At Cockermouth. Bought of William Thompson 2 stone of fine wool @ 13s. Sent ditto to Abraham Audland to comb. Moderate weather. 29.3. ***Tue 2nd*** At ditto. Settling Jonathan Harris' book & with Thomas Smith. John Gill came about getting a deed of part[ition] between Joseph Lancaster & wife but had not time to do it. Some rain; wind southerly. ***Wed 3rd*** At ditto. Bought 4 bushels malt of William Thompson @ 10s 6d. Settled with Mary Potter & agreed for the next year from the 1st inst. per contract. Fine moderate weather with showers; wind southerly. Mercury 28.9. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting in forenoon. Jonathan Harris & his man, the bleacher, came in the afternoon. Viewed the ground &c. Moderate weather; wind south. Mercury 29.1. ***Fri 5th*** Employed writing a letter to Christopher Devonshire on account of the arbitration between S. Beck & self about brewry. Very cold rainy weather; wind SSW. 28.9. ***Sat 6th*** Had two wallers at Mossergate filling up the slate ends and rough tabling the same. Very cold north wind & blew very fresh. 29.2.

Sun 7th At Meeting in morning. After finished my letter to Christopher Devonshire. Also wrote to P. Nicholson in Leeds & inclosed R. Wilbraham's opinion. Very hard frost; wind northerly. 29.5. ***Mon 8th*** At Cockermouth. A rude & lawless mob rose at Seaton, Ellenfoot & seazed a quantity butter, hams &c. said to be the property of John Skelton of London bound to that place, about 200£ value.

They will likely be shortly brought to justice. 29.5. ***Tue 9th*** At smithey. Got a new hack made: it weighed 9 lb. Cold weather & hard frost; wind north. 29.4. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Craggend. Nothing remarkable. Frosty weather; wind east. 29.4. ***Thu 11th*** Sett forward this morning to Allonby & Beckfoot upon an arbitration between Joseph Wilkinson & John Saul of Beckfoot in Holm Cultrum. John Beeby of Allonby, merchant, & myself, arbitrators. Met & examined several evidences. Agreed to take a la[w]yer's opinion. Hard frost. ***Fri 12th*** At Blitter Leas. Lodged last night at Mary Wilkinson's. Came away at 10 a clock & dined at Allonby. Got to Cockermouth about 5 p.m. & lodged there. Frosty weather; wind SE. ***Sat 13th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote to William Skyrin about some bills & requested his answer. Sold Robert Dixon a parcel of goods. Fine weather; wind SSW. Mercury 29.1.

Sun 14th At Meeting in the morning. John Gill & wife & John Robinson & wife came & stayed the afternoon. Moderate weather; wind westerly. 29.1. ***Mon 15th*** At Cockermouth. Moderate weather; some showers. 28.9. ***Tue 16th*** At mill this day. Drew a case for Lawyer Hudleston's oppinion. Also a letter for William Skyrin inclosing my drafts on John Bell. Wet, rainy weather. 28.5. ***Wed 17th*** Looking over the Monthly Meeting book about Birker lands which I finished with some remarks. Rainy weather; wind NE. 28.5. ***Thu 18th*** Frosty weather; wind east. 29. ***Fri 19th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Hard frost; wind east. 29.1. ***Sat 20th*** At Cockermouth. Drew a bond between Joseph Stagg & William Lawrance & Nicholas Beeby on account of his mariage with Isabel Saul. Penalty £30; conditioned to make a will of household goods per schedule.

Sun 21st Went to Meeting in the morning, after which the Preparative Meeting was held. At Pardshow in the afternoon. Cold weather with showers of snow. 29.3. ***Mon 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Received John Crockett's letter inclosing the ship's register &c. To send him 18s for 1 cwt. of beef which he omitted charging. Very cold weather: hard frost & earth covered with snow. Wind easterly. 29. ***Tue 23rd*** Was at Monthly Meeting in the forenoon. Visitors under appointment met after, but nothing agreed on to satisfaction. Sharp frost; wind easterly. ***Wed 24th*** Had two wrights making a coop barrow & making & mending gates. Sharp frost. 29.2. ***Thu 25th*** At Todall yesterday evening about the sale of Jonathan Dixon's oak wood. It was struck to Joseph Dawson for £149 19s & he paid one guinea earnest money. Article to be made against the 8 next month. Frost; wind southerly. 29. ***Fri 26th*** Preparing a letter for John Robinson in answer to his two last of the 7th of this & 7th of last month about P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] appeal &c. A very rainy day; wind SW. Mercury [*sic*]. ***Sat 27th*** Sharp frost; wind NE. 29.3.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Went in the afternoon to Thomas Wilson's along with wife; stayed till near 9 p.m. Fogy weather with some rain; wind south. 29.5. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote to John Beeby of Allonby & inclosed Lawyer Hudleston's opinion about Wilkinson & Saul's case. Desired him to meet me here this day week. Wet fogy weather; wind SSW. Mercury 29.6. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. Finished my letter to John Robinson & sent it by John Nixon. This day the mob consisting of colliers &c. rose at Whitehaven. They searched several cellers & warehouses for butter &c. Got about 60 firkins. Wet weather; wind south.

December 1756

Wed 1st At ditto. Settled some accounts in factory. Agreed with D. Mathews for Stackhouse's "Sacred History" in exchange for some other books. Cloudy weather. 29.5. ***Thu 2nd*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Cloudy weather with some rain; wind southerly. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Inerdale [*Ennerdale*] Bridge & bought a cow of John Jenkinson. She is to calve at Old Newyear's Day. Was at Low Leyes. Weather as above. 29.4. ***Sat 4th*** With John Usher about laying on the riggins on the byer &c. Very moderate weather; wind northerly.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the forenoon. Went to Eaglesfield along with wife & John Robinson & wife. Stayed till near 10 p.m. Cold weather & some snow; wind easterly. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. With Beeby &c & concluded on the award: Saul to pay Wilkinson 15s damages & to pay each half charges. Cold weather & frost. 29.3. ***Tue 7th*** At ditto. Drew the award & sent it & lawyer's opinion inclosed in a letter to John Beeby by Francis Stamper. ***Wed 8th*** With Joseph Dawson about valuing J. Harris' wood. Made a note between Jonathan Dixon & Joseph Dawson for wood in High-how & Gill Croft for £148 18s to be paid on the 25th March 1758. Sharp frost; wind easterly. 29.7. ***Thu 9th*** About hanging Gully gate &c. Perusing Stackhouse's "History of the Bible". Moderate weather; wind ditto. 29.5. ***Fri 10th*** About clearing out the ground where the old porch stood. Rudled the rubidge for sand. Weather the same; wind southerly. 29.3. ***Sat 11th*** At Cockermouth entering some accounts. Nothing remarkable. A strong SE wind; little frost.

Sun 12th At Meeting in the morning. Account came that yesterday about 20 of the mob was taken at Ellonfoot & sent to the goal at Carlisle. Moderate weather; wind about SSE. 29.1. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth, Writing out and entering Thomas Simpson's bill of parcels to go to Whitehaven on 4th day. Moderate weather; wind SSE. 29.1. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto. Am owing Jonathan Harris as by an account fixt with his wife about a check web made jointly among them 10s 7d. Wrote to Joseph Barcroft, Dublin. Rainy weather; wind southerly. 28.9. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Whitehaven: gave P. Gibson my letter to Joseph Barcroft to send first opportunity. A hard gale of wind from SSE to SW. Very wet night. 28.7. ***Thu 16th*** Came home about 8 p.m. Wind south. ***Fri 17th*** James Porter got a very bad hurt by a fall from his horse; brake a rib in his side & much bruised. Very stormy weather; wind about SSW. 28.6. ***Sat 18th*** Nothing remarkable. Rainy thick cloudy weather; wind ditto.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the morning. At home in the afternoon. Dark cloudy weather with frequent showers. Preparative Meeting held. 28.7. ***Mon 20th*** A very stormy day & a hard gale of wind from the SSW. 28.9. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting in the morning. Cloudy weather with some rain. 29. ***Wed 22nd*** In the forenoon about killing the swine; it proved very well. Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. P. Nicholson there. Agreed to send John Coram's note to Mathias Gale. Fine weather; wind southerly. 29.3. ***Thu 23rd*** At Cockermouth. The constables of this place had taken two men last night according to the late warrants for his Majesty's service & 5 before. Moderate weather; wind easterly. ***Fri 24th*** At ditto. Frosty weather; wind easterly. 29.5.

Sun 26th At Meeting in the morning. Peter Gibson here. He killed a brace of moor fowl at one shot. Sharp frost; wind east. 29.4. ***Mon 27th*** Servants both at home. Nothing remarkable. Frosty weather; wind southerly. 29.3. ***Tue 28th*** Came to Cockermouth to the marriage of Joseph Stagg & Isabel Saul. Read the certificate. Frosty weather & a great ragg. ***Wed 29th*** At Cockermouth. Settled with Edmund Pearson. Sett forward to Wigton to the Quarter Meeting. Got there about 5 p.m. Hard frost but very foggy; little wind. ***Thu 30th*** At Wigton. Attended the Meeting of Discipline & answered as representative. Also attended the comittee & Select Meeting. All to pretty general satisfaction. ***Fri 31st*** At Wigton. At the Meeting for Worship which was large & pretty well. Came to Cockermouth in the evening. Moderate weather & thow; little wind. 29.5.

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January 1757

Sat 1st Bought of Thomas Robertson a gray horse gone 6 years old about last May. Went to Low Leys about the horse. Came home in the night. Hard frost; wind SE.

Sun 2nd Was at Meeting in the morning. Tabitha Chandler here. Frost: wind E. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. A strong east wind: very cold weather & sharp frost. Mercury 29.1. ***Tue 4th*** At ditto. Joshua Lucock, a justice, & John Langton & Thomas Lawson, commissioners of the land tax, met at the George in Cockermouth & all the constables &c of the neighbouring parishes & townships & did by virtue of a warrant for that purpose take up & impress several persons such as had been concerned in the late riot, or mobb, fishers, hunters or any other unlawfull & disorderly persons to be examined by the said justice & commissioners also. The constables were so officious as to take some hired servants & even travilers upon the road. They have 20s allowed for every person so taken & allowed of by said justice & commissioners; but very few were taken out of the great number carryed in. Came home in the evening. Weather & wind as above. mercury 29.5. ***Wed 5th*** Wind & weather ditto. Joseph Constantine came here last night. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the morning. ***Fri 7th*** Severe frost; wind east. Mercury 29.5. ***Sat 8th*** John Usher & John Scott quarying for J.H.[*Jonathan Harris?*]. Wind & weather ditto. Mercury 29.4.

Sun 9th At Meeting in morning. John Nutt & wife here in the afternoon. Mercury 29. ***Mon 10th*** At Cockermouth. Moderate weather with some rain & sleet. Wind south; mercury 28.8. Bought of Robert Dixon 5 yards of cotton ribb with linings & trim[ming]s for son John a coat. To be placed to my account 14s 7d. ***Tue 11th*** Weather ditto; wind easterly. ***Wed 12th*** Frost set in again: cold but moderate. ***Thu 13th*** Very cold weather; continued frost; wind NE. Mercury 28.4. At the Quarter Sessions which was held on the 12th & 13th inst. Joseph Reay here on the account of the Sessions. We looked over some of the factory accounts. Joseph Steel, one of our apprentices, went away from us on 4th day morning. We suppose he is gone away with the souldiers. Wrote to Whitehaven, Carlisle & Wigton to enquire for him. Captain Clayton says he has no such boy listed; the serjeant at Whitehaven. ***Fri 14th*** Cold cloudy weather with showers of snow. Wind ditto. [In the] night the town met at Joseph Fawcet's, the overseer having called a vestry on account of Jonathan Fisher's wife & 3 children. John Fisher, on behalf the grandmother, agreed to give them ment[enance] for one year. ***Sat 15th*** Continued frost; wind NE. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 16th Was at Meeting in the morning; afterwards the Preparative Meeting held. Frost & snow; wind SE. 29. ***Mon 17th*** A great snow & a hard gale of wind from SSE & south. Mercury 28.6. ***Tue 18th*** P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] came last night; went

away this morning. At Monthly Meeting. Mercury 28.5. In the evening & night a very hard gale of wind from the west & WSW with a flood of rain, the melting of the snow which was pretty thick swelled the rivulets & made them overflow in many places. To meet at Broughton about the visit of families & also about a differance between Isaac Spencer & Isaac Hall on 3rd day next, being the 25th current. ***Wed 19th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven about 1 p.m. A hard gale of wind; westerly. Mercury 28.3. The *Nicholas*, snow, from Jamaica, Captain Robert Ginins, was put into Whitehaven by stress of weather being too late in the tide, came aground a little without the old quay end & between 11 & 12 this night beat up with the sea & was entirely lost. She was loaden with sugar, rum, cotton, pimento &c. but very little saved either of the ship or cargo. Loss £4000. A Scotch brig at same time got into the new quay & was saved that tide but sunk the next. ***Thu 20th*** At Whitehaven. Came home about 10 p.m. Cold weather with frequent showers of snow mixt with hail; wind northerly. Mercury 28.8. ***Fri 21st*** Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; rain in the afternoon; wind southerly. Mercury 28.6. ***Sat 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Very sharp frost.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. Very cold & a thick snow in the afternoon; wind easterly. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 24th*** At home in the forenoon; after went to Cockermouth. Rainy weather; wind south. Mercury 28.7. ***Tue 25th*** At Cockermouth. Cold weather with frequent showers of snow. Wind westerly. Went with Sarah Hudson to Broughton. Met John Harris, Peter Hudson & Isaac Piper about a differance between Isaac Hall & Isaac Spencer. Got them to referr & sign a submission note to stand the award of John Harris, Isaac Fletcher, Isaac Piper and Abraham Fletcher; the award to be in writing & to be given in at or before the 25th of March next. After which, met in the meeting house at Broughton about the visiting of families in order to remove some objections about the present method gone into by some. They declared it was in pursuance of the Monthly Meeting's appointment & with no other view, but am afraid something of the old botom is still remaining. Agreed to meet again at Broughton on 4th day next week & on 3rd day about difference. ***Wed 26th*** At ditto. At the weding & read the certificate for G. Bell and Deborah Stagg. Cold weather & frost. Wife & two sons here. ***Thu 27th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. A thick snow & sharp frost; wind easterly. ***Fri 28th*** At Whitehaven. Settled the 1st payment for ship with Captain Binsley & also with P. Gibson. Hard frost & snow. ***Sat 29th*** At ditto. Came home to Cockermouth in the evening. Very hard weather.

Sun 30th At Cockermouth. At Meeting in the morning. Came home with familey in the afternoon. Hard frost; wind easterly. 29.3. To go to Hundey foot as soon as I can to settle Daniel Wilson's affairs. ***Mon 31st*** Severe frost & thick snow; wind easterly. Mercury 29.5.

February 1757

Tue 1st Man fetching lime. Weather & wind same. ***Wed 2nd*** Nothing remarkable. Account came that the court martial had sentenced Admiral Bing to be shot

according to the 12th Article of War for neglect of duty, but as it appeared to be neither cowardice nor disaffection to his Majesty they recommended him to the King's mercy. ***Thu 3rd*** Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Very sharp frost; wind east. 29.4. ***Fri 4th*** At Cockermouth. Cloudy weather with snow; very cold. Wind variable. 28.7. ***Sat 5th*** Stormy weather; the frost broke last night. Wind southerly; mercury 28.6. Received from P. Nicholson R. Wilbraham's opinion for John Robinson. He also says that he has delivered the papers & letters which I gave him to William Skyrin about the Bristol affairs.

Sun 6th A great storm of wind & rain from the south. Got not to Meeting. 28.5. ***Mon 7th*** Very wet weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.4. ***Tue 8th*** Came to Cockermouth. Rainy in the forenoon; sharp frost in the night. ***Wed 9th*** At Cockermouth. Frosty weather; wind NE. Took down three frames, viz. a 30, 23 & 16 & sent them to Whitehaven according to our contract with Joseph Heathcoate. John Dent & Christopher Robinson to go along with them. ***Thu 10th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 11th*** At home. Fine weather; a llittle [*sic*] frost in the night. Wind SSW. Mercury 29.4. The general fast by the King's proclamation keept this day by the established church & all the Dessenters in general, the Quakers excepted on account of their principle, to pray for success of his Majestie's arms by sea & land against the French, our declared enemies. ***Sat 12th*** Wind & weather the same. 29.6.

Sun 13th At Meeting in the morning, the Preparative Meeting after. Rainy & a strong westerly wind. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Showry weather; wind westerly. 29.4. ***Tue 15th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Moist cloudy weather. 29.5. Sold Birkar lands to Jonathan Hartley for £45, the purchase money to be paid on the 2nd February 1758; the purchaser to give sufficient security at next court before he be admitted tenant; & Peter Pearson, the present tenant in trust, to surrender the premises and give up the writings to the said purchaser at same time.[15] ***Wed 16th*** Went to Broughton about an arbitration between I. Hall & I. Spencer. Agreed that the field called Glutton Acre should be measured & sett off in 3 equal shares, viz. Isaac Spencer's 1st 3[r]d to be sett of on the west side; Isaac Hall's 3[r]d the next in the middle & I.S. other 3[r]d on the east or remainder; but the parties agreed afterwards that I. Spencer's dale on the west should be measured & the same quantity of ground sett off to I. Hall adjoining in the midle. Cold weather with rain & a strong westerly wind. ***Thu 17th*** Went to Whinfell hall & Thackthwaite along with H. Harris, Elizabeth Whinney & John Wilson upon a visit. Fine weather. 29.5. ***Fri 18th*** Nothing remarkable. A strong southerly wind with some rain. 29.3. ***Sat 19th*** Stormy weather; fair & more moderate in the afternoon.

Sun 20th Went to the Meeting in the forenoon. A hard gale of wind from the SSW but little rain. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Rainy weather; wind south. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 22nd*** At ditto. Showry weather. Nothing remarkable in this week's occurances. ***Wed 23rd*** Posting up the accounts in the company leidger & finished the same. Wind south; mercury 28.7. ***Thu 24th*** A very hard gale of wind & a heavy rain from the south. At Meeting. 28.9. ***Fri 25th*** Met John Harris & wife & Elizabeth Whinney at Pardshow. Came home & went with them to Hill upon

a visit. A hard gale of wind & rain; south. 28.6. Jane Harris has received a letter from Christopher Wilson dated Philadelphia the 5th of 12th month last in which amongst other things [he] gives an account of their treaty with the Indians & the different sentiments of Friends with regard to the sum of money granted by the province for the use of the King but applyed by the government to the use of the war, paying for scalps &c. Some warm debates upon that affair some Friends would not pay but were distrained upon for the same. It appears to be of the nature with the land tax in England. Desires that I will write to him with an account how we go on here &c.[16] ***Sat 26th*** Nothing remarkable. Wet weather; wind south. 29.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. Fine weather; wind SSW. 29.5. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Our Friend Abraham Farington from the Jerseys in Pensilvania & Joseph Harrwood from Manchester, his companion, at Cockermouth in a visit to this county. They design to be at Pardshow Meeting on first day. The American is an old man near 70 & a relation of John Churchman's. Showry weather & rivers very full. Wind SSW. Mercury 29.3.

March 1757

Tue 1st Pretty moderate & fair weather; wind westerly. 29.5. Went along with H. Harris, John Wilson & Anthony Saul through Mosser & Soskell in a visit of the families of Friends. Pretty satisfactory. ***Wed 2nd*** Cloudy weather but pretty moderate. Wind SW. 29.4. With ditto & John Grayson visiting some families in Loweswater. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting in the morning. At Blearbank in afternoon. Showry weather; wind ditto. Mercury 29.1. ***Fri 4th*** Very cold weather with showers of snow; wind NW. 29.4. ***Sat 5th*** Very severe frost; blew pretty fresh from NW. 29.5.

Sun 6th At Meeting a.m. Abraham Farrington and Joseph Harwood there. Sharp frost; wind N. 29.7. N.B. John Jackson has been away since last payment 4 days, so am owing him for 20 days. Gave Peter Gibson my note for £35 15s 10d, his share of the *Bristol*. To pay when I receive it from Captain Binsley. ***Mon 7th*** At Cockermouth. Moderate weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 8th*** Cold showry weather; wind ditto. 29. ***Wed 9th*** Snowy weather. Had John Usher setting furnace pot. 28.7. ***Thu 10th*** Pretty moderate weather with some rain. John Usher setting grate &c. ***Fri 11th*** Moderate weather; wind westerly. Leading manure into garden. Mercury 29.3. Joseph Robinson, son of Sarah Robinson of Greysothen was buried. It is generally believed that he died from a potion of his own preparing, viz. iron ore, sut & mercury mixt together. He was lunatic & took the above as he thought to be an antidote against poison which he imagined was given him with a view to take away his life. ***Sat 12th*** Ploughed the new garden in the forenoon. In the after very rainy.

Sun 13th At Meeting in the a.m. Rainy weather; wind westerly. 29. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Showery weather; wind NW. Mercury 28.7. This day Sarah Allason, daughter of John Allason of Cragend, was thrown from her horse in going to

Cockermouth and dislocated her shoulder. Got it put in again & she is likely to do well. ***Tue 15th*** A great storm of wind & snow mixt with rain; wind easterly. Mercury 28.3. Received of Isaac Fearon from Richard Taylor 10s, which I sent by William Pearson to Dorothy Fletcher according to the award. ***Wed 16th*** At Cockermouth. With Alice Hall, Elizabeth Whinney & Jonathan Harris upon a visit to Friends. Very cold; hills covered with snow. Wind NE. Mercury 29.2. ***Thu 17th*** Ploughing in the Croft. Hard frost in the morning; pretty moderate after. Wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Fri 18th*** At Cockermouth. Rainy weather in the forenoon but fair & pretty moderate in the after. Wind southerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Sat 19th*** Sett 8 gallons of beans & a part of the peas in new garden in the forenoon. Ploughing ley in High Whinney in the after. Showry weather. Got cash for the above bill [*for £75, drawn on Mathias Gale*] of Richard Radcliffe. Sent £75 9s 6d to Whitehaven by Isaac Smithson to pay Joseph Glaister for Joseph Barcroft's drafts on him in favour of some of the masters of ships who paid J.B. the cash at Dublin for three packs of Irish yarn.

Sun 20th At Meeting in the forenoon, after which the Preparative & Select Meetings was held. Very cold weather; a hard gale from SSW. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Was concerned along with Charles Christian in an arbitration between Richard Allason & his mother in law Anne Spencer about the distribution of two legacies, viz: Elinor Allason of How makes her will & amongst other things leaves to John & Peter Spencer (two sons of Peter & Anne Spencer) a legacy of 15£, viz. to John 10£ & to Peter 5£, to be paid P.S. their father 12 months after her decease by Thomas Bell, her executor. P.S., the father, receives the legacies accordingly & dies. The two sons soon after both die before they come of age. P.S., the father, by the will to have the interest of said legacies during their minority. Query: to whom will the said legacies go? Answer: by the 1 James 2, c.17, the mother is to have an equal share with the two daughters, viz. each £5. Ended the arbitration. A great flood of rain. 28.9. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting: Abraham Farrington & Joseph Harrwood there & of good service. John Harris, Isaac Piper & self after the Monthly Meeting signed the award between Isaac Hall & Isaac Spencer. Cold weather; wind westerly. Got a pan from Clifton Furnace, 44 gallon wine measure: 2 cwt. @ 14s. Also a grate botom 38 lb. @ ditto. ***Wed 23rd*** A violent storm of wind & rain from the WSW which continued about 24 hours. It blew very hard most of the time with some loud claps of thunder about 2 in the morning & continued lightining most of the night. Very considerable damage is done in many places unroofing of houses & some blown down. Conciderable damage done to the shiping: a Liverpool guinea man, but last from the West Indies, lost upon the coast near Harrington back. All the hands lost but one boy: all found viz. 11 & all buried at Harrington church.[17] Mercury 28.4. ***Thu 24th*** At the plough. Cold weather with some showers of hail. Wind westerly. Mercury 28.5. ***Fri 25th*** Had John Usher setting the furnace pan. A great quantity of snow in the forenoon. Wind ditto. Mercury 28.7. ***Sat 26th*** At the plough. Cold weather; wind SW. Mercury 29.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. Abraham Farrington & Joseph Harrwood there again. Cold weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 28th*** Very rainy in the morning. At plough in the afternoon & finished ley. Wind westerly. Mercury

28.7. ***Tue 29th*** Went to Mossergate outfield & set of the hedges & agreed with William Allason about the exchange of the Brow dales on the Bankheads, viz. he is to have the end next Brambley as the same is now meered out & I am to have the other end which is conciderable more in q[u]antity, but I am to allow him for what I get more than my share in the Pasture, measure for measure. William Allason to make all the division hedge & I to make half next John Robinson & half next John Fisher's ground, about 60 yards in the whole on the bank top. The Pasture to be divided next year & I am to allow W.A. as above & each to have half of the Pasture new hedge. Moderate Weather. ***Wed 30th*** Sett forward a little before 8 a.m. for the Quarter Meeting at Carlisle along with wife & lodged a[t] Thomas Blamire's, New-town. Very wet in the morning; moderate after. ***Thu 31st*** At Carlisle. Attended all the meetings. Abraham Farrington & his companion there. He had very good service in these meetings. Pretty moderate but cold.

April 1757

Fri 1st At ditto. Came from New-town a little before 3 p.m. & got home about 11, very well. The meetings in general well conducted & pretty satisfactory. ***Sat 2nd*** Caryed wood to the new hedge on the Bank heads. Cold weather with showers of snow. Wind NW. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning. Thomas Wilson & wife & John Gill & wife dined & spent the afternoon. Moderate. 29. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. Settled with the men. Fine weather; wind northerly. Hills covered with snow. Mercury 29.4. To go to Cockermouth on the 15th inst. to receive some money of John Simpson for his son's, it being the Excise Day. ***Tue 5th*** Moderate & fare in the forenoon & wet in the afternoon. Wind SW. Mercury 29.5. Sold to Peter Sowrey the old spanged cow for £6 10s. To take her away this day week being the 12th inst. & to pay on delivery. ***Wed 6th*** New cow bulled. Wet weather; wind ditto. Had John Usher setting the pan better. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting in the morning. Very wet dirty weather & a backward season. Wind southerly. 29.3. ***Fri 8th*** Attended the burial of couzen Mary Branthwaite of Lamplugh. Moist weather with some rain. Sold two ash trees to John Rudd & William Wilson for £1 10s. To return 1s at payment which is to be in July next when said William is loose of his apprentiship from said Rudd. ***Sat 9th*** Leading sand from Joseph Mirehouse field: got 36 load. Fogy weather with some showers. A hard gale of wind p.m. from SW. 29.

Sun 10th Went to Meeting in the morning. Showry weather: a heavy rain last night. Wind SW. 28.6. ***Mon 11th*** Ploughing in the Croft. Pretty moderate weather; wind westerly. 28.5. ***Tue 12th*** Very wet the whole day; abundance of snow on the hills. Wind NE. Mercury very low: 27.8. ***Wed 13th*** Leading sand: got 36 loads. Stockiners here & also Thomas Williamson from Whitehaven. A heavy shower of rain about 2 p.m. Wind northerly. 28.5. ***Thu 14th*** Leading sand; got 36 loads. Finished the same; in all 108 load. Cold weather with showers of snow. Wind north; 29. ***Fri 15th*** At Cockermouth. Settling the books. Fine weather but cold with some showers. ***Sat 16th*** Settled with John Simpson on account of his son Thomas.

Egermont court yesterday & at Cockermouth this day. Desired [*Mathias Gale's*] opinion about the Bristol affairs.

Sun 17th At Meeting, after which Preparative Meeting was held. Fine weather. 29. ***Mon 18th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Pleasant weather; some snow upon the hills. Wind westerly. 29. Settled accounts with Jonathan Harris & gave mutual receipts to each other & he is owing me upon balance £2 9s 10d. Also hired for a servant Hannah Little for the summer half year for £1 7s 0d & gave her 1s earnest money in part. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Fine morning but very wet in the afternoon. Wind southerly. 29. ***Wed 20th*** Very rainy day; wind about SW. Mercury 28.8. ***Thu 21st*** Ploughing the remainder of the phallows in the Croft. Frequent showers of rain & cold. Wind northerly. 28.9. ***Fri 22nd*** Pretty moderate weather but cold. Wind NE. 29. Sew Far-Whinney ley with oats: quantity 5½ bushell. ***Sat 23rd*** Finished the ley. Wind & weather ditto. Hired John Jackson for the summer half year for £3 10s, he to find his own sythe for mowing the meadow &c. Gave him 1s earnest.

Sun 24th All the day wife at the burial of old Sarah Pearson at the Baptist meeting at Broughton.[18] Very wet weather. 28.9. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Wet in the morning but a warm pleasant day after. Wind westerly. 29. ***Tue 26th*** Came forward to the Yearly Meeting at Penrith with wife. Dined at Keswick & got in at a little past 4 p.m. Attended the Meeting of Ministers & Elders which begun at the 4 hour in the afternoon. Abraham Farrington & Joseph Harwood, Joshua Dixon, David Collison, William Backhouse, Lucy Bradley, Catherine Payton & several other eminent Friends, eminent in the ministery, were there. It was a very good & satisfactory meeting, suitable advice given & the states of many were spoke unto. Showry weather; wind southerly. ***Wed 27th*** At Penrith. Attended all the meetings. Attended our adjourned Quarterly Meeting held at 7 in the morning & also the two Meetings of Worship at 9 in the morning & 3 in the afternoon which was very large, pretty well conducted, & to pretty general satisfaction. Our Quarter Meeting again adjourned until this evening. Answer to the Yearly Meeting Queries signed & also from the Select Meeting. William Graham, Alexander Hoskins, John Harris & Isaac Mitchinson appointed representatives to the Yearly Meeting [in] London. Attended all the meetings which was to very good satisfaction & ended well. Pretty moderate weather with some showers of rain. Wind southerly. ***Thu 28th*** At ditto. At 7 this morning the Meeting for Conferance was held. Collected for the poor of Penrith £24 9s 2d.[19] Fine weather. ***Fri 29th*** At ditto. Came away about 10 this morning. Dined at Keswick & got home about 7 in the afternoon. All well. Wind westerly & some showers. ***Sat 30th*** Ploughed & sowed the Moss-head: quantity 7 pecks. Showry weather. Mercury 29.

May 1757

Sun 1st Attended the General Meeting at Cockermouth. Catherine Payton & Lucey Bradley there. Fine weather; wind SW. 29.1. ***Mon 2nd*** At Cockermouth. Very fine spring weather. Wind westerly. Mercury 29.2. Thomas Wood of Pardshowhall and

Dorothy Curwen daughter of Isaac Curwen, farmer to said Thomas, was marryed. ***Tue 3rd*** Ploughing in the Croft for potatoes. Fine weather. 29.3. Pegy Seymor, my servant girl, went home from her service on account of being lame of an anckle. It wanted a month of Whitsuntide for which she allowed 4s 8d. Paid her the remainder of her half year's wage as on the other side {£1 3s 4d}. Also Sarah Bell came the afternoon of the same day to stay with me until Whitsuntide. ***Wed 4th*** Leading manure & planting potatoes. Weather ditto; wind NE. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 5th*** Finished the potatoes & planted in all 11 pecks. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 6th*** Leading manure in the forenoon; ploughing in the afternoon & sew a yoaking of barley. Fine weather. 29.4. ***Sat 7th*** Had Edward Jones working in the garden. Went in the evening to Cragend. Stayed all night: Sally dangerously ill. 29.3.

Sun 8th At Cragend. Came home about 12 & sett forward to Whitehaven about 2 p.m. Very fine weather; wind west. 29. ***Mon 9th*** At Whitehaven. Settled with Captain Isaac Binsley as per account. Moderate cloudy weather; wind southerly. 29. ***Tue 10th*** Leading manure into the Croft. A warm shower in the morning; moderate after. Wind easterly. 28.9. ***Wed 11th*** Near finished the Croft with manure. Very hot weather & suny: in the evening a heavy rain but very warm. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting in the morning. At Cragend in the afternoon: Sally no better. Wet weather; wind SSW. Mercury 28.8. Paid Esther Allason her money in full & received my note of hand for £40 dated March 25th 1752. ***Fri 13th*** At Cockermouth. Peter Nicholson here. Showry weather; wind southerly. 28.7. ***Sat 14th*** Yesterday the Comissary Court was held here. Showry weather; wind ditto.

Sun 15th At Meeting in the morning. Showry weather. Mercury 28.9. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Moderate weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29. Drew a power of attorney from Jonathan Harris & William Harris to Christopher Wilson to collect some debts of the executors or administrators of David Hull, late of Kent County, Maryland, & also an affidavit to prove the same attested by Joseph Dixon, bailiffe of the borrough of Cockermouth with the borrough's seal. ***Tue 17th*** At ditto. Sew all the barley in the Croft; quantity 3 bushels. Moderate weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.1. ***Wed 18th*** Nothing remarkable. Moderate close weather. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting in the morning. Writing to Christopher Wilson. 29.2. ***Fri 20th*** Weeding out the garden. Cloudy weather but cold. Wind westerly. ***Sat 21st*** Had John Jenkinson & apprentice felling oak trees. Moderate weather.

Sun 22nd At Meeting in the morning. Preparative Meeting held after. Cloudy weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 23rd*** At Cockermouth. Wet in the forenoon but fair & moderate after. Wind NE & cold. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. John Jenkinson & Joseph Stud[dar]t here making a new cart. Moderate weather: wind northerly. ***Wed 25th*** Had John Jenkinson & John Bell felling wood for J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] & self. Wind & weather ditto. ***Thu 26th*** Went in the afternoon to see Sarah Allason: the fever seems not yet to have left her. This the 27 day & little or no turn for the better. ***Fri 27th*** John Jenkinson here leading wood & getting ditto down out of the gill. Moderate weather; wind southerly. 29.1. Received a letter from John Bell advising he had accepted my draft on him in favour of Wilson & Nixon for £120. The said letter inclosed the

"Gazette" extraordinary of the 20th May last giving account of an express arrived from Col. York, his Majesty's Plenipotentiary at the Hague with an account of the great victory obtained by the King of Prussia over the combined forces of the house of Austria on the 6th inst. near Prague & that said city was taken on the 8th, sword in hand. ***Sat 28th*** Wet in the forenoon. Got 6 cart loads of quoins from the Crag in the afternoon. Warm weather. 29.

Sun 29th At Meeting in the forenoon. ***Mon 30th*** At Cockermouth. Whitsun fair this day. Hannah Little, new servant, came this evening. Pretty moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.9. ***Tue 31st*** Nothing remarkable. Cloudy weather; wind northerly. 28.8.

June 1757

Wed 1st Wallers & wrights here. A very heavy rain in the afternoon. Wind NE. Bought of James Postlethwaite 17 oak trees marked I.F. from 1 to 17. ***Thu 2nd*** 3 wallers & 2 wrights. Fine weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Fri 3rd*** 3 wallers & 3 wrights the forenoon. John Jenkinson the whole day. Fine weather; wind NE. 29.3. ***Sat 4th*** At Cockermouth. 5 wallers this day. Wilfrid away in the afternoon. Wind & weather ditto. 29.4.

Sun 5th At our General Meeting held here. Robert Harvey, a Friend from Scotland, here. Wind & weather ditto. 29.3. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.3. Remember to settle and pay Mary Potter for the 3 lads' quarter board this day week, viz. we pay her after the rate of £5 17s a year. ***Tue 7th*** Isaac Blak & John Jenkinson measuring the timber: quantity 74 feet. ***Wed 8th*** Had neighbours leading slate, in all 26 cart load. Cloudy weather; wind northerly. ***Thu 9th*** Had 4 wrights & Richard Jackson – took slate of barn. Warm weather & sultry; wind NE. 29.4. ***Fri 10th*** At Cockermouth. Very fine weather. Settled & paid Mary Potter in full for board. ***Sat 11th*** Leading lime from Crag. Robert Barwise got 14 load. Cloudy weather. Put my letter into the Post Office for Christopher Wilson directed to John Hunt, merchant in London.

Sun 12th At Meeting in the a.m. John Irving there in a visit to this county. Hot weather. 29.5. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth. Hot weather but cloudy in the afternoon; wind westerly. 29.5. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto. At Meeting: John Irving there & gone to Issel in the afternoon. Fine weather. ***Wed 15th*** Leading lime. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting. Hot weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 17th*** 4 wallers this day. Got 52 load lime from Robert Barwise. 29.2. ***Sat 18th*** 6 wallers & 1 mason. Hot weather but cloudy; wind westerly. 29.2.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the a.m. Preparative Meeting was held. Very wet day; wind SSW. Mercury 29. ***Mon 20th*** At Cockermouth. 1 wright & 2 masons the whole day & 4 wallers a part of ditto. Showery weather. 29. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Fine weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 22nd*** 2 wallers a part of day. Very wet in the afternoon. Wind southerly. 29.1. ***Thu 23rd*** 2 wallers this day. Very hot weather;

wind westerly. 29.3. ***Fri 24th*** 2 wallers & 2 wrights. Very hot; wind ditto. Mercury 29.4. ***Sat 25th*** 2 wallers & 2 wrights. Very hot weather; wind SW. 29.4.

Sun 26th At Meeting. John Carter & Anne Richardson married here this day. Hot weather. Robert Briggs, now living at Allondale, by trade a dyer but redused at Kendal on the beginning of the year 1737 on account of paying his father's debts &c. He came to Cockermouth on the 29th 3rd month 1737 & hired with Thomas Potter for a year & entered his service on the 1st 4th month following & stayed at Cockermouth about 22 weeks. He brought no certificate nor ever collected nor was put into any office in the church with us & was insolvent when he came. His settlement was at Kendal when he came to us & he has gained none since amongst us. Quere his settlement. ***Mon 27th*** At Cockermouth. 6 wallers & 3 wrights. Cloudy sultry weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 28th*** 6 wallers & 3 wrights. Fine weather; wind northerly. 29. ***Wed 29th*** 6 wallers & 3 wrights. Moderate cloudy weather. ***Thu 30th*** 6 wallers & 3 wrights. Sett forward to Coldbeck to the Quarter Meeting along with John Burnyeat at 6 this morning. Hot weather.

July 1757

Fri 1st At Coldbeck. 4 wallers & 3 wrights. Attended all the meetings which were in general pretty well conducted & satisfactory. Very wet weather; wind southerly. ***Sat 2nd*** At home. 6 wallers & 3 wrights. A strong west wind & cold & cloudy weather. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning. Cold windy weather with some rain. 29. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. Pretty moderate weather & not much sun; wind a fresh gale southerly. 29.1. Received John Bell's account current with me which I am to examine & write him accordingly. Was taken very ill at Cockermouth; got bled & took some physick. Was better in the evening & came home. ***Tue 5th*** Nothing remarkable. Wind & weather as above. ***Wed 6th*** 4 wallers. A fresh gale of wind westerly with small rain in the p.m. Mercury 29.1. ***Thu 7th*** 6 wallers & 2 wrights. Suny weather & a fine wind SW. 29.2. ***Fri 8th*** 6 wallers & 1 wright. Hot weather 29.3. ***Sat 9th*** 6 wallers. Very hot weather; wind northerly. 29.3.

Sun 10th At Meeting in the morning. Extreem hot weather. 29.4. ***Mon 11th*** At Whitehaven. 5 wallers. Bought of John Lewthwaite 1 log firr timber 64 ft. @ 1s 4d. Extreem hot. 29.3. ***Tue 12th*** 5 wallers at home. Came home about 6 this afternoon. Extreem hot & little or no wind. 29.3. ***Wed 13th*** 6 wallers & 4 wrights. Raised the timber of the stable, barn & byar, in all 8 lengths about 24 yards. Extream hot; no wind. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Paid John Usher &c. in full for walling.[20] Extreem hot weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Fri 15th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather same but cloudy. Mercury 29. ***Sat 16th*** Thunder & much force in the night; sultry, hot & showry.

Sun 17th At Meeting in the morning. Showry weather. 29. ***Mon 18th*** At Cockermouth. Showry weather; wind SW. Mercury 28.9. Signed or got executed

William Woodvil's writings dated the 5th inst. He paid Wilfrid Clementson for Thomas Simpson the purchase money 240£, viz. 140£ in cash & Joshua Lucock's note in his favour for £100 at one month's date & all other arrears of rent &c. which was between them. ***Tue 19th*** Attended Monthly Meeting. Cloudy weather with some rain. Wind southerly. ***Wed 20th*** Wallers finished at present & slaters here. Warm weather but cloudy; wind northerly. 29.1. ***Thu 21st*** Sent to Whitehaven for the firr plank. Showry weather. Mercury 28.8. ***Fri 22nd*** 3 slaters here. A fine fair day, cold in the morning. Wind [*sic*]. Mercury 28.9. ***Sat 23rd*** 3 slaters. Showry weather; wind SSW, pretty strong. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 24th At Meeting; read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. At Eaglesfield with wife p.m. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Pretty moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. Received a letter from John Nixon inclosing one from John Blackburn, merchant at the Woolpack opposite the Poultry Compter, London. His terms of doing business are, viz. for purchase or sale of goods: 2 per cent; insurance: ¼ per cent; bills neg[otiated]: ¼ per cent. ***Tue 26th*** At ditto. Isaac Thompson of Newcastle here surveying & planing the town for Sir James Lowther. Wind & weather ditto. Begun to mow in the Moss head Meadow. But thin of grass this year. ***Wed 27th*** At ditto. With I.T. [*Isaac Thompson*] about surveying the church & school house &c. Sold Robert Dixon some th[rea]d hose. Moderate weather. 29. ***Thu 28th*** About the hay. Pretty good weather & little wind. ***Fri 29th*** At Whitehaven. About P. Nicholson & John Nixon's case. Got new submission notes signed. Showry weather; wind northerly. ***Sat 30th*** About leveling the barns. Got new byar loft laid ready for the hay. Cloudy weather.

Sun 31st At Meeting: Nicholas Beeby & Richard Dickinson there. Hot sultry weather; wind [*sic*]. 29.

August 1757

Mon 1st At Cockermouth. Took instructions for Lancelot Wilson's will. Moderate weather; wind westerly. Mercury 28.9. ***Tue 2nd*** At ditto. Settled with George Bleamire & paid him the ballance. Wind & weather the same. Sent by George Bleamire to John Nixon to forward a letter to John Robinson of Dublin & another to Samuel Sandwith on account of a proposal of marriage between said John Robinson & Isabella Sandwith, daughter of said Samuel. Also a letter to said Nixon requesting his draft by the tomorrow's post for mine of £57 which I lent him, due the 8th current. ***Wed 3rd*** At ditto. Entred sundry bills of parcels. Isaac Thompson yet here on account of the survey. Came home this evening. ***Thu 4th*** Attended the marriage of John Fawcett & Anne Dixon. Read & executed the certificate. Close weather & little sun: very slow weather for hay. ***Fri 5th*** Got Hogs grass meadow hay: 6 cart loads. Warm weather; wind northerly & little sun. 29. ***Sat 6th*** James Smith here. Took two pair hose back @ 21s & 24s. To credit him therewith. Wind & weather as above.

Sun 7th At Meeting in the morning. Very hot suny weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 8th*** At Cockermouth. Signed Lancelot Wilson's will. Hot sunny weather; wind

westerly. 29.3. With Elizabeth Bowman, widow of Jeremy Bowman late of Mireside, deceased, who took administration before Joseph Ritson, surrogate, to receive & pay the debts & credits of her late husband so far as his personal estate would answer. Inventory delivered in above £550 [*altered from '£500'*]. ***Tue 9th*** 1 waller & 2 wrights. Fine hay weather. ***Wed 10th*** Wrote Isaac Cosh & Anne Dalton marriage certificate. Cloudy weather; wind northerly. 29.2. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting & read & executed the certificate. Peter Walker of Dean buried at same time. Hot suny weather. 29.3. ***Fri 12th*** Nothing remarkable. Wind & weather ditto. ***Sat 13th*** Throng with the hay: put thirty cart loads into the byar loft. Wind westerly.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for the poor. Robert Graham there. Cloudy, a like change of weather. 29. ***Mon 15th*** At Cockermouth. Warm weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29. ***Tue 16th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the morning. Settling some accounts after. ***Wed 17th*** At ditto. Went to Papcastle with Alexander Hoskins & dined there. Very fine weather. ***Thu 18th*** At Meeting in the morning. Got all the hay yesterday; quantity 46 cart loads. ***Fri 19th*** Slaters here. Showry weather but warm & moderate. 28.7. ***Sat 20th*** Slaters here. Moderate weather with some showers; wind westerly. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning after which the Preparative Meeting was held. Showry weather. 28.8. The Assizes this week. To make John Pattinson's will as soon as can. To prepare Benjamin Barrit's paper of denyal against our next Monthly Meeting to be held on the 23rd inst.[21] It appears by accounts in the publick papers that the French have taken Hannover & that the Duke of Cumberland hath made an honourable retreat from their much superiour force. Some think he is gone with his army to joyn the King of Prussia. ***Mon 22nd*** A very rainy day: slaters came but went home again. Wind southerly; mercury 28.7. Wrote to Mathias Gale & advised him of his mistake in the account current & that I had settled my first draft of 50£ & my remittance to him of 40£, with several other things in my account current relating the *Bristol*, with Peter Nicholson. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Alexander Hoskins gave in his certificate from Holm Monthly Meeting. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.5. Wrote William Skyrin about setting off Hosea Coat's bill of £4 14s which I received from John Robinson of Dublin on account of Stephen Beck. I had sett it off to the credit of his account in company & he by William Bowyer's letter wants to deduct it out of my note of £49 2s indorsed to said Bowyer. I have left it to William Skyrin whether to allow it or not. He sent down my receipt of said bill which I have taken a copy of. ***Wed 24th*** Slaters here: got 3 cart load of slate. A strong SW wind with some showers & cold weather. Mercury 28.5. ***Thu 25th*** Got remainder of rigin home from Cockermouth: in all 26 yards at 1s. Begun to shear barley. Weather ditto. 29. ***Fri 26th*** Shearing barley in the a.m. In the afternoon a great storm of wind & rain & a great flood. Wind SSW. Mercury from 29 to 28.5. ***Sat 27th*** Showry weather with a fresh gale of wind from SSW.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Wrote a letter for John Robinson to Samuel Sandwith. Mercury 28.3. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote to William Skyrin at Liverpool about hose &c. Showry weather; mercury 28.5. In the evening attended

the sale of John Fearon & Deborah his wife their estate near Bridechurch: freehold land about 21 acres. It was sold to Joshua Lucock for £520 10s. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the morning. With John Pearson & his wife after. Heavy showers; wind southerly. ***Wed 31st*** Wrote to John Robinson of Dublin; send him copies of S.S. [*Samuel Sandwith's*] letter & his father's answer. Fine day with some showers.

September 1757

Thu 1st Shearing the barley. Moderate foggy weather with some showers. Mercury 29. ***Fri 2nd*** Went to High Cross to meet Isaac Fearon about land writings. Weather ditto. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 3rd*** At Cockermouth. At the Conviction. Received 3s; cost 10s. Very warm sunny weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.4.

Sun 4th At ditto. At Meeting in the morning. Wind & weather same. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 5th*** At home. About clearing the barn &c., laying flowers & cleaning the garden in the p.m. Close weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.5. Wrote to John Blackburn in answer to his of the 30th ult. & requesting his account &c. Also wrote Daniel Bell about Robert Briggs' case and desired his speedy answer. ***Tue 6th*** Came to Cockermouth p.m. with P. Nicholson. Spent the evening at Papcastle, Alexander Hoskins's. Very fine harvest weather. 29.4. ***Wed 7th*** At Cockermouth. Settled & paid Mary Potter as on the other side {for ¼ board of 3 lads @ £5 17s per annum: £4 7s 9d}. Weather cloudy in the a.m. & suny p.m. Wind NE. ***Thu 8th*** Got 6 cart loads of barly. Employed spare time in the garden. Weather ditto. Mercury 29.4. ***Fri 9th*** Nothing remarkable. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Sat 10th*** Got all the barley shorn. Moderate warm weather. Mercury 29.1.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning. Cloudy weather; wind westerly. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather; mercury 29. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. At the Meeting in the morning. At Shatton in the afternoon with Alexander Hoskins, T. Lawson. Pretty moderate weather. ***Wed 14th*** At ditto. Settled accounts with Robert Smithson & am owing him upon a ballance £30 3s 4½d. Fogy weather. 29.3. ***Thu 15th*** At home. At Meeting in the morning. P. Nicholson there & came & lodged with me. Moderate fine weather; mercury 29.4. ***Fri 16th*** Came to Whitehaven along with P. Nicholson & met William Skyrin & John Nixon about some differances with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*]. William Skyrin acknowledged his mistake about P.N.'s affirmation & that he was willing to drop the affair if P.N. would disturb him no further on said account but, if he was not satisfyed, would condescend no further, but P.N. might take his advantage at law or otherwise as he pleased. J.N. [*John Nixon*] is willing to continue the refferance between him & P.N. if time sufficient be allowed him to get his evidences &c. Settled with Captain Binsley & received the ballance & gave him in his bond and P.G.'s [*Peter Gibson's*] assignment. Sunny hot weather; wind westerly. ***Sat 17th*** At ditto. About taking out a licence for the *Sedgwick*, Captain Binsley, for Irish wool & yarn. Hot weather; wind easterly. 29.3.

Sun 18th At home. At Meeting: Daniel Glaister there. The Preparative & Select Meeting was held. Very hot weather; wind easterly. 29.3. ***Mon 19th*** At

Cockermouth. Very hot weather; mercury 29.4. About 4 p.m. was at the burial of Esther Falder, wife of Joseph Falder of Cockermouth. The meeting on the ocasion was large & in general pretty well conducted. Alexander Hoskins & Hannah Harris preached. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting. Hot sunny weather; wind easterly. 29.5. At the Monthly Meeting Jonathan Wilson brought a complaint or appeal against Pardshow Meeting for not accepting his presentation of mariage with a woman not a member of the Woman's Meeting. The said meeting appointed Jonathan Wilkinson, Alexander Hoskins, Anthony Saul & John Ribton to enquire into the case & of the Woman's Meeting why they did not receive the young woman a member &c. ***Wed 21st*** Shearing the oats in the Moss head: 48 shocks. Fine harvest weather; wind east. 29.4. ***Thu 22nd*** At Meeting in forenoon: Deborah Lighton there in her visit to this county. Cloudy weather & a strong easterly wind. 29.4. ***Fri 23rd*** Finished Isaac Nutt purchase deed of Askell land, consideration £310. Sheared all the oats in High Whiney: quantity 134 stooks. ***Sat 24th*** Housed the Moss head oats. Fine weather; wind easterly. 29.5.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the a.m. ***Mon 26th*** Housing corn. Fine weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 27th*** Housed all the oats: quantity 182 shocks. Wind & weather ditto. ***Wed 28th*** Went to Cockermouth in the p.m. about the diferance between J.S. [*Joseph Senhouse*] & A.H. [*Alexander Hoskins*]. Lost our best milk cow, she died of a decay of the longs, liver &c. ***Thu 29th*** At Cockermouth, the Quarter Meeting. Attended the Meeting for Discipline in a.m., the Select Meeting p.m. Fine weather 29.4. In the evening the comittee met in the case between Joseph Senhouse & Alexander Hoskins & came to the following resolution, viz.: A.H. to give a declaration of trust of his lands at Broughton & also a tenement at Wythop lately purchased of one Borranscale for the raising of £2000 as limited in his marriage articles & the said A.H. further to give a declaration of trust of the remainder of his lands at Wythop to the amount of £500 & upward & a bond in the penalty of £3000 as an indemnity on the account of the said J.S. being bound as surity with the said A.H. in a bond of the said amount of £3000 & to pay the yearly anuity of £100 according to the intent & meaning of an award made between them & further that J.S. shall use his endeavours to get William Senhouse to accept a new bond from A.H. of the same tennor & date with the old one, only to him & his assigns & that the said J.S. shall pay the said A.H. the sum of £1000 with interest as mentioned in the said marriage articles & bond upon signing said declarations. (T.M., J.D., I.F., J.H., & J.B.)[22] ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. Attended the Meeting for Worship a.m. All well conducted & ended well. John Alderson, Deborah Lighton & Grace Chambers there.

October 1757

Sat 1st Went to High Cross to meet Thomas Bleamire &c. & dined there. Still very fine weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 2nd At Meeting in a.m. T. Bleamire & his daughter & Mary Fearon dined with me. Weather ditto. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. With John Nixon &c. about his affairs. Fine weather; wind north. Mercury 29.3. From the 19th September Andrew

[*Jackson*] & Archibald [*Liddle*] is to pay for their board to Mary Potter 3s 6d per week. ***Tue 4th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the morning; with Hoskins & Brown about the settlements. Fine weather; frost in the night & very cold. ***Wed 5th*** At ditto. Wrote a power of attorney for Hoskins about the surrender of Wythop estates. Cloudy weather with rain; wind southerly. Mercury 28.8. Quarter Sessions at Penrith on the 5th & 6th inst. ***Thu 6th*** At home. At Meeting in the morning: Grace Chambers there. Fine weather; wind westerly. Mercury 28.8. ***Fri 7th*** Moderate pleasant weather; wind northerly. ***Sat 8th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather ditto.

Sun 9th At Meeting a.m. Comittee about Jonathan Wilson afair met after ditto. Alix Hoskins came and dined with me. 28.8. ***Mon 10th*** At Cockermouth. Sold gray horse to John Hodgson. Michaelmas fair keept this day. Showry weather; wind SE. 29. ***Tue 11th*** At home in the morning. Came to Pardshow & made Rachel Fletcher's will. Came to Whitehaven in the afternoon about P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*] case. ***Wed 12th*** At Whitehaven. Took out a licence & bond at the Custom House for the ship *Sedgewick*, Captain Binsley, for Irish yarn. Showry weather; wind southerly. ***Thu 13th*** At Whitehaven. Settled with S. Dent & paid him the ballance in full of all accounts. Could get nothing done in P.N. & J.N. case. Fine weather; wind westerly. 29.3. ***Fri 14th*** At Brayton with Isaac Nutt &c. about surrendering Askell land.[23] A pleasant journey & very fine weather. Mercury 29.4. Wrote Joseph Barcroft & Co. & ordered 5 packs Irish yarn, all [*or 'att'*] 12s, to be shipped on board the *Sedgewick*, Captain Isaac Binsley, & wrote Binsley accordingly. ***Sat 15th*** At Egermond court. Paid Mr. Cook 2s 8d for Peter Nicholson for court fees. Paid free rent to John Benson, 16½.[24] Rain the whole day. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 16th At Meeting in the morning. Preparative Meeting after. Fine weather. ***Mon 17th*** At Cockermouth. To go to Whitehaven on 7th day with Joseph Brag. Moderate weather; wind westerly. 29.4. ***Tue 18th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting: Richard Dickinson there. Comittee report in Jonathan Wilson's case that he is to make Pardshow Preparative Meeting satisfaction for presentation of marriage with a woman not in unity in writing under his hand, & then said meeting to shew him what lenity they can in the affair consistant with our discipline. Wind northerly: a very serene air & frost in the nights. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 19th*** Had 2 wrights & a waller. Preparing for burning lime. Wind & weather ditto. Mercury 29.5. ***Thu 20th*** At Cockermouth. 2 wrights about stable. Fine sunny weather; frost in the night. Bought of William Lowther of Blindcrake a young heffer & calf, 3 years old last spring. Was grassed on the common all summer. Brought her home this evening. ***Sat 22nd*** At Whitehaven. Executed Brag's deeds. Wind & weather ditto. John Alderson came & lodged with me, going to Ireland.

Sun 23rd At Meeting: John Alderson there & at Graysouthen evening meeting. Cloudy weather with some rain. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 24th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather & a cold northerly wind. Mercury 29. Agreed with Isaac Barn about a horse for 8 guineas if I like him when I see him. He is to bring him to Cockermouth on 2nd day next being 31st current. ***Tue 25th*** About leading lime from the Cragg. Wind & weather ditto. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 26th***

About making up the byar. Had John Mirehouse & Joseph Black leading lime. Mercury 29.5. ***Thu 27th*** 2 wrights & 1 waller about byer. Moderate weather; some rain. Leading lime. ***Fri 28th*** 2 wrights, 2 coopers & 2 labourers leading lime. Got 70 loads home. Wind northerly but moderate. 29.5. ***Sat 29th*** 2 wrights, 2 coopers & 1 labourer leading lime. Cloudy weather; wind SSW. Some small rain. 29.4.

Sun 30th Sent for to Pardshow about John Nicholson's afairs so got not to the Meeting. Showry weather; wind southerly. 29. ***Mon 31st*** At Cockermouth. 1 waller & 2 labourers. Got 15 load lime. Moist blowing weather; wind southerly. 29.3. Bought of Isaac Barn a bay horse 6 year old. He hath a good character for a country horse & tractable in any business & holden to be quite sound & faultless. Barn got him of Isaac Wilson of Wigton on 4th day last in exchange. Mary Harris of Green buryed at Pardshow-hall this day.

November 1757

Tue 1st 2 wrights, 1 waller & 2 labrours. Leading lime. Moist weather & little wind. 29.4. ***Wed 2nd*** 1 waller & 1 labourer leading plaister lime to Mossergate. Showry; wind SSW. 29.4. ***Thu 3rd*** 1 waller, 1 wright & one gardener. Finished the lime burning: in all 122 load. A strong SW wind & a heavy rain in the night. 29.2. ***Fri 4th*** Killed the beef cow this morning: very good beef. 1 wright & 1 gardener. Blowy weather; wind westerly. 29. At Tallentire Hall with Isaac Nutt before Justice Partis on account of John Green of Brackenthwaite wife claiming some wages for attending the late Catherine Paile, her aunt, in the time of her illness. Isaac Nutt gave her 4s by way of charity & got a general receipt. The prosecution appeared to be quite vexatious. ***Sat 5th*** 1 wright. Blew pretty hard from the west with frequent showers of rain. 28.7.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Showry weather; wind northerly but moderate. Mercury 28.3. ***Mon 7th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote Thomas Abraham about his affair. Cold NE wind & sharp frost. 28.7. ***Tue 8th*** At ditto. At Meeting. In afternoon settling rum account with J.H. Very cold & sharp frost. John Wilson, son of Thomas Wilson, buried at Pardshow-hall this day. He was a very hopefull young man aged about 17 years. He died of the small pox. ***Wed 9th*** At ditto. Got by William Little 5 packs of bay yarn from Joseph Barcroft & Co. Wind south: a very heavy rain & storm p.m. 28.5. ***Thu 10th*** At home. Rainy weather; very cold & a hard gale of wind from the south. 28.4. ***Fri 11th*** Drawing up my account with J.H. Frost in the morning but pretty clear in the a.m. 28.7. ***Sat 12th*** At Cockermouth about the Irish yarn. Hard frost; wind north. Mercury 29.

Sun 13th At Meeting. William Impy of Safron Walden in Essex and George Wrightson of Bernard Castle there in a visit to this county: two able ministers. To be a[t] Cockermouth on 3rd day & at Issel on 4th day next. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Cold weather; mercury 28.8. ***Tue 15th*** At ditto. At Meeting; the two Friends there & dined at J.W.'s. Pretty moderate weather. ***Wed 16th*** At ditto. Came home along with wife & were at Rachel Fletcher's burial.

A hard gale of wind, southerly. 28.5. ***Thu 17th*** Nothing remarkable. Blowy rough weather. ***Fri 18th*** Went to Pardshow to John Nicholson's aprizement and to copy the will & get the same proved next week. ***Sat 19th*** Nothing remarkable. A hard gale of wind from the SSW & showers of rain. Mercury 28.4.

Sun 20th At Meeting in morning. Preparative Meeting after. Moderate weather. 28.5. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Wet weather; mercury 28.5. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: Jonathan Wilson's case continued. Pretty moderate weather. ***Wed 23rd*** Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. About selling the Irish yarn. Showry weather. ***Thu 24th*** At Cockermouth. About proving John Nicholson's & Rachel Fletcher's wills before the Surrogate. ***Fri 25th*** In the warehouse. Came home in the evening with wife. Very wet weather; wind southerly. 28.4. ***Sat 26th*** 2 wrights about laying the floors at Mossergate. Wet weather.

Sun 27th At Meeting in morning. Wet stormy weather. Mercury 28.3. Anthony Richardson, churchwarden, made distress for small tithes according to a warrant granted by Joshua Lucock & Robert Lamplugh for that purpose: Recovered £0 3s 0½d; costs 10s 0d. Took 1½ bushels barley worth 10s per bushel: 15s 0d. NB. He took for church tax 4 purveys 10d & the remainder 1s 1½d for his labour. ***Mon 28th*** At Cockermouth. About an arbitration, Saunderson against Saul. Showry weather; wind SE. 28.4. ***Tue 29th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. At Papcastle p.m. Wind & weather ditto. ***Wed 30th*** At ditto. Agreed with Richard Radcliffe for a pack Irish yarn. Blowy weather; wind NE. Mercury 28.5.

December 1757

Thu 1st At Meeting in the a.m. Cold weather; wind easterly. 1 wright here. ***Fri 2nd*** Nothing remarkable. Cold weather; wind east. 28.5. ***Sat 3rd*** At Cockermouth about the Irish yarn. Cold weather; wind NE. 28.8

Sun 4th At Meeting in the a.m. John Jenkinson & wife here. Sharp frost. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth about yarn &c. Rainy weather; wind westerly. Mercury 28.3. ***Tue 6th*** 3 wallers yesterday & this day. Moderate weather; wind westerly. 28.2. ***Wed 7th*** 3 wallers & 1 wright. Wind & weather ditto. 28.4. ***Thu 8th*** 2 wrights about finishing the stable. Very moderate weather. ***Fri 9th*** At [home] in the forenoon. Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Moderate weather; wind north. 28.8. ***Sat 10th*** At ditto. About Sarah Hudson affair. Delivered her deeds to John Lucock & took his note to be accountable. Fine weather & frosty. 29.0.

Sun 11th At Meeting in morning. Moderate cloudy weather; wind west, rain in the night. 29.4. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather in a.m.; afternoon fine weather & frosty. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. Went to Burthwaite upon an arbitration & came to Cockermouth again in the night. Received a message of Joseph Ullock's sudden death. ***Wed 14th*** At ditto. Came to the burial of Joseph Ullock of Mockerkin. He died very suddenly in going to a burial

upon the common near a place called Stud-fold. He was found & brought home same day. The corroner's inquest brought in their verdict natural death. Dined at Mockerkin; came home at night. Fine winter weather. 29.4. ***Thu 15th*** Sent for to Mockerkin about Joseph Ullock affairs. Agreed to have the apprizement tomorrow. Weather ditto. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Mockerkin to the apprizement. John Fletcher, Jonathan Harrison & self apprized the goods. Cold weather, frost & snow. Wind north. 29.4. ***Sat 17th*** At Cockermouth. About the arbitration between Sanderson & Saul. Got 5 more evidences examined: to meet again on 6th day. Showers of snow & frost; wind north.

Sun 18th Was at the Meeting. Preparative & Select Meeting after. Cold weather & sharp frost; wind NE. 29.5. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Sharp frosty weather, snow on the hills. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting & Select ditto. Jonathan Wilson's case undetermined. Frost. 29.4. ***Wed 21st*** At Cockermouth. Wrote several letters. Very hard frost; wind SE. 29.4. Hannah Little, my servant, went away. It appeared she had been very dishonest in sundry things, particularly in yarn of Jonathan Harris & Joseph Steel's which she had stole. She owned this & gave up the yarn. ***Thu 22nd*** Nothing remarkable. Snow & frost. Cold weather; wind about SE. 29. ***Fri 23rd*** At Cockermouth about the arbitration between Edward Saul & Thomas Sanderson. Examining the evidences. Frosty weather & snow. ***Sat 24th*** At ditto. Still about the arbitration. Finished the same this day & signed the awards. To pay each half of the charges & Saul 20s more.

Sun 25th Was at Meeting in the morning; at home after. Moderate thaw weather. 29. ***Mon 26th*** Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; wind SSW. Mercury 29. ***Tue 27th*** About common affairs. Went to High-house to see John Peil's cow. Wind & weather ditto. ***Wed 28th*** Came forward to Wigton to the Quarter Meeting. Wet weather; wind southerly. 29.0. ***Thu 29th*** At Wigton. Attended all the meetings. Not so full as usual. Moderate weather. Alexander Hoskins requested leave of our Monthly Meeting to lay his case, viz. the differance between him & his father Senhouse mentioned before herein, for advice how to act further therein as the case then stood, before the Quarter Meeting, which was readily granted. But the said meeting would not hear him nor give any advice, which think was a very unpresidented step & if he should proceed to law he cannot be blamed. ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the forenoon after which came home. Sharp frost in the afternoon & night. ***Sat 31st*** Settled with John Jenkinson & paid him as on the other side {£1 8s 8d}. Also paid him my account with James Postlethwaite {£5 15s 8d}. Frosty weather; wind easterly. 29.4.

1758

January 1758

Sun 1st Was at Meeting in the morning. Frosty weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29. John Robinson from Dublin come over on account of his intended marriage. ***Mon 2nd*** At Cockermouth. With Joseph Harris & his brother about the purchase of Matthew Dennis' houses &c. at Eaglesfield. Agreed with John Brougham & said Dennis for £105 to allow discount for half a year £2 12s 6d & to pay on the 25th of March. ***Tue 3rd*** At ditto. Settled with Robert & Mary Dixon: took Robert note for £14 7s & received of Mary as on the other side {for rum: £2 5s 6d}. To call after Sessions about rum. Wet weather; wind southerly. 28.8. ***Wed 4th*** At ditto, settling the cash account &c. In the evening executed the deeds about the purchase as above. Brougham drew them for which he is to have one guinea. Came home in the night. Wet showry weather; wind south. 28.6. ***Thu 5th*** Was at our weekday Meeting. Moderate weather; wind southerly. ***Fri 6th*** Man threshing barley. On 3rd day wife bought of John Peile a red cow about 7 years old, for which I am to pay him £3 15s on demand. To draw John Robinson a draft of marriage settlement. Moderate weather; wind south. ***Sat 7th*** Nothing remarkable. About John Robinson's affair. Moderate weather; wind south. 29.

Sun 8th At Meeting in the morning. In the afternoon with wife at Soskel & hired Anne Walker for a servant at 28s for the half year & she to allow for the time since Martinmas. I gave her 1s earnest. ***Mon 9th*** At Cockermouth. Breslow retaken by the Prussians & the garrison made prisoners of war. Fine winter weather; wind SE. 28.9. ***Tue 10th*** John Allason & wife from Cragend here. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather & a hard gale of wind from the SSW. 28.8. ***Wed 11th*** At Cockermouth. The Quarter Sessions begun here today: not much business to do. The Hanoverian forces hath taken Harburg & about 1200 French prisoners. Showry weather; wind southerly. ***Thu 12th*** At ditto. The Sessions ended this day. ***Fri 13th*** Moderate cloudy weather; wind SW. Mercury 28.7. ***Sat 14th*** Unwell. About John Robinson's drafts. Nothing remarkable. Very fine winter weather; wind ditto. 28.8.

Sun 15th At Meeting in the forenoon. Our Friend Mordecai Yarnell from Philodelphia there & at Graysoothen in the evening: a very fine preacher & very tall man.[25] 29. ***Mon 16th*** At home, unwell. Fine weather & frosty; wind northerly. 29.2. ***Tue 17th*** At Cockermouth. At Meeting. Mordecai Yarnell there & to be at Broughton tomorrow, Graysoothen on the 5th, & Whitehaven on the 6th [day]. Frosty weather; wind northerly. ***Wed 18th*** At ditto, settling with the men & paid them as on the other side {to Joseph Hodges in full: £1 2s 11d; to Thomas Eaton 92 days' pay: £2 6s 0d; to ditto for work in full: 8s 7½d}. At Papcastle in the afternoon with P. Nicholson & John Robinson: dined there. Sharp frost; wind easterly. 29.4.

Thu 19th In the forenoon John Watson junior here on account of the death of his father in law, Joseph Ullock. Gave him a copy of the inventory & the instructions I had taken for his will. Went to Whitehaven along with John Robinson. Sharp frost. ***Fri 20th*** At Whitehaven. At Meeting in the forenoon: Mordecai Yarnell there. A pretty good meeting: his subject mostly upon the rich man & Lazerus. Frosty weather & snow, but little wind. ***Sat 21st*** At ditto. Settled some accounts & lodged at couzin Henry Piper's; they were very kind. Came home in the afternoon. Moderate weather tho' frosty & the ground covered with snow. Wind easterly. 29.4.

Sun 22nd At home. At Meeting in the a.m. The American Friend there. He preached in a very extraordinary manner upon the benefits of true religion. A very good meeting. A burial of a child of James Robinson's. ***Mon 23rd*** At Cockermouth. Robert Smithson sett forward this day along with John Fisher for London. Frosty weather; wind north. 29.4. ***Tue 24th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting: Mordecai Yarnell there. Jonathan Wilson's case, by order of Quarter Meeting, went in his favour. Account that Christopher Wilson is landed in Wales. ***Wed 25th*** About ingrossing the settlement for John Robinson: himself also here. Cold frosty weather; wind easterly. About leading out the soil & lime &c. 29.6. ***Thu 26th*** Still imployed about the settlements: finished one sett. Cloudy weather & very little wind & some more snow. ***Fri 27th*** At Cockermouth. Sold George Orr one puncheon Jamaica rum @ 7s 6d per gallon & he to pay me 6s towards W. Skyrin's charges. To pay 20£ in hand; rest in 6 months. ***Sat 28th*** Peter Nicholson here in the afternoon. About John Robinson's affair. Leading soil & lime into the meadows: 209 coopfulls. Moderate thaw: 29.8.

Sun 29th At Meeting in the morning. In the afternoon finished the settlements for John Robinson. Very moderate winter weather; wind southerly. 30. ***Mon 30th*** At Cockermouth along with wife. Executed the settlements this night & delivered one settlement to Jonathan Harris one of the trustees. Hard frost; wind easterly. 30. ***Tue 31st*** Drew a bond between John Robinson & his father about Eaglesfield estate & to perform his part of agreements in said settlements. And also an agreement between Sarah Nicholson & her two son[s] & release of dower. Signed both at Pardshow. Frosty weather.

February 1758

Wed 1st At Cockermouth. About Sarah Hudson affair. Got all the queries answered & delivered the lease to John Lucock & took his note for returning it. A moderate thaw with some rain. 29.7. ***Fri 3rd*** At ditto, settling accounts. P. Nicholson here. Wrote to Samuel Dent about John's return to Cockermouth; to Sudell & Fell, Lancaster, about rum; also to Richard Nall about the bills &c. Rainy weather; wind about SW. ***Sat 4th*** At ditto. Moist weather with showers of rain; wind southerly. 29.4.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning. John Robinson of Hill & Joseph Fawcett here about Jonathan Fisher's request for mentainance for his children. Agreed the town should meet on 7th day evening. Moderate weather; wind SSE & cold. Mercury

29.3. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. Paid Benjamin Smithson in part for Robert Smithson per order as on the other side. By account from Joseph Glaister it appears that John Winder, one of the partners in the leather business, had put John Fisher under arrest at London.[26] ***Tue 7th*** At home. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather & a pretty strong gale of wind from the SSW. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 8th*** Wife gone to Broughton to see her sister [*Jane Pearson*] who is bad in the rheumatism. Pretty moderate day with some showers of rain. Wind southerly; mercury 29.4. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Wind & weather as above. Mercury 29. ***Fri 10th*** Sent John Jackson along with John Fawcett to fell some wood in the Broad Ing close. Cold weather with some rain; wind SW. Mercury 28.8. ***Sat 11th*** Nothing remarkable. Showry weather with a great quantity of snow on the hills. Wind ditto; mercury 28.5.

Sun 12th At Meeting in the morning. John Robinson yet here & lodged with me. A very hard gale of wind from the SW & heavy showers of rain. Mercury 28.2. ***Mon 13th*** At home in the forenoon: had the taylors. Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Moderate weather & a cold NW wind. Mercury 28.5. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto, posting the books. Cold weather with showers of hail. John Willow's man here. Settled our accounts: they agree. Gave him an order. ***Wed 15th*** At ditto. Wrote to Joseph Senhouse along with Jonathan Harris & Thomas Lawson to procure the deeds from Richard Wilson about the meeting house burgage. Pretty moderate weather; wind south. 28.5. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting in the morning. Sunney weather; mercury 28.3. ***Fri 17th*** Went to the burial of Peter Wilson's son of Graysouthen who died of the small pox. Moderate weather; wind NW. Mercury 28.5. ***Sat 18th*** Took the minutes of a lease between Joseph Hutchinson & John Coux for Hutchinson's ¼ tenement at Mossergate. Sunny weather & frosty. Settled with William Lawson & he is owing me 10s.

Sun 19th At Meeting: Preparative Meeting was held after. Jonathan Wilson again presented his marriage to the meeting. A great snow in the afternoon; wind westerly. Mercury 28.6. ***Mon 20th*** Wife received of Jonathan Harris 10s for William Lawson's board. Cold weather & thick snow upon the ground. Wind southerly. Mercury 28.4. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Jonathan Wilson's case again debated: the Women's Meeting still refuse to make her a member &c. A great storm of rain & a hard gale of wind from the south. Ditto. ***Wed 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Christopher Wilson got home last night from America. About posting the books. Fine moderate weather; wind southerly. ***Thu 23rd*** At ditto. Wrote to Christopher Wilson about Cockermouth meeting house deeds. He thinks they are at Graythwaite.[27] We received yesterday all the deeds that Richard Wilson had in keeping about said meeting house. ***Fri 24th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable: posting the books. Showry weather; wind westerly. ***Sat 25th*** At ditto. With Edward Saul. Paid John Brougham & Sanderson's bills per award & also the charge of the last writt & E.S. took a receipt in full. At Graysouthen in the afternoon seeing Christopher Wilson. Showry weather.

Sun 26th At home. At Meeting in the morning. A very rainy day; wind SSW. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 27th*** At Cockermouth. A very fine sunny day; wind westerly.

Mercury 28.8. ***Tue 28th*** At ditto. Yesterday morning paid John Peile for a red cow £3 16s & he returned 1s. John Reay here. Settled with Mary Potter & paid in full. A very rainy day; wind SSW.

March 1758

Wed 1st At ditto. Came away about 10 a.m. & got home a little past 11. Very wet & showry weather; wind SW. John Reay & Jane Harris here in the afternoon about the lead vain in the gill. Mercury 28.4. ***Thu 2nd*** Nothing remarkable. Very wet dirty weather & a fresh gale of wind from the west. Mercury 28.3. ***Fri 3rd*** Ploughing ley in Low Whiney: got most of it done. Pretty moderate day but came on rain in the evening. Wind west; mercury 28.6. ***Sat 4th*** Wet weather: nothing remarkable. Mercury 28.4.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning. Wrote for Jonathan Wilson some minutes out of the Monthly Meeting book. Weather as above; wind north. Ditto. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. Went to see Dr. Clementson: he is a little recovered from a stroke of the palsey. Wrote to John Dixon in answer to his per Martin. A great snow & sharp frost; wind north. Mercury 28.8. ***Tue 7th*** At ditto. John Backhouse from Lancaster here: to be a referee for him in the case between him & Jonathan Hudson. He signed the submission note. A fine moderate day; wind about NW. Mercury 29. ***Wed 8th*** At home filing my letters &c. Very fine moderate day; wind easterly. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable this day. Wind & weather as above. ***Fri 10th*** At Cockermouth. Making up John Dixon's order to be sent away tomorrow. Wind & weather ditto. ***Sat 11th*** At ditto. About entering Jonathan Harris' account from his book with Robert Smithson &c. Cold weather with snow on the hills. 29.2.

Sun 12th At Meeting in morning; at home after. John Robinson & wife here. Weather pretty moderate with some snow. Wind SE. Mercury 29. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote Joseph Heathcote & settled his account until this day. Mercury 29. ***Tue 14th*** At home. Ploughing the fallows in High Whinney. Cold NE wind with some flying showers of snow. Mercury 28.7. ***Wed 15th*** At ditto. Ploughing as above. Wind & weather the same: snow still upon the mountains. Went to Pardshow in the evening. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting in the morning. John Harris & John Robinson here about drawing up Birkar affairs ready for the Quarter Meeting. Pretty moderate weather; mercury 29. ***Fri 17th*** Ploughing the remainder of the fallows. Showery weather; wind northerly. Mercury 28.8. ***Sat 18th*** At Cockermouth. About a differance between Joseph Glaister, John Winder & John Fisher: could not agree about arbitration bonds. Wet, cold weather; wind north. Mercury 28.6.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative & Select Meetings were held after. At home in the afternoon, stating the accounts about Birkar lands. Mercury 28.5. ***Mon 20th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Cold weather; wind northerly. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting. Jonathan

Wilkinson & myself representatives to the Quarter Meeting. Jonathan Wilson appeals a 2nd time to Quarter Meeting. Very cold & frosty. ***Wed 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Writing out the accounts for Jonathan Harris. He goes forward to Newcastle tomorrow. Came home in the night; son Isaac begun with the smallpox. 28.8. ***Thu 23rd*** Wrote a lease for John & Mary Robinson of Hill & James Graham of Mosser Mains land for 9 years; yearly rent £13, the farmer to pay all taxes &c. 29. ***Fri 24th*** Writing out the minutes from the meeting books on account of Jonathan Wilson's appeal, with reasons & observations thereupon. Very moderate weather & variable winds. Ditto. ***Sat 25th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Wrote to Edward Philips about Benjamin Harris. Moderate weather; wind west. 29.3.

Sun 26th At the burial of Peter Hudson's wife at Eaglesfield. Smallpox in little Isaac come out, but not full. Pretty easy carry'd on. 29.4. ***Mon 27th*** At Cockermouth Easter fair. With John Nixon &c. about our affairs. Very moderate weather; wind west. 29.4. ***Tue 28th*** At plough in the a.m. In the afternoon about finishing Jonathan Wilson's case about his appeal to the Quarter Meeting. Wind & weather ditto. 29.5. ***Wed 29th*** Sett forward to Carlisle with Peter Pearson &c. Came from Cockermouth at 9; dined at Cock Bridge, & got to Carlisle about 4 p.m. Attended the Meeting for Sufferings. 29.5. ***Thu 30th*** At Carlisle Quarterly Meeting. Jonathan Wilson's case given again in his favour. Lodged at Nicholson's. ***Fri 31st*** At ditto. Attended all the meetings. Made affidavit of debt before John Dobinson, attorney, viz. £6 9s 5d, being what is due from G. Bleamire under a Commission of Bankrupcy. Got home about 10 p.m. Found all well; son recovering from the smallpox.

April 1758

Sat 1st Ploughing in the Croft. Began to sow oats on the 29th. Very dry weather; wind north. Mercury 29.

Sun 2nd At Meeting in the morning. A cold sharp wind from the NE; cloudy weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. Jonathan Harris upon his journey. Nothing remarkable. Very dry weather but cold & frosty in the nights; wind north. Mercury 29. ***Tue 4th*** At the plough: finished the ploughing for the oats. Very cold & showers of snow; wind NNW & blows fresh. Mercury 28.8. ***Wed 5th*** Sowed all the oats: about 12 bushells. Very cold weather: sharp frost in the night; wind about NW. Mercury 28.7. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the morning. Coopers here. Very cold, sharp weather; wind variable. Ditto. ***Fri 7th*** At Cockermouth. Writing out Jonathan Harris' accounts. In the warehouse most of the day. Weather still cold & sharp; snow upon the hills. Mercury 29. ***Sat 8th*** At ditto. Still in the warehouse. Wrote to Joseph Heathcote in answer to his. To send for the 16 frame home next week. Weather same; wind westerly.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Cloudy weather & looks like change; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Mon 10th*** At Cockermouth. Fine weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Tue 11th*** About getting & leading sand in

the forenoon. Came on very wet & rainy about 12 a clock, so got nothing more done in that day. Wind southerly; warm & rainy weather. Mercury 28.9. ***Wed 12th*** At Egermond court. Jonathan Harris was to be turnsman but they would not take him on account of the affirmation. My turn next court. Pretty hard gale of wind, but little rain, from the south. Mercury 29. ***Thu 13th*** About leading sand from Joseph Mirehouse field: got in all 39 loads. Cold weather & a strong east wind. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 14th*** At Cockermouth. Settled with Edmund Pearson, with John Simpson & Christopher Wilson. Very cold; showers of snow; Wind NE. Mercury 29.5. ***Sat 15th*** At ditto. Account came that Joseph Heathcoate was gone away from Whitehaven & left the frames. He has contracted several debts. John Peile of Dearham here & took up some goods for Virginia. Cold weather & showers of snow; wind northerly.

Sun 16th At home. At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. A very great storm of snow from the SW which continued all the day. Very deep & great drufts & a hard gale of wind. Mercury 28.8. ***Mon 17th*** At Cockermouth. Henry Fell here from Lancaster. Settled the account with him & to take out the ballance in rum at 8s 6d; best Jamaica & to write when I want. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting: Jonathan Wilson's case still contested in the meeting: different sentiments. Pretty moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Wed 19th*** Son John in the smallpox, very full. This the 6th day since he begun. Wrote to John Nixon along with J.H. Gave him the £25 put into my hand, the Quarter Meeting's money which he is to take upon interest. Pretty moderate weather; wind SE. 29. ***Fri 21st*** Son John very full & of a bad sort. Attending him constantly. Nothing further remarkable. ***Sat 22nd*** Wrote Wilfrid Clementson about John. He order a blister for his head as the fever is returned & he is very delirious. His case is very dubious; continues spitting much. 29.2.

Sun 23rd Could not go to Meeting on account of John. Applyed the blister to his head this a.m. at 8. Still very delirious. Gave him a supositea this afternoon which answered. Fine weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 24th*** This morning at 20 minutes past 8 son John died & went off quite easy without any struggle. The fevour continued very high to the last & the phlegm stopped about 3 hours before he died. The blister took no effect. ***Tue 25th*** Had the burial this day in the afternoon. All well conducted. No ministers but Mary Harris & Betty Whinney. The meeting was pretty well in the main, for which I am thankfull. ***Wed 26th*** Leading manure to the potatoes. Nothing remarkable. Cold dry weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 27th*** Setting potatoes. Set good of three bushels in the up[p]er side of High Whinney. Wind & weather ditto. ***Fri 28th*** Wrote notes for Joseph Hutchinson's sale. Was writer there in the afternoon. A sharp sale & a great number of people. Wind & weather ditto. ***Sat 29th*** At Cockermouth. About settling some accounts with Robert Smithson.

Sun 30th At the Meeting had three briefs & collected upon them 7s 6d which I divided equally among them viz. 2s 6d each. Dry weather; wind north. Mercury 29.5.

May 1758

Mon 1st At Cockermouth. Matthew Miller here: he is come to settle some affairs with Christopher Wilson. Paid to Richard Warren, collector, the brief money, viz. 11s 6d for 4 briefs. Settled with & paid the men. Very dry weather; wind north. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 2nd*** Leading manure. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon: Joseph Robinson & Sarah setting forward for Dublin tomorrow morning to attend their brother John's marriage which is to be on the 12th inst. ***Wed 3rd*** At Cockermouth. The beast fair: sold much as last year. Met in the afternoon at William Woodvil's about Hoskins' case between him & Senhouse. Wrote to Joseph Senhouse & desired that he would come here on 2nd day &c. ***Thu 4th*** Finished leading manure this day to High Whinney: in all 224 coop fulls. Anne Robinson of Pardshow begun with the small pox. Very dry weather & north wind. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 5th*** Deborah Nelson of Eaglesfield buried this day: wife at the burial. Ploughing for barley in High Whinney. Wind & weather as above. ***Sat 6th*** Finished ploughing for barley & sew about 10½ pecks in all: a very fine season. Met in the evening at John Pearson's, the old overseer, & settled his accounts. John Fisher [*replacing 'Joseph Steele' (?) erased*] new overseer. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 7th At Meeting in the morning. Mathew Meller there: preached well upon the text "Love one another". Peter Nicholson here & dined with me: going to London. Wind northerly; weather seems like rain. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 8th*** At Cockermouth. John Nixon & Robert Currey here. To go to Whitehaven on the 18 inst. to receive our money from Robert Currey. Sultry weather; wind easterly. Anne Harris of Graysouthen & Dr. Robert Peile were buried this day. ***Tue 9th*** At Cockermouth. Very unwell. Imployed about the books. Warm moderate weather; wind westerly. ***Wed 10th*** At ditto. Settled with Richard Radcliffe & gave receipts & got bills. A fine rainy day. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting in the morning. Very fine weather. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 12th*** Writing the lease between Joseph Hutchinson & John Cowx for ¼ tenement at Mossergate, yearly rent £4 15s, for 6 years. Rent payable at Candlemas yearly. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Broad Ing with John Fawcett & cutt out & divided the wood & brought home two cart loads of sticks for peas. Signed Hutchinson & Cowx' lease in the evening.

Sun 14th At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 15th*** At Cockermouth Whitsuntide fair. Women servants pretty dear; men moderate. Hot weather & little wind. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 16th*** Yesterday finished a letter for John Harris to Samuel Fothergill at London containing Jonathan Wilson's case & proceedings thereupon from the begining of that affair until this time, with some necessary queries & remarks. ***Wed 17th*** At Loweswater close.[28] Had two wrights felling oak wood & striping the same. Extreem hot weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Thu 18th*** Leading wood from Loweswater close. Received a letter from Joseph Senhouse about the differance between him & Hoskins. ***Fri 19th*** Two wrights about axeling the wheels. In the afternoon got 12 yards of tables & a springer from Branthwaite. Paid Anthony Harison 3 purveys for County Stock, viz. 14s 6d. ***Sat 20th*** Charge John Jenkinson with 4 meals meat.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning after which the Preparative Meeting was held. At Pardshow with wife & son in the afternoon. Very hot weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 22nd*** At Cockermouth along with wife. Drew up & settled accounts with Jonathan Harris & he paid me the ballance in full. Dry hot weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: Dan Glaister there. To draw a certificate for Nathan Martindale to Savoy Monthly Meeting, London. Jonathan Wilson's case again considered & some further indulgence given him, but he would not submitt. ***Wed 24th*** This day put out the cows to grass. Sett forward in the afternoon along with wife to Whitehaven; got there at 8 p.m. Very hot weather. Lodged at Henry Piper's. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 25th*** At Whitehaven. About the arbitration between John Backhouse & Jonathan Hudson: all appeared in Backhouse' favour. A great shower of rain in the night. ***Fri 26th*** At ditto. Settled with M. Nicholson; dined at William Skyrin's. A very heavy rain in the afternoon. At the Custom House with J. Lewthwaite. The *Industry*, Captain Howard, arrived December 3rd. ***Sat 27th*** At Whitehaven. Settled with Captain Kenner & took his note for self & J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] on Peter How for £34 13s payable 1st of November next. Came away at 5 p.m. & got well home a little after 9. Cloudy weather & showery; wind SSW. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 28th Unwell: did not go to the Meeting this day. Rainy weather but warm. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. Bought a swine. Wrote Robert Wyse about Backhouse affair. Moderate weather & warm. Mercury 29. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. Gave Jonathan Harris Peter How's note on account of Captain Kenner for £34 13s. He is to be debited with £19 14s of said note to company. Settled with Mary Dixon & received the ballance: she to return the cask. Showery warm weather. ***Wed 31st*** At ditto. The fevour rages much in this place: several people die, it is very infectious. John Winder, John Fisher & Joseph Glaister executed to me a power of attorney to collect their debts & dispose of effects &c.

June 1758

Thu 1st At Meeting in the morning. Betty Walker of Dean very ill and delirious, tho' no appearance of a fevour. At Cragend in the afternoon: old Henry [*Allason*] unwell. ***Fri 2nd*** Getting black peats. At Pardshow in the p.m. Joseph Robinson come home from Dublin. Elihu's wife recovered from the small pox. Moderate weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Sat 3rd*** Nothing remarkable. Thomas Bewley, appothecary, was buried yesterday in the evening: he died of the fevour.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting was held & pretty well attended. Sally Cowman & her couzin Brookfield from Dublin there. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth. To go to Beckfoot on the 14th current & to take two blank arbitration bonds with me. Mercury 29. ***Tue 6th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. Still dry weather though some little rain but soon gone: ground very dry. Came home in the evening. ***Wed 7th*** Cleaning the flower garden. A pretty strong south wind & looks like rain. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting in the morning. Sarah Cowman from Dublin & Isaac Piper & daughter came & dined with me & spent the

afternoon. Little rain yet. Mercury 28.9. ***Fri 9th*** Employed about the gardens. A strong westerly wind but very little rain though cloudy. Mercury 29. ***Sat 10th*** Nothing remarkable. Wind & weather as yesterday.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning. Jonathan Wilson reports that he will g● to a priest to be married & get licence for that purpose tomorrow. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. Received a letter from Joseph Ostle advising that I must not go to Beckfoot before the 21st inst. Met in the afternoon about Alexander Hoskins' case & advised him as we thought best. To write to Joseph Senhouse. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. Wrote sundry letters: to Joseph Senhouse about the affair between him & Hoskins; to Jonathan Hudson; to William & John Birkbeck; to Francis Noble. Some rain. ***Wed 14th*** At home in the forenoon. Sett forward in the afternoon to Whitehaven on account of the differance between John Backhouse & Jonathan Hudson. Met with John Lewthwaite but came to no conclusion: to write J.B. [*John Backhouse*] about the affair. ***Thu 15th*** At Whitehaven. Met John Lewthwaite as above. Settled with John Brown & received his account in full. Received a letter from John Robinson, Dublin, about Joseph Barcroft affairs. Came home in the evening. Rainy weather; mercury 29. ***Fri 16th*** At home in the forenoon. Wrote to John Backhouse as agreed upon at Whitehaven. Showry weather. ***Sat 17th*** At Whitehaven. Attended the burial of Jane Casson to Dean. Thomas Simpson riding the bounder of Dean common for the Earl of Egremont.[29]

Sun 18th At Meeting in the morning. The Preparative & Select Meeting after. Cold weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Paid John Watson & John Fearon for William & John Birkbeck. Pretty moderate weather but cold. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: Jonathan Wilson's case came again before the meeting: he is still obstinate. Moderate weather with some rain. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 21st*** Sett forward [to] Newtown in Holm about a differance between Joseph Ostle & sundry owners of a common field called Castle & John Saul. Showry day. ***Thu 22nd*** At Newtown. Examined sundry evidences; made & signed arbitration bonds. Nicholas Martindale for Saul & if we cannot agree, to chose an umpire. Fine weather. ***Fri 23rd*** At home. Employed in the garden in the a.m. At Eaglesfield in the afternoon. Sent the bark to Cockermouth, 7 bushels 2 pecks. Jonathan Harris half & to pay for the other half. ***Sat 24th*** Working in the garden all the day. It appears by the news the [*sic*] the English has destroyed 137 sail of French ships in the harbour of St Malo. Fine weather.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Hot weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 26th*** At Cockermouth. Little news: Sir Edward Hawke returned in the Ramilles sick in a fevour; the remainder of the fleet under Lord Anson in the Bay of Biscay. Hot weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. Yesterday took a new power of attorney from Thomas Leathes, Joshua Lucock & Joseph Ritson, executors in trust for the late John Winder, John Fisher & Joseph Glaister to collect &c. Cloudy weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 28th*** Drew John Fletcher & Ruth Johnson marriage certificate. Yesterday afternoon drew out a list of book debts from John Fisher's books. Sold branded cow at fair. ***Thu 29th*** Sett forward about 5 a.m. for the Quarterly Meeting

at Coldbeck. Got there a little past 9. Business in general pretty well managed. At Select Meeting which begun at 4 p.m. Attended a committee after about Joseph Senhouse' complaint. ***Fri 30th*** At Coldbeck. Meeting for Worship was held this day at usual time & broke up about ½ past 12. All in general pretty well & satisfactory & well attended. Got home about 8 p.m. Moderate weather; some showers; wind variable. Mercury 29.

July 1758

Sat 1st Remember to charge Jonathan Harris with ½ of 7 bushells & 2 pecks of oak bark bought of Matthew Black, 5 oak trees quantity 11½ feet. Got the oak wood home. Moderate weather with some showers; wind northerly. Mercury 29.

Sun 2nd Attended the marriage; read & executed the certificate. Wife & self were to Askell to dinner. All in general well conducted. Showry weather; mercury 29.2. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. With Alexander Hoskins. Got him to sign a paper about the diferance between him & Joseph Senhouse. Lawsuit stop'd. Very fine weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 4th*** At ditto. Signed Thomas Stubb's indentures & gave them to George Bell to keep, from 1st May last for 7 years, to pay for his board 5£ a year for 1st 4 years & 6£ a year for 3 last years. Wrote Joseph Senhouse. Warm weather & some showers. Mercury 29. ***Wed 5th*** At Whitehaven. With John Lewthwaite about John Backhouse affair. J.B. submitted at last to pay half the damage of the 2 hogsheads of sugar, viz. 14£, & Jonathan Hudson to pay in 1 month £26 6s 7d & to take the sugars as they were. Wet morning; mercury 28.8. ***Thu 6th*** At ditto. Account of a very hot press for seamen at Dublin: all protections useless. Along with Joseph Glaister collecting debts for the leather company, viz. £23 11s 6d. Came home in the evening. Warm, showry weather. ***Fri 7th*** Went with Peter Pearson to Gillgarren about Jeremy Wilkinson affair. Creditors to accept of £50 excluding Wilkinson's son & sister & to destroy the article when all the remainder of creditors come sign. Very wet in the night. ***Sat 8th*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher about the book debts. To write to the sundry creditors marked 'W' & to Joseph Glaister about the foreign trade. Wet weather but warm. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning; nothing remarkable. John Haile & wife dined with me. Fine warm weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Mon 10th*** At Cockermouth. With Hoskins & Holme people. Warm sultry weather. Elihu wife came home from Dublin p.m. Very rainy. ***Tue 11th*** Isaac Patrickson & William Harrison here from Whitehaven. Went with them to Brandlingill &c. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Wed 12th*** Sarah Hudson here. Nothing remarkable. Reading John Dockray's poem called "Morning thoughts on Divine Love &c." Showry. Mercury 28.5. ***Thu 13th*** At Ellonfoot with Nicholas Martindale about Holme affair. Concluded to leave my papers with him & he is to consult John Christian for his oppinion. Mercury 28.7. ***Fri 14th*** Two wrights here laying hay lofts. Sent man to Cockermouth for a bag of sprigs. John Robinson & wife arrived at Whitehaven yesterday morning. Mercury 28.8. ***Sat 15th*** At Whitehaven. Took out a licence for 3 packs of bay yarn, the *Sedgwick*, Captain Isaac Binsley,

quantity 52 stone @ 18 lb. per stone. Came home with John Robinson & wife of Dublin. Showry weather; wind NW. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 16th At Pardshow with wife seeing John Robinson & wife. Sarah Cowman & Mary Brookfield came home with us & lodged here. Mercury 28.8. ***Mon 17th*** At Cockermouth with Holme people about their affair. John Bell from London here: with him most of the afternoon. Showry weather; wind northerly. Mercury 28.9. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. An appointment made about Hoskins affair. The women have left it with regard to his wife unto the men. A very great scandel upon the Society.[30] Rainy weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Wed 19th*** John Robinson & wife dined here along with Sally Cowman & Mally Brookfield. Pleasant warm weather with dark clouds. Wind northerly, but very little. Mercury 28.9. ***Thu 20th*** Begun to mow in the Under Garth meadow: pretty well grown but short on account of the long dry weather. It mends very fast. Still moderate weather. At Thomas Wilson's in the p.m. ***Fri 21st*** Went to High Cross along with Sally & Mally, wife &c. Got the boat up the water; got some fish; came home again in the evening. Blew pretty fresh southerly. ***Sat 22nd*** Working in the garden all day. Moderate weather; wind northerly. Mercury 28.8.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. John Robinson & wife, Joseph Piper &c. dined here. All went to Eaglesfield in the afternoon. Pleasant warm weather. ***Mon 24th*** At Cockermouth. A shower in p.m. Mercury 28.8. ***Tue 25th*** At ditto. About leather company affairs. In the afternoon wrote a draft of one of the circular letters which gave content. Wrote to Joseph Senhouse in answer to his of the 23rd current. Fine weather. ***Wed 26th*** At ditto. Showry in the afternoon; wind southerly. Mercury 28.8. ***Thu 27th*** Had 4 wallers: 2 rending at Mossergate & 2 pointing at home. A very great flood last night & showry most of the day. Wind SW but moderate. ***Fri 28th*** At Cockermouth. Went to Papcastle in the afternoon along with Christopher Wilson, John Wilson, Hannah Harris, Elizabeth Whinney & Sarah Hudson about Hoskins & wife. They appear quite hard; would make no confession. ***Sat 29th*** About the hay. Got three cart load: the flood had damaged some of the hay with mudd. Moderate weather; mercury 29.

Sun 30th At Meeting in the morning. John Bell of London here in the afternoon. He is going to the Assizes at Carlisle tomorrow.

August 1758

Tue 1st Writing the circular letters for leather company, 23 in number. Joseph Robinson here helping me. Got 7 cart load hay this day. Moderate weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29. ***Wed 2nd*** At Whitehaven with John Robinson. Left the letters for Joseph Glaister to sign & he to send them up to Cockermouth. Several people come home from the Assizes this evening. William Little got his tryal. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting in forenoon; about the hay in the afternoon. A very hot day, sultry in the forenoon. Mercury 29.2. ***Fri 4th*** About the hay. Nothing to [be]

observed. Weather hot & sultry; wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Sat 5th*** At Cockermouth. Finished the circular letters & sent them away per post. Dined at John Fisher's. Came home with John Robinson.

Sun 6th At Meeting in morning. John Robinson & wife dined with us & spent the afternoon. Warm weather; a shower about midday. Mercury 28.9. ***Mon 7th*** Sett forward with John Robinson on a journey to Liverpool, Chester, Manchester &c. at 8 in the morning. Dined at Keswick; baited at Ambleside, & lodged at Kendal, Widow Bryars'. Several showers; sultry in the afternoon. ***Tue 8th*** At Kendal. At their General Meeting. Dined at Rachel Crewdson's. Sett forward for Lancaster a little past 3 p.m. & got to Lancaster about 8. Warm weather with some thunder. ***Wed 9th*** At Lancaster; stayed until about 4 p.m. About business with sundries. The Assizes held here: the judges came in about 2 p.m. Sett forward from the Sun in Lancaster & got to Garstang (Eagle & Child) at 8. A very heavy rain & loud thunder. ***Thu 10th*** Sett from Garstang at 8½ in company with John Walker & his father going to Manchester. Crossed the river Ribble below Preston at the low ford & got to Tarlton Bridge at 1 p.m. Thunder & rain. Sett forward at 3 & got to Liverpool at 10. ***Fri 11th*** At Liverpool. With David Kenyon, Hillary & Scott, Joseph Rutter, William Rathburn &c. on account of the comission business. Pleasant warm weather. ***Sat 12th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at Peter Wright's, then went with Alice Todhunter to speak a passage to Whitehaven. Agreed with Captain Rock, the *Draper*. Dined at William Rathburn's. Came over the ferry at Eston & got the [*sic, for 'to'*] Chester at 7 p.m.

Sun 13th At Chester. Came from ditto a little before 12 a.m. & got to Fransam at the Bear Paw at 1½ p.m. In the morning walked round the walls of Chester which is 1 mile, 6 furlongs & 15⁄₁₀ poles. Dined at Fransham & lodged at Warrington, the George. Peter Nicholson came to us here. ***Mon 14th*** At Warrington. At John Watson's, John Kelsel's &c. Came away about 3 p.m. & got to Manchester about 7 ditto. Put up at the Spread Eagle in Salford, a good inn, & lodged at Samuel Mellor's. Very hot weather. ***Tue 15th*** At Manchester. Fixing correspondence with sundries for John Robinson. A large popelous town & abundance of business done here in manufactury way. ***Wed 16th & Thu 17th*** At ditto. Went to Hardy Green this morning to see John Pearson, smith, at the request of his father & gave him 2s 6d which he sent him. There are now above 2000 weavers at a stand in this place on account of wages &c.[31] Sett out at 4½ p.m. Baited at Hilton Lane End; stayed about one hour & got to Chorley (Royal Oak) & lodged there at 9½. Came away at 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Garstang & lodged at Lancaster. Very hot weather. Mr. [?] Brockbank drowned on Sands. ***Fri 18th*** Came from Lancaster at 4 a.m. Entred the sand at Easton Bank [*Hest Bank*] about 5 & got to Ullverstone at 7½. The Sands very good: about 14 miles over the Keer & Kent rivers, pretty deep. Dined at the Old Talbot. Came away at 4 p.m. & got to Hawkshead @ 8. ***Sat 19th*** At Hawkshead, the King's Arms, Parkers. Came away a little before 8 a.m. Dined at the Horse Head in Wythburn; baited at Keswick & got home about 5 p.m. All well. Showry weather the two last days; in general hot & sultry.

Sun 20th At home. At Meeting. Samuel Fothergill there from Warrington. He is very eminent in the ministry & was much favoured to go through the work. At

Pardshow with wife & sun [*sic*] in the p.m. Warm weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Agreed to be an arbitrator for John Todcastle against Edward Nicholson of Keswick in a case of assault & battery. With A. Hoskins & Isaac Fearon. Warm weather with some showers. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Samuel Fothergill there & was of good service. He was much favoured in his testimony & the several states of the people well spoke unto. A. Hoskins still denys all the charges against him. ***Wed 23rd*** Unwell in the forenoon. Went to Whinney to a timber raising. I think near 100 people there; plenty of meat & drink & very good. The Conviction was at Cockermouth this day but could not attend it. ***Thu 24th*** At Cockermouth. Met Nicholas Martindale about Holme affair. Sit at the Globe & signed an agreement. To send a draft of the award to Ellonfoot on 2nd day & he to return it that it may be ingrossed in time. ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. About entring bills of parcels in the journal. Sundry letters come in answer to mine on John Fisher & Co. account. 3 packs of Irish yarn come for me per J. Major. Very wet in the afternoon; wind southerly. ***Sat 26th*** At ditto. About drawing a draft of the award about Holm affair. Came home in the afternoon. At Mossergate in the evening at a vestry of the township on account of Jonathan Fisher's wife & children. No conclusion; orderd 5s per week to next meeting.

Sun 27th At Meeting. General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. Finished the draft of the award in the afternoon. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 28th*** At Cockermouth. A confirmation of the English taking Louisbourg in the island of Cape Breton & of their defeat at Ticonderago near Crown Point with a great loss of men. With Holme people about the arbitration. Showry; mercury 28.9. ***Tue 29th*** Perusing Pope's translation of Homer's "Ilead", Scotch edition with notes. Nothing remarkable. Very heavy showers of rain & sunny between; wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Wed 30th*** S. Hudson here about washing. About leading lime for Mossergate: got 6 load. Fine harvest weather; wind about NE. ***Thu 31st*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable this day. Warm weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.1.

September 1758

Fri 1st At Cockermouth. Settled accounts with David Mathews & paid him in full as by the other side {£3 18s 6d}.[32] Moderate weather. ***Sat 2nd*** Went to Eaglesfield about an arbitration between John Woodell & John White, along with John Fearon. Examined several evidences. Showry weather.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning. Several gone to the General Meeting at Broughton. At home in the afternoon. Very wet showry weather. Mercury 29. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. Agreed to go to Keswick about an arbitration on 6th day come a week being the 15 current & to go to Eaglesfield again on 4th day afternoon being the 6th current. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto. It appears by accounts received yesterday that Jonathan Wilson & Mary Cass was married at Brigham church yesterday morning. Showry weather. Came home in the evening. ***Wed 6th*** Went to Eaglesfield in the afternoon about the arbitration. Agreed, & to draw the awards.

Showry weather: a very wetly harvest. Mercury 29. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting in the morning. John Whaller there from Halifax: a young man & good preacher. He dined with me. Went to Mossergate after. Had wallers there. ***Fri 8th*** Writing the awards between John Woodell & John White. Met John Fearon at Kirby in the evening. Signed the awards. Moderate weather. ***Sat 9th*** Ingrossing the awards about Holm affair on two large skins of parchment which took me all the day. Settled with the wallers & paid them in full. A very fine day. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 10th Was at the Meeting in the morning. Had several company in the afternoon. Writing a draft of the release for Holm affair. Showry weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 11th*** At Cockermouth. Read & delivered the awards to Holm's people. Received in full as by the other side {of Joseph Ostle &c. per bill: £3 10s 6d}. To go again to Holm on the 20th current. Wrote to Joseph Senhouse. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 12th*** Begun shearing the barley this day. Wrote John Wilkinson's indentures to his father. Fine harvest weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 13th*** Nothing remarkable. Throng with the harvest. A pleasant day. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 14th*** At 8 this morning wife was brought to bed of a sun; a pretty good time & short, about 6 hours. We call him John after his brother. ***Fri 15th*** Nothing to be remarked. A fine harvest day. Mercury 29.2. ***Sat 16th*** At Cockermouth in the afternoon. Wife in a hopeful way of recovery. A hot day; mercury 29.

Sun 17th At Meeting in the morning. The Preparative & Select Meetings were held after. Queries read &c. A showry day. ***Mon 18th*** At Cockermouth. Met about Hoskins' affair. Very rainy day. Mercury [*sic*]. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. A. Hoskins' case to be referred to the Quarterly Meeting. Select Meeting was also held. Cloudy moist weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Holm to meet Nicholas Martindale. John Saul signed & executed the general release but could not get any other conclusion about Blea Gutter. ***Thu 21st*** About the harvest work. Nothing remarkable. Moderate pleasant weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 22nd*** Got in some barley. Some showers this day. At Keswick about the arbitration between John Todcastle & Edward Nicholson upon assault &c. ***Sat 23rd*** At Keswick. Agreed & signed the award, viz. Thomas Christian, John Briscoe & self ordered Nicholson to pay £11 & each half of the charges of the arbitration. Came home in the evening. Fine weather. Mercury 29.5.

Sun 24th At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be a[t] Cockermouth this day week. Got all the corn shorn yesterday. Very fine weather; wind northerly. ***Mon 25th*** About housing the oats. Rain the afternoon & night; wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 26th*** Nothing remarkable. A very fine day; wind northerly. ***Wed 27th*** At Cockermouth. Met at William Woodvill's on account of the difference between Hoskins & Senhouse. No conclusion come unto: Senhouse refused to sign a bond. ***Thu 28th*** At ditto. Attended the Quarter Meeting which was not large. Business well conducted. Isaac Wilson & wife from Kendal here. Case about Alexander Hoskins & wife referred to a committee: their report was to deny both the Society. This evening J. Senhouse & A. Hoskins signed mutual arbitration bonds, penalty 2000£, to stand the award of J. Dockray, T. Mitchinson, J. Beeby, Jonathan Harris & self. Time: 1st January. ***Fri 29th*** At ditto. Meeting for Worship this

forenoon pretty well conducted & satisfactory, after which the adjourned Quarter Meeting confirmed the comittee report about Hoskins & wife. Moderate weather with some showers; afternoon fair & sunshine. ***Sat 30th*** At ditto. Wrote to Joseph Ismay & son, London, & Isabela Graham, Morpeth, per post. Entering some accounts in the journal. Weather same as yesterday. Mercury 29.6.

October 1758

Sun 1st Wife taken very ill this morning, so could not get to the Meeting. General Meeting was held at Cockermouth this day. Wife much better. Very moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 2nd*** At Cockermouth with John Robinson & John Todcastle. Delivered John Robinson the account to make a coppy. Wrote sundry letters. Fine weather. ***Tue 3rd*** Imployed about the corn. Got all housed this day: had about 330 shocks of oats & about 130 of barley. Very fine weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Wed 4th*** Nothing remarkable. Leading black peats out of the moss. Wind & weather as yesterday. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 5th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven at 9 a.m. & got there about 12. With Joseph Glaister about the foreign trade &c. Cloudy weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Fri 6th*** At Whitehaven. Breakfasted at Joseph Glaister's. At Meeting after. Daniel Badger there from Wiltshire: an old man & sound in the ministry. ***Sat 7th*** Wife recovers but slowly. At Mossergate in the afternoon with J. Fawcett about a presentment. J. Fisher not at home. Egermont court this day week & I am to give in turn. Showry weather. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 8th Was at Meeting in morning. Daniel Badger there. A thin Meeting on account of the storm & flood. Rain the whole day & strong gale of wind, southerly. Mercury 28.3. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Eaglesfield. With John Fearon & sett of the parcel of ground awarded John White. Then to Cockermouth. Very cold weather & frost, the hills covered with snow. Daniel Badger had a meeting here this afternoon. ***Tue 10th*** At Cockermouth. Michaelmas fare was held this day here & pretty throng. Horses & beasts considerably fallen in price. Paid John Brougham for John Fisher & Co. £50 4s 6d in part of his bill of costs. ***Wed 11th*** At ditto. In the warehouse. Wrote John Bell of London & John Robinson of Dublin. A very fine day but cold & frosty. Came home in the evening. Mercury 29. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting in the morning. Jonathan Harris & wife here & stayed until evening. The post time altered until 11 a clock at night each post night & comes about 5 a.m. ***Fri 13th*** Unwell: a fitt of the gravel. Better in the afternoon. Took off the trees the remainder of the apples. Frosty weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Sat 14th*** Sett forward to Egermont court. Was turnman, but no presentments. Three new inrollments this court. To write to Thomas Simpson, steward, first opportunity. Wind & weather same. Mercury 29.5.

Sun 15th At the Meeting in the morning. Jane Crossfield & Rigg [*sic*] from Westmorland there: both good preachers. Fine weather & frost. Collected upon two briefs at Pardshowhall Meeting 6s 10d; to be paid in at 1st court. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Fine frosty weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.7.

Tue 17th At ditto. At Meeting in the morning. Jane Crossfield & companion there. Came home in the evening. Weather ditto. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 18th*** Went in the afternoon to Mockerkin to a sale of the goods of the late James Mirehouse, deceased: a pretty sharp sale. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 19th*** Wrote indentures of apprenticeship between Joseph Steel & John Ward; to serve 6 years from 1st September last. At Meeting in the morning. Went to see Peter Pearson after who has broke his leg: in a hopeful way. Frosty. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 20th*** Transcribing Mosser grant[33] & to translate it into English & send a copy to Thomas Simpson with a case & proposals about our commons. Very fine weather but cloudy; wind NE. Mercury 29.4. ***Sat 21st*** At Cockermouth. About getting the wheat ground &c. In the warehouse & about the Irish yarn. Fine moderate weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.

Sun 22nd Was at Meeting in the morning. The Preparative Meeting after. Peter Hudson wants a certificate to visit Ireland: met with some opposition. Mercury 28.9. ***Mon 23rd*** At Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Corn low: wheat at 14s; barley @ 6s; rye @ 7s; & oats @ 3s per bushel. Potatoes from 2s to 2s 8d. Mercury 29. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Signed a certificate for Peter Hudson to Ireland. To draw Alexander Hoskins', J. Fletcher & Jonathan Wilson's denyals. Begun to take up potatoes with the plough. Frosty weather. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 25th*** Finished the taking up potatoes. Had near 30 bushels for 3 planting & very large & good. Everything this year very plentifull & cheap. Frosty weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 26th*** Leading wood from Broad Ing in Loweswater in the forenoon. In the afternoon leading turff from the fell above Sourscales [*Sosgill*].[34] Wind & weather the same. ***Fri 27th*** Peter Nicholson came here this morning from Ulverstone. Went to view the out commons belonging Mosser & mentioned in the grant & drew a plan of the same. Windy weather with showers; wind south. Mercury from 29.3 to 28.5. ***Sat 28th*** Writing out our proposals about buying the commons &c. to send T. Simpson to lay before the Earl of Egermont.[35] A hard gale of wind from the south & a storm of rain. Mercury 28.3.

Sun 29th At the Meeting in the morning. Robert Walker from Yorkshire there: a preacher. Wife got to Meeting this day the first time since lying inn. A blowing day with some showers of rain. Mercury 28.4. ***Mon 30th*** At Cockermouth. Finished my letter to Thomas Simpson, Penrith, & sent per William Kid, about Mosser affairs &c. Count Daun hath attacked the Prussian camp in the night & gained a victory. General Keith & Prince Francis of Brunswick killed & the king himself had two horses shot under him. ***Tue 31st*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. Posting & settling the leidger. In an arbitration in the night between Thomas Eaton & son in law Jonathan Benson. Benson's wife to have 10£, her share of the personal estate of her late father.

November 1758

Wed 1st At ditto. At Meeting. Robert Walker here: & [*sic*] sound minister & preached well. Came home in the evening. Showry weather; wind southerly. At mill this day. Mercury 28.5. ***Thu 2nd*** Paid Anne Hotblack her pension from the Sons of the Clergy by order of John Bell & to debit his account therewith. Wind &

weather ditto. ***Fri 3rd*** Pulling down the wall on the west side of kitchen garden & making it ready for the wallers. Transplanted the trees into the grass plat. A fine moderate day; wind south. Mercury 28.6. This day John Pearson, churchwarden, & James Graham, assistant, took 2¼ bushels old barley & two cheeses from me for tithes. ***Sat 4th*** Nothing remarkable. A southerly wind with some showers.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning; at home in the afternoon. Reading over Pope's "Homer's Oddysey". Weather as above. Mercury 28.8. ***Mon 6th*** At Cockermouth. With Isaac Fearon & Dan Glaister. To meet Joseph Fearon & Joseph Gibson this day two weeks about a difference. ***Tue 7th*** Two wallers & three wrights here. Sale for [dis]strained goods at Mosser this afternoon which sold pretty well. A moderate day; wind southerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Wed 8th*** Three wrights here. Fetched some large stones from the crag in the afternoon. Very showry & blowy weather. Mercury 28.3. ***Thu 9th*** Set forward to Whitehaven at 10 this forenoon; got there about one. About John Fisher & company affair. Joseph Glaister gone to Cockermouth. Moderate day; mercury 28.5. ***Fri 10th*** At Whitehaven. John Robinson's draft on me for 20£ on account of the Irish yarn left with William Skyrin to the amount of my share & R. Smithson to send the rest. The whole £64 6s 6d. Came home in the evening. Mercury 29. ***Sat 11th*** Wrote the deed for James Lister & executed the same in the afternoon on Tendley. He paid John Fearon £12 & to pay £2 10s, the remainder in lime. A moderate day; wind westerly. Mercury 29.4.

Sun 12th Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Very fine weather & inclinable to frost. Wind west. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth. St Martin's fare keept. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto. Came home in the night. Very great rain & blew very hard from the SW. Mercury 29. ***Wed 15th*** Drawing out for Robert Baynes a plan of the township of Mosser & to send our proposals to the Earl of Egremont about the commons. To coppy the old grant & conferr with him next week about the same. A fine day. ***Thu 16th*** Was at Meeting in the morning; at smithy in the afternoon. Received of Joseph Porter 7s 6d for Thomas Casson. Moderate cloudy moist weather; wind westerly. Mercury 28.8. ***Fri 17th*** Three wrights here. A very wet day. In the afternoon at Pardshowhall. Bought three stones of John Usher for 2s a piece. He is to hole them. ***Sat 18th*** Three wrights here. Wrote a certificate for John Mirehouse & Esther his wife. Very rainy most of the day; wind SW. Mercury 28.5.

Sun 19th At Meeting, after which the Preparative Meeting was held. Also met about the papers of denyal but did not agree; to prepare them against Monthly Meeting. ***Mon 20th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote John Robinson, Dublin, & ordered four packs Irish yarn. Showry weather; mercury 28.8. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Signed the papers of denyal after a long debate about them. Wrights yet here. Moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Wed 22nd*** 3 wrights here. In the afternoon carryed & sett new stone stulps & hung a new spiled gate at moor & to lock it when finished. Very cold day; wind SSW. 29.3. ***Thu 23rd*** 3 wrights here & 2 wallers. The wrights finished this day & John Jenkinson brought in his bill & I paid him in full. Moderate day. Mercury 29.4. ***Fri 24th*** 2 wallers here. Employed in serving them with lime & stone. Moderate weather; wind

southerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Sat 25th*** At Cockermouth. Run over the Mill-fitts closes with the chain: quantity about 16 acres besides some waists & mill way about 2 acres more. Jonathan Harris agreed with Humphrey Senhouse for the said field for a lease of 21 years for £37 per annum.

Sun 26th Was at the Meeting in the forenoon & at home after. Nothing material happened. Weather as above. Mercury 29. ***Mon 27th*** At Cockermouth. With sundry people about law affairs. In the night settled accounts between William Woodvill & John Usher, & W.W. paid £1 4s 6d, the ballance, in full. Still moderate weather with some frost. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 28th*** At ditto. At the Meeting: William Crow from the Border there in a visit to this county. ***Wed 29th*** At ditto. With Robert Baynes about Mosser out commons. Left the papers with him, viz. a copy & translation of the grant & a plan of the township. Fine weather; wind [*sic*]. Mercury 29. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather inclinable to frost.

December 1758

Fri 1st Went Waterend to the sale of William Woodvill's land. It was sold to John Pattinson for £708 5s 8d. A very cold day: rain & snow most of the day. ***Sat 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth in the morning & prepared the purchase deed for John Pattinson. Got William Woodvill to sign it, tho' very weak. Went to Brayton after & got it allowed & John Pattinson, younger, entered tenant upon the roll.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning: William Crow there. Drew a fair copy of Alexander Hoskins' paper of denyal. Cold frosty weather; wind northerly. Hills covered with snow. Mercury 29. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. About Joseph Fearon affair. Exhibited an inventory upon stamp to the Surrogate to be sent into the court. Pretty moderate day: much snow on the hills. Mercury 28.5. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto, settling the cash books &c. Wrote out a draft of the agreement between Humphrey Senhouse & Jonathan Harris. Joseph Glaister here in the evening. Sharp frost. ***Wed 6th*** At ditto. At the George with Joseph Glaister, John Fisher & Joshua Lucock about the leather company affairs: agreed to divide the stock on hand. Hard frost & snow; wind east. Mercury 29.2. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting in the morning. At Mossergate after with John Cowx. Sett out two ash trees for him for husbandry gear. Weather the same. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 8th*** At Cockermouth. Joseph Glaister yet here about dividing the stock. John Fisher divided the leather upon hand into three equal parts according to value. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 9th*** At ditto. This forenoon cast lotts for the parcels of leather & each partner took their shares into their own disposal. Signed the agreement between J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] & H. Senhouse. Rainy weather; snow mostly gone. Mercury 29.0.

Sun 10th At Meeting in the morning. A hard gale of wind from the SW with great showers of rain & looks like broken weather. Mercury 28.5. ***Mon 11th*** At Cockermouth. Lost my pockett book in going. Joseph Scott found it & I got it again. About John Fisher & company affairs. Pretty moderate weather. Mercury 28.7.

Tue 12th Taylors here. A very wett day; wind southerly. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Wed 13th*** Taylors here. Was at Mossergate. Went after with John Gill to Waterend. Dined at Peter Pearson's & was at Thomas Wilson's after. Hard frost; mercury 29. ***Thu 14th*** At Whitehaven. Dined at Lawrence Harrison's. With Joseph White about William Robinson but could not agree. Hard frost in the morning but rain after. Wind westerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 15th*** At ditto. With Joseph Glaister all the day. Examined & signed an abstract of his books for foreign trade. A pretty moderate day; wind westerly. At T. Casson's in evening. ***Sat 16th*** At ditto. With Joseph Glaister at sundries. A sale at the Custom House in the afternoon. Came home in the evening. Moist weather with showers; wind south. Mercury 29.

Sun 17th At the Meeting in the morning. Read J. Fletcher & J. Wilson's papers of denyal. Preparative Meeting after. A great storm of wind & rain from the south. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 18th*** The storm continued all this day & made a great flood. Mercury 28.7. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting. Nothing remarkable. A pretty moderate day; wind easterly. Mercury 29. ***Wed 20th*** At Cockermouth. With Thomas Lawson about meeting house vote &c. With John Fisher & Robert Smithson about leather company affairs. Showery weather; wind SE. 29. ***Thu 21st*** At ditto. Breakfasted at John Robinson's. Lotted the gloves & other goods on hand for John Fisher & Co. & sent the shares to the owners. With Lawson & John Lucock about the burgages. Showery close weather. ***Fri 22nd*** At ditto, posting up the books this day in order for a general settlement. Read over Brown's estimate. Good remarks on the times. A moderate cloudy day but little rain. ***Sat 23rd*** At ditto. Finished posting the books. Wrote the proposals for taking Pardshow Cragg for 21 years to be loose at 7 years end; rent one guinea, half at Michaelmas & 25 March for Matthew Black & son. Moderate day. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 24th Was at Meeting in the morning. Took instructions for two indentures of apprentiship for John Jenkinson & Joseph Black. Moderate weather, inclinable to frost. Wind easter[l]y. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 25th*** This is what is called Christmas Day. Both our servants gone home. Nothing to be remarked. Sharp frost; wind easterly. Mercury 29.6. ***Tue 26th*** At Lorton with John Wilkinson, junior, surveying for Jonathan Wilkinson his estate at Lorton Hall which is to be sold on the 12th of next month. Pretty moderate weather. ***Wed 27th*** Casting up yesterday's survey: John Wilkinson here. Moderate in the fore part of the day but rainy after; wind southerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Thu 28th*** At Cockermouth. About the refferance between John Rudd of Whitehaven, plaintiff, & Richard Simpson, defendant. John Bragg attorney for the defendant & John Brougham attorney for the plaintiff. ***Fri 29th*** At ditto. Got all the defendant's witnesses examined & some on behalf of the plaintiff. All upon oath: Joshua Lucock attended us for that purpose. The cause yet appears in favour of the defendant. To meet again on 16 January at Dessington. ***Sat 30th*** At Lorton again surveying. Frost & snow & very cold weather. To be there again on 3rd day & to stay until finished. Mercury 28.8.

Sun 31st At home. Was at Meeting in the morning. Thomas Pearson, William Pearson & William Hudson dined here the 1st & Sarah & Susi Robinson stayed all night. Wet weather.

1759

January 1759

Mon 1st Thomas Pearson junior here. Wrote by him to John Nixon requiring an answer by post. Moist showry weather; wind southerly. ***Tue 2nd*** Went to Lorton to survey Jonathan Wilkinson's estate. Was there all day. Very cold weather: sharp frost and ground covered with snow. Wind easterly. ***Wed 3rd*** At Lorton. Finished the survey: total content about 80 acres. Advertised it to be sold in publick sale on the 12th inst. Cold weather with some rain. Wind SW. Mercury 28.5. ***Thu 4th*** At Cockermouth about the books. Received by Jonathan Harris a letter from John Nixon requesting me to go to Whitehaven on 6th or 7th day. ***Fri 5th*** At ditto, posting & settling the cash book. With Lawson, Lucock, about some affairs. In the evening with Thomas Simpson & Ben Dowson. Sat 6th At Whitehaven.

Sun 7th Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather & a strong gale of wind from the south. Mercury 29. ***Mon 8th*** At Cockermouth. Got 4 packs Irish yarn here; about selling the same. A hard gale of wind from the south & very wet in the morning. Mercury 28.8. ***Tue 9th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Stormy weather; blew very hard; wind SW. Mercury ditto. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Cockermouth this forenoon. The Sessions begun this day: not much business. Moist weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Thu 11th*** At Cockermouth; the Sessions. ***Fri 12th*** Went to the sale of Lorton Hall estate. Drew the conditions of sale & fixed the parcels. It was sold together for [£]1820 to Richardson of Johnby, Graystock parish. ***Sat 13th*** Not very well. Nothing remarkable this day. A hard gale of wind from the SSW with heavy showers of rain.

Sun 14th Was at Meeting in the morning. Blew hard with some showers. Mercury 29. ***Mon 15th*** At Cockermouth. With Joseph Ostle about some affairs at Holme. Also settled the differance between Jane Woodvill & Peter Pearson. She to pay him £6 10s & he to quit the farm. ***Tue 16th*** Came to Dissington about Rudd & Simpson's affair. Rudd beg'd more time which was agreed to. To meet again on the 25th inst. at the Golden Lyon in Whitehaven. Moist weather. ***Wed 17th*** At Whitehaven. Wrote William Hudson's indentures of apprentiship to Joseph White, ship carpenter, for 5 years; to be signed tomorrow. ***Thu 18th*** At ditto. Signed the indentures & paid Joseph White the apprentice fee of 10£. Came home in the evening. Fine day. Mercury 29.2. ***Fri 19th*** Went with wife & son to Brandlingill; got home in the evening. Moderate weather; mercury 29.3.

Sun 21st Was at Meeting; the Preparative Meeting. To prepare a certificate for Hanah Harris for London. Moderate moist weather. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Delivered out all the Irish yarn. Weather ditto. Mercury 29.6.

Tue 23rd Was at Monthly Meeting. National collection to be next month. Pretty moderate close weather. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 24th*** Went to Mossergate & divided the Pasture. Agreed to take all the dales on Bank-heads & to give half measure in the Pasture. ***Thu 25th*** Went to Whitehaven about the arbitration between Rudd & Simpson. Agreed & signed the awards: Simpson to pay 7£ rent & £14 10s costs. ***Fri 26th*** At Whitehaven. Was with T. Casson & took several bonds to get altered into his own name. ***Sat 27th*** Wrote a lease between Joseph Harris & James Lister for part of Eaglesfield land & toft of houses; yearly rent 12£. Rainy day; mercury 29.1.

Sun 28th Was at Meeting in morning. Joseph Robinson & Hanah Harris to set forward for London in about 10 days. A very fine day; wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. Signed the lease between Joseph Harris & James Lister. Blowey weather with some rain. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. About settling the books, taking an account of stock &c. Showry weather; wind southerly. ***Wed 31st*** At ditto. Finished G.B.'s [*George Bell's*] books & it appears he is owing the company £25 14s 6d. A very rainy day & a flood; wind southerly.

February 1759

Fri 2nd Looking over my old writings about Mosser infranchisment. A very rainy day; wind SSW. Mercury 29. ***Sat 3rd*** Still employed in going over the old deeds about the tryal of Wateren Wood between Lowswater & Mosser.[36] Showery.

Sun 4th Was at Meeting in the morning. Thomas Pearson junior here in the afternoon. To pay him £8 6s at Broughton tomorrow. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth. Went to Broughton & paid T.P. in full. Pretty moderate moist weather; wind still westerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 6th*** Went to Pardshow about the swine which man bought yesterday. Brought it home. Joseph Robinson came home with us & is to sett forward for London tomorrow. ***Wed 7th*** Killed the swine this forenoon: it proved very well. Went in the afternoon with Joseph Robinson to Keswick. He & sister Hannah to go forward for London in the morning. Still moist weather. ***Thu 8th*** At Cockermouth. Went to the Fitts field with J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] & sett of about 5 acres for a bleachyard. Very wet most of the day; wind westerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Fri 9th*** At ditto. Entering some accounts. Wrote sundry letters. Sold George Asbridge a cask of rum. Wind & weather as above. ***Sat 10th*** A moist day; wind ditto. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 11th Went to Meeting in the morning. John Bell there. National collection to be this day week. W[ind and] W[eather] ditto. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 13th*** At [Cockermouth]. A[t] warehouse in the forenoon. Went with T. Lawson to Richard Whinney about building a lime kiln. With Captain Kirmule Postlethwaite & [*sic*] in afternoon. Still very fine weather. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 14th*** Went to meet T. Lawson & Elihu Robinson in the afternoon. Articled with E.R. [*Elihu Robinson*] for a rood of ground in High Bouchfield for burning lime for 21 years.[37] Weather the same; wind easterly. Mercury ditto. ***Thu 15th*** William Lawson came here this

morning. Begun hedging; marked out the new hedge. Weather as above. Mercury ditto. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Whitehaven on account of Thomas Casson's affairs settling. Drew a draft of a will; John Younger & myself trustees. E. Gibson finished said will. ***Sat 17th*** At Whitehaven. Received from Thomas Casson all his bonds, notes, &c. in a tin box to keep for his use. Came home in the evening. Still fine weather; wind northerly. Mercury 29.7.

Sun 18th Was at Meeting & Preparative Meeting after. National collection this day: £8 0s 6d. To prepare a certificate for John Wilson. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Received several letters. Received Serjeant Pool's opinion from J. Bragg. Settled the difference between John Fearon & Richard Simpson. Delivered R.S. note of £10 10s to John Walker. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Signed John Wilson's certificate to America & John Park's paper of denyal.[38] Moderate frost; wind northerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 21st*** At Cockermouth. Got an order of removal for Christian Fisher & 4 children to the parish of Dean. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here: got of him bills & cash to the amount of £71 1s 0d. ***Thu 22nd*** At ditto. J. Harris & R. Smithson sett forward this morning on their journey. Was at Kirby in the evening with T.L. [*Thomas Lawson*], E.R. [*Elihu Robinson*], & T.B. to sett of the ground. Moderate weather but cold. 29.3. ***Fri 23rd*** W. Lawson here hedging. Went in the evening & sett of the rood of ground in Bouch field for burning lime. Cold weather; frost & snow on the hills. ***Sat 24th*** About hedging. Pretty sharp frost in the night; wind NE.

Sun 25th Was at Meeting in the morning. Settled with John Usher junior as on the other side {in full for work: 16s 6d}. Very cold weather; wind NE. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 26th*** At Cockermouth. About the removal with C. Christian &c. In the night with John Brag attorney. Cold weather; wind SE. Mercury 28.5. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto, writing out the book debts &c. in the warehouse all day. Spent the evening at George Bell's. Fine weather. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. Finished the books & goods on hand. Ballance in favour of the company above £100. Very pleasant weather.

March 1759

Thu 1st At ditto. Went home about 11 a.m. Mercury 28.7. ***Fri 2nd*** At Pardshow-crag in the morning with John Usher about the lime killn. In the afternoon at Pasturehead close with the hedgers. Cloudy weather; some rain; wind southerly. Mercury 28.5. ***Sat 3rd*** Rode to Brigham to see old John Bell & wife & paid as per column {£10 10s by order of his son}. At Cockermouth after. Wrote John Bell.

Sun 4th Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Peter Pearson here. Fine weather; wind northerly. Mercury 28.7. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth. Proved Elizabeth Robinson's will before Surrogate. Concistory Court on the 15th inst. With P. Pearson, Isaac Fearon &c. about their difference: can get nothing done. ***Wed 7th*** S. Hudson here about some uneasiness happened at Cockermouth. Wrote John Brag & sent him our window lists to get signed by the comissioners. Very cold weather; wind easterly. Mercury 28.9. ***Thu 8th*** Was at Meeting in morning. About diging low garden & planting beans & peas. Cold weather and rain in the p.m. Wind

southerly. Mercury 28.5. ***Fri 9th*** At Cockermouth. About John Fisher & company affairs. He had not got thro' the loose papers. To go thro' books next week. Abundance of snow on the fells. ***Sat 10th*** Wrote the lease about the limestone ground. To be signed at Cockermouth on 2nd day. Cold weather; wind SE. Mercury 28.3.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Cold blowey weather. Mercury 28.5. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. With Thomas Simpson & John Nixon. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. With John Fisher about their affairs. Examined the books with J.G.'s [*Joseph Glaister's*] remarks; not clear. Came home in the evening. Cold weather; wind SW & showery. Mercury 28.7. ***Wed 14th*** Went to Whitehaven to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] about our company affairs. A hard gale of wind & storm in the night. ***Thu 15th*** At home. At Meeting in a.m. At smithy after, getting horse sho'd. Had Joseph Fawcett & Richard Jackson about leading stones for the drains. Very cold & rainy in the afternoon. Mercury 28.5. ***Fri 16th*** Very cold & a hard gale of wind, westerly. Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. To go with J.W. [*Jonathan Wilkinson*] in the morning to Johnby about signing up his estate at Lorton-hall. ***Sat 17th*** At Cockermouth. Sett forward about six this morning with Jonathan Wilkinson to Johnby near Graystock. Signed the writings & delivered them to me to keep. Came to Keswick that night. Fine weather.

Sun 18th Came home from Keswick this morning. Was at Meeting; at Preparative & Select Meeting after. Copied London Queries. Wife gone to Thackthwaite to see Anne Iredale. Fine day; mercury 29.5. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Rainy day; mercury 29. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting & attended the Select Meeting after. In general things pretty well. A fine day; wind NW. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 21st & Thu 22nd*** At Cockermouth. Met Joseph Glaister, Thomas Laithes, John Fisher & Joshua Lucock. Agreed to write Ismay to get the goods upon hand clean'd, sorted & sold either together or in lots for the best price he can get. Also agreed that I should pay the cash in my hands to John Winder's executors or trustees & the other partners until their advances were all equal & then divide the remainder equally amongst them. Wrote to Ismay & son. Fine weather. ***Fri 23rd*** Ploughing the fallows in Low-whinney. A pretty moderate day; wind westerly. Mercury 29.5. ***Sat 24th*** Finished the fallows. Very hot weather. Sett out the riggs in Middle Close for ploughing.

Sun 25th Was at Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be here this day week. Cold day & a strong westerly wind. Mercury 29.6. ***Mon 26th*** At Cockermouth. Cold blowy day. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. Came home this morning. Drew on John Skelton in favour of John Fisher for £37 6s at 30 days & advised. This for Mrs. Salkeld & on account of leather company. Showry; mercury 29. ***Thu 29th*** Wrote the lease between Senhouse & J. Harris of Millfield &c. for 21 years; rent £37. Also an indenture of apprentiship for John Usher. A very great snow all day; wind northerly. Mercury 28.5. ***Fri 30th*** Sent for to Jeremy Nicholson's in the morning. Made a small alteration in his will, viz. 20£ more to his son Jacob. Very unwell. Wrote P. Nicholson. Deep snow & hard frost; wind northerly. Mercury 29.1. ***Sat 31st*** Got little up this day. Sharp frost in the morning; rainy in the afternoon. Snow mostly gone; wind about south. Mercury 29.

April 1759

Sun 1st Recovering from my disorder. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here this morning. Gave him six drafts on John Bell to the amount of £330. Very fine day. ***Mon 2nd*** Ploughing the ley. John Robinson, Pardshow, here helping us. Moderate weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 3rd*** Ploughing. Sarah Hudson here. Fine day; mercury 29. ***Wed 4th*** About cutting hedge in the forenoon. Rainy in the afternoon. A very forward season. Reading Rolin's "Antient History". ***Thu 5th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. About cutting out the hedge in Middle Close. S. Hudson went home this afternoon. Very pleasant weather. ***Fri 6th*** Nothing remarkable. Was at Pardshow smithey geting a crook made for Hill gate stulp. Wet in a.m. Wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Sat 7th*** A thick snow this morning but came on rain in the afternoon. Threshing this day. Wind SW. Mercury 29.

Sun 8th At Meeting in the morning. Was at Jeremy Nicholson's burial in the afternoon. Met Dean people at Churchstile in the evening. Agreed to meet again at Kirby on 4th day evening. A fine, warm day; mercury 29.2. ***Mon 9th*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher. Received of him the cash {£37 6s} for my bill on John Skelton. Showry weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29. ***Tue 10th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable. John Bragg, the attorney, here consulting about the removal. Also about Joseph Harris affair. ***Wed 11th*** At ditto. About John Fisher & Co. affairs with Bragg & Brougham. Met Dean parish in the evening at Kirby. Agreed to referr the case to three Justices of the Peace. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting in the morning. Yesterday got the lease signed for the limestone ground. Joseph Fawcett here leading wood. Pretty moderate weather. Mercury 29. ***Fri 13th*** Killed the swine in the morning. It proved very well. Sew about 7 pecks of oats in the afternoon in Middle Close. A fine day. ***Sat 14th*** Went with wife to High Cross to the burial of Hannah Pearson. She was carried to Cockermouth meeting house.

Sun 15th Was at Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Cold weather. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Signed John Barwise indentures to John Usher. ***Tue 17th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; mercury 29.3. ***Wed 18th*** At plow in the forenoon. Went to Cragend in the afternoon about viewing wood. Fine weather. ***Thu 19th*** At Whitehaven. Met Dean people about parish affair. ***Fri 20th*** Yesterday agreed to referr the affair to John Benn and G. Irton, Esqs. If can't agree, to chose a third. At Lorton in the evening about executing deeds. Fine weather; mercury 29.5. ***Sat 21st*** Was at the court at Lowswater. Got John Burnyeat tennant of the estate late Hannah Pearson's.[39] Fine weather; wind SW. Mercury 29.4.

Sun 22nd At Meeting in the morning. William Hudson here from Whitehaven. Sew all the oats yesterday: in all 11 bushels. Very fine warm weather. ***Mon 23rd*** At Cockermouth. The account of the king of Prussia being killed is without any foundation. Fine weather & warm showers. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 24th*** At ditto. Wrote to Thomas Leathes that I intended to pay the money in my hand to him first oportunity. Came home this evening. ***Wed 25th*** Was at Egermont court. Robert Baynes, new steward, keept the court. With Br[a]gg about the town affair. A very

warm day. ***Thu 26th*** At Whitehaven. Came about the town affair to speak with G. Irton. From home. ***Fri 27th*** At ditto. Came to Cockermouth. Wrote to John Robinson. Sent with Ben Dowson a stated account attested. ***Sat 28th*** About preparing the ground for potatoes. A very dry season & a settled easterly wind. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 29th Was at Meeting in the morning. Wife gone to the General Meeting at Cockermouth. Very dry weather. ***Mon 30th*** At Cockermouth. About going through John Fisher books. Was at Thomas Laithes's in the evening with Joshua Lucock about the affairs. Made a payment {to Thomas Laithes; paid him for J.F. [*John Fisher*] & company: £101}.

May 1759

Tue 1st Leading manure to Low-Whinney. Sett out the potatoes this day: in all about 5 bushels. Still dry weather & a strong easterly wind. Mercury 29. ***Wed 2nd*** Yesterday in the evening at John Fisher's, old overseer's, house & settled last year's accounts. John Fawcett new overseer & John Burnyeat constable. Leading manure. Dry weather. 29.2. ***Thu 3rd*** Was sent for to John Peile's at Branthwaite Edge to make his will. Finished the same & got it executed. He is very ill & not likely to recover. Got all the manure out this day. ***Fri 4th*** Ploughing for barley. Held the plough all this day. Land in good order. Dry warm weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Sat 5th*** At plough in the forenoon; at Cragend after. Sowed all the barley this day, about 2⅔ bushels. Very dry but cold.

Sun 6th Was at the burial of Peter Wilson's daughter at Eaglesfield. She died of an asthma. Joseph Gill come home from Virginia. Cloudy weather like rain. Mercury 28.9. ***Mon 7th*** At Cockermouth. With Holm people about a differance. Received for the company as on the other side {of William Hodgson of Fellside upon J.H. [*Jonathan Harris?*] & my note @ 4£: £100}. A fine shower this morning. Mercury 28.9. ***Tue 8th*** At ditto. The head court was held here this day. Nothing remarkable. Weather pretty moderate. Came home in the evening. ***Thu 10th*** At Whitehaven. About the township affair with G. Irton. Agreed to meet this day two weeks here. Aboard the *Matty*, Captain Casson. Came home in the evening. ***Fri 11th*** Edward Jones here about finishing the garden &c. Fine weather & a dry south wind. Mercury 29. ***Sat 12th*** With Edward Jones in the gardens: put in about 2 quarts of peas. Cow died last night & was buried this morning.

Sun 13th Was at Meeting in the morning. Joseph Gill, Thomas Pearson & Mally Hodgson dined here. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Got the arbitration bonds signed between Thomas Ritson & Henry Walker. Refferees John Robinson, John Fearon & self. To meet at Kirby on 4th day come a week. ***Tue 15th*** At ditto. Took Joseph Gill's order: to make them ready in 6 weeks. With John Bragg, attorney, about town affair. With Joseph Taylor in evening about a differance between him & his son. Cold cloudy weather. ***Wed 16th*** At ditto. Beast fair this day: a great fair but not so dear as at some time before. Bought of Christopher Wilson a red cow &

calf. Came home in the evening. Dry weather. ***Thu 17th*** At Meeting in the morning. Elihu Robinson & wife here in the afternoon. He is going to London with C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*]. The[y] set forward on 7th day. Hot weather; wind westerly. ***Fri 18th*** Went with wife to C. Wilson about the cow: got her home this day. Went to Highfield & dined there. Came home in the evening. Mercury 29.6. ***Sat 19th*** Calculating some interest for John Fisher in order for a settlement of his books. Sett barr-heads in Hogs grass in the afternoon.

Sun 20th At Meeting in the morning. Preparative Meeting after. Very dry weather. Mercury 29.7. N.B. Paid Jonathan Wilson £3 15s 0d which his brother Christopher Wilson left with me for him on 6th day last. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. With Lucock about Rudd & familey's settlement which appears to be in our town upon the case of Barker between Westwoodhay & Eastwoodhay.[40] Very dry weather. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting. Made & signed the certificate for Joseph Robinson to London. P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] case taken no notice of. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 23rd*** Was at Kirby in the afternoon about parish affair & the differance between Thomas Ritson & Henry Walker: got nothing done. ***Thu 24th*** At Whitehaven about the arbitration. Jonathan Reed & Joseph Bowman examined upon oath; arbitration bonds signed; chose Robert Lamplugh for a 3rd. To meet again on the 1st June at Anthony Harrison's. ***Fri 25th*** Was at Waterend Close in the forenoon for wood. In the after wrote a purchase deed. ***Sat 26th*** At Cockermouth. About Thomas Ritson affair. Met at the Globe. J. Lucock & the two attorneys there. Got nothing done. Gave up the arbitration bonds & left it to the law. Very dry weather; mercury 29.4.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven this day week. Met in the evening at John Fawcett's. Agreed to give a certificate with John Rudd &c. Mercury 29. ***Mon 28th*** At Cockermouth. With John Patinson. He paid to Jane Woodvil £130 in part for the purchase of Waterend estate. Cloudy weather & cold. ***Tue 29th*** At ditto. Got John Rudd & familey's certificate signed. Was at Dovenby in the afternoon with Thomas Lawson about it. Showry weather, the hills covered with snow. Very cold. ***Wed 30th*** At ditto. The beast fair this day: a little cheaper than before. Mr Clennell, trustee for Mrs Winder, gave notice to Mr Laithes for the payment of £750, part of her jointure. ***Thu 31st*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Wrote out a state of the case between us & Dean. At Mossergate in the evening. Showry day; mercury 28.8.

June 1759

Fri 1st Went to Branthwaite about the arbitration. The justices did not come: sent their award sealed up. They divided the paupers equally between us & costs. Showry weather; mercury 28.6. ***Sat 2nd*** William Lawson here about cutting drains in the Moss. Bought a cow & calf of John Pearson of Mosser-mains. Wrote out my bill for the town.[41] Showry weather & warm. Mercury 28.5.

Sun 3rd Was at Meeting in the morning. General Meeting at Whitehaven this day. Showry warm weather. Mercury 28.5. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. The fair this

day. The Prince of Wales birthday: 21 years of age. Great rejoicings upon that account; windows iluminated &c. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto. At leather warehouse copping out John Fisher's cash book. At Brigham in the afternoon with T.L. [*Thomas Lawson*] seeing a lime killn. Showry weather. ***Wed 6th*** At ditto. Drew on John Skelton in favour of John Fisher for £84 13s 2d for the leather company, being ballance of his account, at one month after date. Came home in the evening with wife. ***Thu 7th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. With Jonathan Dixon after about a differance between him and John Allason. H. Lancaster & self agreed them. ***Fri 8th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Sat 9th*** Same as yesterday. Reading Stackhouse's "History of the New Testament".

Sun 10th Was at Meeting in the morning. A collection for the poor this day week. Showry; mercury 28.8. ***Mon 11th*** At Cockermouth. Agreed with Jonathan Bowman to lead the stones from Eaglesfield to Pardshow-crag at 8d a cart load & to bring them this week. Fine day & hot. Mercury 29. ***Tue 12th*** At ditto. J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] wife & 2 children sett forward to Aldstone this morning. Made up a parcel of goods for London. Showry weather. ***Wed 13th*** At ditto. Beast fair: prices as before. Met Joseph Glaister &c. about John Fisher's affairs. Settled John Fisher & company books & it appears that he has received a considerable sum since the settlement in November 1757 & the date of my power of attorney. Glaister & Laithes demanded their shares of said sum but he refused to pay any but said they might receive of the outstanding debts until equal. Delivered to Jonathan Wilson John Rudd & family's certificate. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather; wind westerly. ***Fri 15th*** Was at Deborah Beeby marriage yesterday. John Whaller & Hannah Harris there. All in general pretty well conducted. ***Sat 16th*** About quarrying for the lime killn. Very fine stone. Showry weather; wind westerly.

Sun 17th At Meeting in the morning. Preparative & Select Meeting after. Fine weather. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 18th*** At Cockermouth. The Island of Guardalope surrendered to the English. With Holm people. Hot sultry weather. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting. Peter Nicholson case mentioned again but no resolution. ***Wed 20th*** At Cockermouth. About John Fisher & company affairs. Received from Thomas Leathes for Mary & Elizabeth Winder £81 5s to be paid Peter How Esq. With John Fisher who is to pay the same. ***Thu 21st*** At Whitehaven. About the payment of the money to P. How with John Fisher. He was from home, so got nothing done. To be paid at Cockermouth on 2nd day. Hot weather; some showers in morning. ***Fri 22nd*** At ditto. With sundries about business. Alice Todhunter came here yesterday evening from Liverpool. Brought her home in the evening. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 23rd*** William Lawson here. Still afflicted with the ague. Was a[t] Pardshow in the afternoon & gave wallers a drink. Still hot weather.

Sun 24th Was at Meeting. Son Isaac there for the first time. He behaved pretty well after got him in. General Meeting to be at Broughton on 1st day. Still hot. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Paid John Robinson for Peter How Esq. in cash £82 10s; in bills £80; together £162 10s, for John Fisher & Winder. ***Tue 26th***

Nothing remarkable. About weeding the corn. Warm weather with some showers. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 27th*** About weeding & cleaning out the gardens. A hot day; wind westerly. Mercury 29. ***Thu 28th*** Sett forward to Coldbeck Quarter Meeting at 5 a.m. Got to Heskett at ½ past 9. Attended the meeting which was pretty large. ***Fri 29th*** At Coldbeck. Lodged last night at Benjamin Scott's. Was at the meeting this day which was large. Continued about 4 hours & was pretty satisfactory. Mary Dixon & Anne King there. ***Sat 30th*** At home. Was at Pardshow at the timber raising at John Robinson's. Came home in the evening. Warm weather. Mercury 29.

July 1759

Sun 1st At Meeting. Was at Brandlingill after. To prepare the marriage certificate against 5th day. Hot weather; mercury 29.3. ***Mon 2nd*** At Cockermouth. With John Robinson & Thomas Wood, taking administeration to the late Joseph Ritson affairs. Was bound with John Robinson in the bond. ***Tue 3rd*** At ditto. Mary Dixon & Anne King here. Was at Meeting: tho' pretty long was satisfactory. Came home in the evening. Hot weather; mercury 29.5. ***Wed 4th*** Wrote the marriage certificate for Joseph Harris & Mary Wilkinson. Weather the same as above. ***Thu 5th*** Was at the marriage. Wife & son Isaac there. A great number of people, but in general pretty well conducted. Wind southerly; weather ditto. Mercury 29.6. ***Fri 6th*** About shifting the potatoes & clearing out the old house for Joseph Black & wife to live in. No fixt rent. ***Sat 7th*** Clearing out the peat house in the forenoon; leading black peats in the afternoon. Wind SSW. Fine weather. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 8th Was at the Meeting. Mary Dixon & Anne King there; dined at my house. Was at the afternoon meeting at Greysoothen. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 9th*** At Cockermouth. About an arbitration between John Simpson & John Cape. Signed bonds; to meet again this day week. ***Tue 10th*** With John Bragg, the attorney, at Kirby. To be at Whitehaven 5th day come a week about an arbitration. At Eaglesfield in the afternoon with wife & son. Hot sultry weather & thunder. Mercury 29. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Mossergate to William Allason timber raising: a great number of people. Showry weather; mercury 28.9. ***Thu 12th*** At Whitehaven. Brought Sarah Hudson here. ***Fri 13th*** At ditto. Left with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] a paper for Joseph Glaister about John Fisher's charge of comission. To be returned me. Came home in the evening. Very hot weather; mercury 29.4. ***Sat 14th*** About the hay. Begun to mow on the 12th current. Meadows very full of grass this year & yet a fine season. Very hot; mercury 29.5.

Sun 15th At Meeting in the morning. Went after with wife to Eaglesfield & dined with Elihu Robinson & stayed the afternoon. Came home in the evening. Hot sultry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Met with William Brown about Simpson & Cape's affair. Examined the evidences. Pretty near agreed. To prepare an award in readiness & to meet again on the 30th current. Mercury 29. ***Tue 17th*** At ditto. In the warehouse morning. Wrote John Robinson indentures from March 1st last for 7 years; stocking business. Indentures lodged with G. Bell. Came home in the evening. ***Wed 18th*** About the hay. Nothing to be

remarked. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 19th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven about 10 a.m. about the refference between H. Brag & Matthew Christopherson. Met with Robert Wilkinson, the other refferee. ***Fri 20th*** At ditto. Could not agree in the affair. He offered £11 & I agreed to take £17 for rent & costs but he would not, so made no award. Came home night. ***Sat 21st*** About Hogsgrass hay. Got 8 great cart loads & very well. Fine weather but very hot; wind southerly. Mercury 29.5.

Sun 22nd Was at Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. To prepare a certificate for Sarah Messenger for Monthly Meeting. Cloudy, sultry weather. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable here nor abroad. Hot sultry weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Signed J.B.'s [*Joseph Black's*] paper of denyal & Sarah Messenger's certificate to Dublin. G. Bell & wife dined here. Wind & weather ditto. Mercury 29.2. ***Wed 25th*** About Undergarth hay: well grown this year. Got two cart loads. Weather sultry; wind westerly. Mercury 29.15. ***Thu 26th*** About the hay. Warm weather but cloudy & looks like showers. ***Fri 27th*** Fetched John Burnyeat a cart load of slate. Was at the timber raising &c. Hot sultry weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 28th*** About the hay: got six cart loads. Peter Gibson came here this evening.

Sun 29th Was at Meeting in the morning which was but small on account of a meeting at Whinfield Hall. Cloudy weather. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 30th*** At Cockermouth, about the arbitration. Agreed that J. Cape shall pay J. Simpson the 30£ with full interest & ballance of account in full. In all £35 6s, which was paid with receipts. ***Tue 31st*** Went with Peter Gibson to Butermire afishing. Was upon the water in the boat. Got but few fish. Isaac Fearon there.

August 1759

Wed 1st At Buttermire. Came away about 10 a clock. Fished down Cocker & up some of the fell becks. Got about 8 dozen small trouts. ***Thu 2nd*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Got two cart load of hay in the afternoon. Showery weather; wind southerly. ***Fri 3rd*** About the hay all the day: got four cart loads. Rain came on in the evening. Wind SSW. Mercury 29. ***Sat 4th*** Mowing the hay in the forenoon. A very wet day. P.G. [*Peter Gibson*] afishing in the evening.

Sun 5th Was at Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle. General Meeting to be at Issell this day week. Some showers; wind westerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth with P. Gibson. Got the administration on Joseph Ritson affairs. To act as agent for John Robinson of Hill. Showry weather; mercury 29.2. ***Tue 7th*** At Cockermouth. Went with J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] to Hamshill[42] in the afternoon. Got the lease signed & to draw a counterpart for H. Senhouse. Wet day. ***Wed 8th*** At ditto. About the administration for John Robinson. Got notice drawn & proclaimed with C. Christian. Irish yarn came here this day. ***Thu 9th*** About the hay. Showry difficult weather. Barometer alters but very little: mostly at or near 29.2. ***Fri 10th*** Nothing remarkable. Slow hay weather. Heavy clouds & fiery like thunder. ***Sat***

11th Sarah Hudson went home this forenoon. Went to Cockermouth in afternoon. William Parr there: paid him in cash £40, bill on John Bell £73 5s 6d.[43] Very wet most of the day. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 12th Was at Meeting in the morning. Read Joseph Black's paper of denial. General Meeting at Issel this day. Warm sunny weather; mercury 29.5. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth. A confirmation of the defeat of the Russians and of Prince Ferdinando beating the French army. Rejoicing on that account. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto. About Joseph Ritson affairs with H. Bowman. Taking a schedule of the goods. Came home after. ***Wed 15th*** Got cold so keept in the house. Reading Nelson's "Lex Testimentaria" which I had from J.R.'s [*Joseph Ritson's*] liberary. A fine day: our people about the hay. Mercury 29.2. ***Thu 16th*** Finished all our mowing this morning. Came on rain about nine aclock. Wife went to Meeting. ***Fri 17th*** At Whitehaven, with William Eccleston. Gave him a bill for £90 at sixty days. Came home in the evening. ***Sat 18th*** About the hay. Got three cart loads. A fine forenoon, but cloudy after. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 19th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Thomas Wilson & wife & John Gill & wife dined & stayed the afternoon. Showry; mercury 29.1. ***Mon 20th*** At Cockermouth. Showry weather; mercury 29.1. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. Joshua Dixon & Robert Harvey there in their passage from Ireland. Advice to the ministry &c. given. Still showry weather with warm gleams of sun. Mercury 28.9. ***Wed 22nd*** Elihu Robinson & wife here this afternoon. To go afishing tomorrow to Lowswater. Very showry weather. ***Thu 23rd*** Went to Lowswater with Elihu & John Robinson to fish. Dined at Thomas Wilson's. Got a pretty good fishing. Had the boat. ***Fri 24th*** About the hay this forenoon. Got a cart load. Rain came on about 11 clock; wet afterwards. Mercury 29. ***Sat 25th*** At home. Got all the hay this day; in all about 67 cart load. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & Aaron Mickle here from Dublin. Fine day; mercury 29.2.

Sun 26th Went to Cockermouth & met Isaac Ismay from London. He saith the leather will be all sold & a final end made in about two months. At no meeting. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Very fine weather. ***Tue 28th*** At Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman about Joseph Ritson affairs. Taking a schedule of the goods & cataloge of the books. Wrote Joseph Robinson. ***Wed 29th*** At ditto. With Henry Bowman about taking a cataloge of the books. Finished ditto; only a few plays &c. Showry weather. Mercury 29.1. ***Thu 30th*** Was at Meeting in the forenoon. Begun to shear barley in Low-Whiney this day. It is all pretty ripe. ***Fri 31st*** Finished mowing the hay this afternoon. Shearing in the forenoon. Very wet in the afternoon.

September 1759

Sat 1st Came to Cockermouth. To go to the Isle of Man with William Skyrin first favourable oportunity. Drawing out accounts for that purpose.

Sun 2nd At Meeting in the morning. Very thin on account of the General Meeting at Cockermouth. Jane Pearson & son here. Showry; mercury 28.9. ***Mon 3rd*** At

Cockermouth. About Joseph Ritson's affairs with Henry Bowman. In the afternoon at the widdow's. Finished the schedule of the goods &c. Heavy showers of rain. Mercury 29. ***Tue 4th*** Nothing to be remarked this day. Wet showry weather; wind southerly. ***Wed 5th*** John Dent here. Sent with two letters for me. Wrote Robert Smithson I intended to be at Cockermouth on 6th day morning. ***Thu 6th*** Was at Meeting in the morning, but thin. Still very showry & a strong gale of wind from the SSW. Mercury 29. ***Fri 7th*** William Lawson working at Moss. Went to Cockermouth, about taking orders for more Irish yarn. A very fine harvest day. ***Sat 8th*** At Cockermouth. The Conviction held this day at John Peile's before Lamplugh & Lucock. Costs as usual. Poor people favoured.

Sun 9th At sea. Got to Whitehaven a little before one this morning & went directly aboard the *Lively*, Captain Watts, along with William Skyrin. ***Mon 10th*** At sea. Contrary winds last night & afternoon. Very lound [*sic*] thunder which continued near 12 hours with rain. Got ashore at Duglass about 12 this day in a fishing boat. ***Tue 11th*** At Duglass. Hired horse & rode to Ramsey with W.S. [*William Skyrin*] Dined at the widow Forbes'. With G. Robinson, G. Strachan &c.[44] Compared accounts. Rainy day. ***Wed 12th*** At ditto. Came here again last night from Ramsey. Dined at Daniel Stephenson's.[45] With Cornelius Cockran & sundry others. Wind southerly. ***Thu 13th*** At ditto. Went to Castle-Town along with W. Skyrin, Daniel Stephenson & John Wilkinson. Dined there & came here in the evening. A very pretty little town. Wind westerly. ***Fri 14th*** At ditto. With Cornelius Cockran. Could get no money from him. Drew a bill on him for £24 17s 10½d in favour of Daniel Stephenson @ 3 months. ***Sat 15th*** At ditto. Captain Binsley here bound for Dublin. This is the season for the herring fishery. 3 Whitehaven busses here.

Sun 16th At ditto. The King's cutter came here last night to impress men. They carry on from this place a great smugling trade to Ireland, Scotland &c. ***Mon 17th*** At Duglass. Came aboard a sloop for Workington, George Broklebank master, at 8 a.m. & got to Workington about 8 at night. Very sea sick. William Skyrin with me. ***Tue 18th*** At home. Was at Monthly Meeting. Quarter Meeting to be at Cockermouth on the 27th & 28th inst. Select Meeting also held. Got home about 2 a clock. ***Wed 19th*** William Thompson came for me to Cockermouth about a lease between him & Henry Wilkinson & some other affairs. Went with him. ***Thu 20th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote a lease & a mortgage deed between Thompson & Wilkinson; to be signed this night or tomorrow. ***Fri 21st*** At ditto. Got W. Thompson lease signed this day of Mains land for 21 years, yearly rent £20 10s. Mortgage deed not signed. Fine weather; mercury 29.3. ***Sat 22nd*** Shearing oats in the Middle Close. Very good. Got all the barley in on 4th day last. A fine harvest day.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Portinscale this day week. Jonathan Harris & wife & Elizabeth Wilkinson here in the afternoon. A fine day; wind northerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Mon 24th*** At Cockermouth. With Margaret Williamson at a German doctor about her eyes. He could do nothing for her. With William Thompson, H. Wilkinson &c. Got all managed at last pretty well. ***Tue 25th*** Henry Casson here in the afternoon. Yet in a bad state of health. Rainy

day. ***Wed 26th*** Shearers at work in High Whinney: very good oats. ***Thu 27th*** At Cockermouth along with wife. The Quarter Meeting held here; was not very large. Business well conducted. ***Fri 28th*** Came to Cockermouth with wife. Son Isaac bad last night: think it will be the measles. The meeting ended this day very well & satisfactory. A fine harvest day. ***Sat 29th*** Sent for to Lorton to make Thomas Stubb's will. Got the will duely executed. Came home. Son Isaac very ill.

Sun 30th Could not get to Meeting this day on account of son's illness. He is much better this afternoon. Very fine weather. Mercury 29.3.

October 1759

Mon 1st At Cockermouth. Wrote a power of attorney & sent to Thomas Casson. About J. Ritson affairs. Wrote John Nixon & sent by post. ***Tue 2nd*** I was at home this day. Nothing material happened. Son Isaac pretty well recovered.[46] ***Wed 3rd*** At [Cockermouth]. Went this morning to Branthwaite. Made Joseph Fearon's will & his cousin Joseph Fearon to pay me. Prepared the books for the auction this evening. ***Thu 4th*** At Cockermouth. With John Robinson about Joseph Ritson affairs. Got the library down to the Globe & book-case. Begun the auction this evening. Sold well. ***Fri 5th*** At Cockermouth. Still about Parson Ritson sales. Finished the sale of the books this night about 1 a clock. Sold very well in general. An assembley at the Globe this night. ***Sat 6th*** At ditto. About collecting the money for the books & settling the sale bills &c. Could not get through them. Left all the cash & books with Henry Bowman.

Sun 7th At Meeting in the morning: a long meeting. Sister Hannah stood long & preached very well. Collected upon three briefs 5s 8d which was 1s 7d each. To be paid in at Comissary Court. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. Egermont court kept this day but could not go on account attending J.R. [*Joseph Ritson's*] affairs. Came home in the evening. ***Tue 9th*** Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.1. ***Wed 10th*** Came to the fair in the afternoon. Showry weather. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Woodside with Henry Lancaster. Executed the mortgage deed between Thomas Casson & William Wood. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Dean court. Got T. Casson tenant for mortgage & Isaac Fearon tenant for Crofthouse; the estate to the survivor. Mercury 28.9.

Sun 14th Was at Meeting in the morning. Joseph Harris & wife & John Wilkinson dined & stayed the afternoon. Showry; mercury 28.3. ***Mon 15th*** At Cockermouth. With sundries upon business. Joseph Hind to come & finish his painting this week. Showry weather. ***Tue 16th*** At ditto. Yesterday paid J. Colinson the brief money at Comissary Court. J. Ritson's sale begun this day about 2 a clock; continued till 8 p.m. Great storm. ***Wed 17th*** At ditto. Wrote sundry letters: to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & W. Eccleston & Joseph White. Underwrote T. Abraham's letter to J.B. [*John Bell*] & put it in the post. Attended J. Ritson's sale p.m. Sold all the goods & very well. ***Thu 18th*** At ditto. Had the goods at Widow Ritson's apprized by Joseph Hutchinson, William Thompson & Samuel Gandy. Amount: £28 7s 3d. With

Lawyer Tatam & John Robinson about Ritson's burgages. Came home in evening. ***Fri 19th*** Had wallers at the lime kiln building walls for the potts & pointing the kiln. At Pardshow in the afternoon. Showry. ***Sat 20th*** William Lawson here working in the Moss. At the lime kiln in the afternoon. A showry day; wind about SW. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 21st At Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. Two women strangers from Westmorland here this day. A pretty moderate day. ***Tue 23rd*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Joseph White, a Friend from America, there; also the two Westmorland women. A pretty large meeting. J. White to be at Pardshow Meeting on 1st day. ***Wed 24th*** With William Lawson about draining the Midle-Close for plowing. Quebeck taken by the English & great rejoycings on 2nd day night. ***Thu 25th*** Nothing remarkable. A very wet day. William Lawson here. Got nothing done about drains. ***Fri 26th*** Went to Whitehaven. Gave William Skyrin Robert Falcon's account to get for me. Moderate weather; some rain. ***Sat 27th*** At Whitehaven. Came home in the night.

Sun 28th Was at Meeting. Joseph White from America there: a large meeting & satisfactory. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven on 1st day. ***Mon 29th*** At Cockermouth. About Ritson affairs. With Matthew Wilton &c. about the Irish yarn. To get a bill from John Dixon tomorrow & settle account. ***Tue 30th*** At ditto. At Meeting. Joseph White here: he preached an extraordinary sermon on the word captivity. About Ritson affairs. Delivered the rum & porter. ***Wed 31st*** Was at Anne Robinson's sale. Goods in general sold well. Amount of the sale £24 19s 7½d. A strong cold SW wind. Mercury 29.5.

November 1759

Thu 1st Made & signed Anne Robinson's will. ***Fri 2nd*** William Lawson here cutting the gutter at low end of Mosser Moss & they are to pay him. A cold SW wind. Mercury 29.5. ***Sat 3rd*** Sett forward to Whitehaven with Sarah Hudson about 1 a clock this afternoon. Very little news. Cold weather; wind S. by E. Mercury 29.4.

Sun 4th At Whitehaven. General Meeting held here this day. Joseph White, the American friend, here. Preached an excellent sermon on the nature & excellence of the Christian religion. A very wet day; mercury 29.3. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth. To remitt William Scott of Leicester the ballance of his account, which he makes £31 1s 2d, by the next post. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 6th*** At ditto. About Joseph Rittson affairs this forenoon. Settled with M. Dixon & paid her the ballance 18s 3d. Also received £1 1s from Robert Williamson on said account. ***Wed 7th*** At ditto. About settling the cash books. Some articles in J.H. [*Jonathan Harris's*] account wants explanation: can't settle it at present. A wet day; mercury 29. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. Cold & showery. ***Fri 9th*** Went with wife & son to Cragg-end. Stay till the evening. Very cold & heavy showers of rain. Wind southerly; mercury 28.5. ***Sat 10th*** William Lawson here. Settled with him. He was here three days last week & 5 days this week; in all 8 days. Showry. Mercury 28.7.

Sun 11th Was at Meeting in morning. William Backhouse from Lancashire here: a good old man but said little to us. On his visit to this county. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth. Martinmas fair this day. Hired William Scott for the winter half year @ £3 10s & gave him 1s earnest. William Skyrin & Richard Dearman here. Showry weather. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. At Meeting in the morning: William Backhouse there. About settling Jonathan Harris' book. With Skyrin &c. in the afternoon. Came home with wife. ***Wed 14th*** Peter Nicholson here. He has bought 87 Irish cattle. Went for Workington this morning. William Lawson & William Scott working in the Moss gutter. A cold, frosty day. Mercury 29. ***Thu 15th*** At Meeting in the morning. Cold sharp frost; wind NE. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 16th*** Lawson & Scott casting the Moss gutter. Yesterday paid John Nutt £37 4s for Jonathan Wilkinson. He returned 7s which I'm to pay him. Frost & snow. ***Sat 17th*** Nothing remarkable. Lawson here 5 days this week: in all 13 days. Very cold weather; wind SSE. Mercury 29.2.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the morning; Preparative Meeting after. Snow mixed with rain the fore part of the day; frosty after. Mercury 29. ***Mon 19th*** At Cockermouth. Gave Jonathan Wilkinson his note & the 7s I received from John Nutt. Cold and frosty weather; wind SE. Mercury 29. ***Tue 20th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. P. Gibson came here from Carlisle this evening. Frosty & snow. ***Wed 21st*** P. Gibson here. Sett of for Whitehaven this afternoon: going to the West Indies for Skyrin, Dixon & Watters. To sail about Christmas. ***Thu 22nd*** Came to Cockermouth. In the warehouse settling the books. Very cold weather & hard frost. Wind easterly; mercury 29.5. ***Fri 23rd*** At Cockermouth. About Parson Ritson affairs with H. Bowman. Received of Widdow Ritson £130 5s & gave our receipts. Also recieved Parson Fisher bill in full £3 18s 7d. ***Sat 24th*** At ditto. About Parson Ritson affairs. Settling the sale bills & drawing out accounts. Ballanced with Wilfred Clementson & Edward Jones &c. Frost; mercury 29.4.

Sun 25th A great storm southerly & a great flood. Did not get to the Meeting. Lost a cow this afternoon. She had been fighting with another & so thrown over in a dike gutter & found dead. William Lawson this week six days. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Sold the skin & tallow. Bought of John Fisher 1½ bushel of wheat at 12s. To have ½ bushel more at same price. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. In the warehouse settling Jonathan Harris' book with company. With Broom [*i.e. John Brougham*] about Fisher & company affairs. With Justice about Jonathan Sumpton. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. In the warehouse laying the floor with brick. About Joseph Ritson affairs. Collecting sundry outstanding debts. Drew remainder of the rum. ***Thu 29th*** At home. Was at Meeting: John Jenkinson & Mary Todhunter married. Wrote & executed their certificate. At Waterend with wife at wedding dinner. ***Fri 30th*** Hard frost; wind northerly. Mercury 29.6.

December 1759

Sat 1st Nothing remarkable this day. Wet day; wind westerly. Mercury 29.4. William Lawson at Hill all this week.

Sun 2nd At Meeting in the morning. Benjamin Woodvill & wife here in the afternoon. Moderate weather; mercury 29. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. With John Patinson, Isaac Fearon, A. Hoskins &c. J.P. paid Jane Woodvill the remainder of the purchase money of Lowswater estate £143 4s. Wind northerly. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 4th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Mabel Waugh & companion from Newcastle here: they had a meeting appointed for them. ***Wed 5th*** William Lawson here this week. Joseph Black working here this day. Got a sledge made. Sharp frost; wind easterly. Mercury 29.3. ***Thu 6th*** Joseph Black here again this day. Got a ladder &c. made. Extreem cold & a pretty strong NE wind. Mercury 29.4. ***Fri 7th*** Came to Cockermouth. Settled with Mary Potter & paid her the ballance. With R. Smithson & others. Frost. ***Sat 8th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse. Settled the cash books &c. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here. C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] bill for £200 returned: John Hunt refused acceptance. Frosty.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning. Was at Souerskales[47] after with wife at John Jenkinson's. Moderate frosty weather. Mercury 29.5. William Lawson this week six days. I had taken from me for small tithes by warrant by John Pearson & James Graham, warden & assistant: 2¼ bushels of old barley @ 6s 6d: 14s 7½d; 2 ditto of old oats @ 3s 6d: 7s; ½ ditto of malt @ 8s: 4s; 2 cheeses about 26 lb. @ 1½d: 3s 3d. [Total:] £1 8s 10½d. N.B. 1 ditto [*i.e. cheese*] returned, weight 14 lb., for which deduct 1s 9d: £1 7s 1½d. Recovered 3s 2d costs; 10s church tax; 68 purveys @ 2d, 11s 4d = £1 4s 6d. ***Mon 10th*** Wrote Lancelot Wilson's will. Came to Cockermouth p.m. and executed the same. With William Eccleston about taking his son apprentice. Frosty weather; mercury 29.5. ***Tue 11th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse about the books this day. Christopher Robinson out of his apprenticeship. Gave him in his indentures. Sharp frost; wind NE. ***Wed 12th*** At ditto. With Henry Bowman about Parson Ritson affairs. Went to the George to John Brag, attorney. He shewed us indorsed notes from John Brougham to the amount of more than he had in his hands. ***Thu 13th*** Designed for Whitehaven but the weather being so extreamly cold prevented me. Had John Bell here about spliting firewood. Extream cold & sharp frost; wind NE. Mercury 29.5. ***Fri 14th*** Nothing remarkable. Sharp frost with showers of snow. Wind east; blew pretty fresh. John Bell here again this day. ***Sat 15th*** William Lawson quarying stones: here 3 days this week; in the whole 28 days. I am to charge him for a cheese 1s 3d.

Sun 16th Was at Meeting in the morning. Preparative & Select Meeting after. At Pardshow after. Hard frost; wind easterly. Mercury 29.3. ***Mon 17th*** At Cockermouth. Paid John Langton for the free school of Cockermouth for the administrators of J. Ritson 35£ principal & £2 1s 0d interest in full. The Globe Inn sold to Thomas Burnyeat for £930. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. The Select Meeting after. Sharp frost. ***Wed 19th*** William Lawson here about quarrying & rudding. To go to Cragg-end tomorrow about wood selling. A little thaw p.m. Mercury 29. ***Thu 20th*** Went to Cragg-end. With James Postlethwaite & Joseph Jackson about selling John Allason's wood. Did not agree. Thaw continues. ***Fri 21st*** William Lawson here rudding at Meadow head. Very moderate weather; the thaw continues. Mercury 28.9. ***Sat 22nd*** John Bell, wright, here. Settled with William Lawson & paid him for all but 20 days {to William Lawson for 9 days: 7s 0d}. Some warm showers; wind south. Mercury 29.

Sun 23rd Was at burial of old Sarah Robinson of Graysouthen. She died very suddenly in bed. Moderate day; wind easterly. Mercury 28.5. ***Tue 25th*** At home. This is the day observed by many for a festival on the Nativity of Christ. Moderate day; mercury 29. ***Wed 26th*** Nothing remarkable either in foreign or domestick affairs. A very stormy day & a hard gale of wind from the south. ***Thu 27th*** Henry Bowman here & stayed all night. A pretty moderate day. Mercury 29. ***Fri 28th*** Nothing remarkable. William Lawson not here this week. Showry weather. Mercury 28.5. ***Sat 29th*** Joseph Black and John Bell working here. Not yet finished. Weather ditto.

Sun 30th At Meeting. John Alderson there. Exhorted all to love & good works: an excellent testimony. Showry weather. Mercury 28.3. ***Mon 31st*** At Cockermouth. Wrote William Skyrin & Joseph Glaister. Four packs Irish yarn brought me per Major. Mercury 28.5.

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January 1760

Tue 1st At Cockermouth. At the Meeting. John Alderson there. Preached an excellent testimony against lying, drinking, hypocracy, covetou[s]ness and earthly mindedness which he feared were vices too much predominant in that meeting. Got the Irish yarn into the warehouse. This being the first day of the new year, people in general idle. ***Wed 2nd*** Nothing remarkable. Showery weather; wind easterly. Mercury stil very low: 28.5. ***Thu 3rd*** Was at Meeting in the forenoon. George Taylor from Border there. He was here in the afternoon. Frosty weather. Mercury 28.8. ***Fri 4th*** Went with wife & son to Jonathan Dixon's. Stayed until the evening. Showry weather. ***Sat 5th*** Nothing remarkable. Drew out my account with the administrators of the late Joseph Ritson. Mercury 29.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. At home in the afternoon. A sharp frost; wind easterly. Mercury 29.2. ***Tue 8th*** At [Cockermouth]. With sundries about the sale of the Irish yarn. Sold to sundries: to John Fearon 1 pack; to Jonathan Wood 2 pads 11s; to John Atkinson 1 pad 12s. ***Wed 9th*** Matthew Black here about killing the swine. It proved very well. Sold ¼ to Joseph Black; weight 5st. 4lb. @ 2½d. Moderate weather; some frost. Mercury 29.4. ***Thu 10th*** Carried the 3 horses to remove in the forenoon. An account of Thomas Lucas being apprehended in Scotland & put in Annan joal. Kindled the lime kiln p.m. ***Fri 11th*** Went to Whitehaven about factory business. Got little done. Paid Jacob Fletcher for freight of the Irish yarn. Frosty weather. ***Sat 12th*** At Whitehaven. At John Dixon's, Daniel Dixon's &c. To come again in two weeks. P. Nicholson here. A very cold NE wind & sharp frost.

Sun 13th At home. At Meeting in the morning gave notice of a collection for the poor. Was with wife at Mossergate at John Fawcett's; Joseph Harris & wife there. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Peter Nicholson here. At Isaac Smithson's about the differance between him & his son William. Frost & snow; cold weather. Mercury 29.4. ***Tue 15th*** Burning lime. Kill has burnt it very badly: fault not yet found. At Kirby with Elihu, workmen, George Taylor &c. Gave workmen a drink. Mercury 29.5. ***Wed 16th*** County Court at Maryport. At Cockermouth. Sessions begun this day: some settlements, indictments &c. tryed. Frosty weather & cold. ***Thu 17th*** At ditto. The Sessions also this day. Case of settlement tryed between Graysouthen & Kirklinton, to the advantage of the former. Weather ditto. ***Fri 18th*** Burning lime. The two Ushers at the killn. Got very good lime but not above 8 loads a day. Hard frost; mercury 29.6. ***Sat 19th*** At Cockermouth; about Smithson's affair. The same put off until next week. Wrote to Isaac Ismay & John Bell. Ushers burning lime three days.

Sun 20th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Prepare a certificate for C. Wilson to Yorkshire &c. Wind southerly; blows fresh [&] thaws. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Filled a bond for Henry Allason of Park. Came home in the evening. ***Tue 22nd*** Monthly Meeting held this day. Wrote Richard Dearman & Hannah Petty's certificate. ***Wed 23rd*** Went with wife to Graysouthen to the marriage. Read & executed the certificate. Things very well conducted. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29. ***Thu 24th*** At Meeting. Thomas Warring & Andrew Bradley there from Limster & Coalbrookdale. Thomas preached twice & to good satisfaction. Wrote & executed John Fawcett's lease. ***Fri 25th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote a lease between Jonathan Harris & James Woodend & John Wilkinson for 6 years, yearly rent £12, of Fitts Mills. Showry weather; wind west. Mercury 28.3. ***Sat 26th*** At ditto. Drawing out sundry accounts for Whitehaven next week. Settled accounts with Richard Radcliffe: got a bill for the ballance. Wind & weather ditto. Mercury 28.4.

Sun 27th Was at Meeting. Thomas Warring & Andrew Bradley there; the former & [*sic*] excellent minister. Preached twice & Andrew prayed. Meeting much favoured & satisfactory. Cold windy weather with showers. ***Mon 28th*** At Cockermouth. Finished drawing out accounts for Whitehaven. Dined at George with Joseph White &c. Cold weather; wind westerly, blows fresh. Mercury 27.9. ***Tue 29th*** Drew a conveyance for John Fawcett between him & his father about Mossergate land by lease & release. A great snow; wind northerly. Mercury 28.4. ***Wed 30th*** Sarah Iredale of Thackthwaite buried at Pardshowhall this day. Was at the burial. At Mossergate; signed the conveyance between John Fawcett & his father. ***Thu 31st*** Isaac Nutt's wife buried at Pardshowhall this day. Went to Whitehaven in the afternoon. A thick snow; wind easterly. Mercury 28.6.

February 1760

Fri 1st At Whitehaven, with sundries. With W. Skyrin about Smithson's affairs. Read their articles of copartnership. A very rainy day. ***Sat 2nd*** At ditto. To draw out W.E.'s [*William Eccleston's*] account. Came home in evening. Hard frost; wind easterly. Mercury 29.6.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. John Robinson & wife of Pardshow here in the afternoon & stayed till bedtime. ***Mon 4th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote to W. Skyrin. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto. In the warehouse most of the day. Wrote William Ecclestone on account William Pearson & William Hudson. With Smithson & Fisher about their affairs. A very wet day & a great flood. ***Wed 6th*** At ditto. With sundries about selling & collecting for Irish yarn. In the afternoon with C. Christian & the Smithsons. Advised them to referr their differance. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Meeting but none was held on account of the burial of William Woodvill's son on 3rd day last. Showry weather; wind westerly. Mercury 29. ***Fri 8th*** This day John Meals, master of the House of Correction, brought to our overseer Sarah Luccas, a young woman about 21 years of age, by a vagrant pass. Very wet day. ***Sat 9th*** Last night at a vestry of the town agreed to carry the said pauper to Cockermouth to an apothecary & agree for cure.

Sun 10th Was at Meeting: no preaching. In the afternoon read Joseph Black's indentures. His settlement is in Lowswater. To apply for a certificate tomorrow. A strong westerly wind & showery weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 12th*** Nothing remarkable. This day the constables returned the lists of men to serve in the militia at Whitehaven. A very rainy day & blew hard southerly. Mercury 28.6. ***Wed 13th*** About the gardens. Jonathan Harris & wife & Betty Reay dined here & stayed until the evening. A very fine day and weather looks settled. ***Thu 14th*** Was at Meeting. Wrote for Pardshow &c. people a draft of an article about the militia. Moderate weather; wind strong westerly. ***Fri 15th*** Cleaning out the gardens. Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. With R. Smithson & others. A very great snow in the afternoon & night. ***Sat 16th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote John Bell & John Robinson about the bill and desired it might be taken up. Very cold frost & thick snow; wind westerly.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Advised not to be active with regard to the militia now raising. Frost & snow. Mercury 28.5. ***Mon 18th*** At Cockermouth. Insured William Scott & William Lawson for 7s 6d each. ***Tue 19th*** Was at Monthly Meeting. Very few people on account of the great snow then falling. William Lawson here threshing. Wind northerly. Mercury 28.3. ***Wed 20th*** William Lawson here on account of the snow & frost. No work to be done without doors. Drew out my account with John Fisher & company to this time. Weather as above. ***Thu 21st*** John Patinson & Isaac Fletcher here on account of a differance between them. I.F. paid him six pounds in full of accounts & got in his note of hand. ***Fri 22nd*** At Cockermouth. About making up Richard Radcliffe's order for goods. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 23rd*** At ditto. In the warehouse in the a.m. Entered the cash book & settled to this day. Came home in the evening. Cold weather & thaw. Snow mostly gone. Mercury 29.

Sun 24th At Meeting in the morning. Wrote an article for sundries of Mosser about the militia. Copied the article about the purchase of the Globe Inn after. Nothing further remarkable. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Dined at Thomas Lawson's & stayed the afternoon. With Justice Lucock, Elihu & wife. Reported that Thurot had landed about 2,000 French men in Scotland. Mercury 28.8. ***Tue 26th*** At ditto. In the warehouse about finishing Radcliffe's order. News came this morning that Thurot had landed about 1,000 men at Carickfergus in Ireland, but hope it is not true.[48] ***Thu 28th*** Went to Whitehaven. News confirmed of Thurot with 3 or 4 ships had landed some men about Carickfergus. Sent out P. Nicholson's wherry from this place for certain inteligence. ***Fri 29th*** At Whitehaven. Making brest works of earth upon the fort & building a new fort of earth to defend the town & shipping in case of a visit from Thurot's squadron. Also exercising 10 independent companies for the safety of the town. Fine weather.

March 1760

Sat 1st Borrowed from P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] £60 to pay of Richard Radcliffe's bill yesterday. William Lawson & man here 2 days this week. Very fine weather.

Sun 2nd Was at Meeting in the morning. Wife gone to Cockermouth. At home in the afternoon. Account that Captain Thurot's fleet are taken by Captain Elliot of Jerby Head. ***Mon 3rd*** At Cockermouth. Sold to Thomas Wilson 7 bls. [*bales?*] Irish yarn £1 3s 7½d. A confirmation of Captain Elliot taking of Thurot's fleet: about 200 of the prisoners at Whitehaven. ***Tue 4th*** Very fine weather; mercury 29.5. ***Wed 5th*** Was at the burial of Joseph Hutchinson of Mossergate. Went to Cockermouth after. About 100 of the French prisoners here in there way to Carlisle. ***Thu 6th*** Robert Simpson & John Broklebank here in the morning. Executed the deed of Shepherdfield land to Joseph Bell in trust. Peter Hudson & Priscila Nelson married this day. ***Fri 7th*** Very fine weather; wind southerly. Mercury 29.6. ***Sat 8th*** William Lawson & man here all this week with others working at the drains.

Sun 9th Was at Meeting in the morning. Several company in the afternoon. Sister Jane Pearson came in the evening & stayed all night. Very pleasant weather. ***Mon 10th*** At Cockermouth. Came home with wife in the night. ***Tue 11th*** With the workmen in the forenoon. Got the malt home, about nine bushels, from Lamplughhall. A fine day; wind about south. Mercury 29. ***Wed 12th*** Joseph Black here 2 days about mending wheels, making coopstangs &c. Begun to plough in Middle Close. Some showers of rain; wind ditto, blew fresh. Mercury 28.9. ***Thu 13th*** At Meeting in the morning. The Comissary Court this day at Cockermouth. Rainy day; mercury 28.5. ***Fri 14th*** Showry in the morning. Carried 13 bushels of oats to the mill. Thomas Casson from Whitehaven here. Wrote & got executed a deed of gift for Jane Burnyeat. Mercury 28.7. ***Sat 15th*** Went with Thomas Wood to Dean. Met Peter Gale. Got the writings all signed. At Woodside & got article about the way signed.[49] Cloudy moist weather; mercury 29.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative & Select Meeting held after. At home in the afternoon. Sarah Hudson here. A fine day; wind southerly. ***Mon 17th*** At Cockermouth. With sundries about the yarn. To meet Jonathan Wilson this day two weeks about signing the assignment of lease & bond. Showry weather. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting; Select Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. At home after. Moderate weather. At mill this day. ***Wed 19th*** At plough. Got all the fallows done & begun the ley in the Corn Close. A pretty moderate day. Mercury 29. ***Thu 20th*** Ploughing in the Corn Close. Thick showery weather. Wind southerly & blew pretty fresh. ***Fri 21st*** Came to Cockermouth along with old Isaac Smithson. He came over about the differance between him & his son William. Heavy showers of rain. {To expenses for seeing dromadery camel & dog at Globe: 9d.} ***Sat 22nd*** At ditto. Went this morning with John Fisher to the Parks to see their farm: great husbandry carried forward.[50] Showery weather.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be this day week at Pardshow. Sarah Hudson went home this afternoon. Fine weather; mercury 29.3. William Lawson & man for meat this week 4½ days. ***Mon 24th*** At Cockermouth with wife. Along with sundries about business. Wrote N. Martindale in answer to his. Inclosed a bill £20: to send me the cash this day week. ***Wed 26th*** At Cockermouth. Drawing sundry accounts out of the books. No news. Fine weather; mercury 29.5. ***Thu 27th*** At Whitehaven. With Richard Bowes & sundry others

about business. Dined at the inn. Still fine weather. ***Fri 28th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at Thomas Casson's. Settled with him & paid as on the other side {T.Casson's interest: £8}. Dined at William Skyrin's. With John Brown: could not settle his account. ***Sat 29th*** At home. Went with John Robinson & Peter Whinney to Workington to William Thomas Addison, surrogate, to prove Sarah Robinson's will. Got the same done.

Sun 30th Was at Meeting in the morning: General Meeting. George Bell & daughter dined with me. A thick fog sett in in the afternoon. Mercury 29.5.

April 1760

Tue 1st At [Cockermouth]. With B. Russell & J. Browm [*i.e. Broughani*] about the law suit: advised them to pay all & costs. ***Wed 2nd*** Ploughing in Low Whiney big stuble: a very dry season. A pretty moderate day; wind southerly. Nothing remarkable. Mercury 29.5. ***Thu 3rd*** Was at plough all this day. Got about two thirds of the field ploughed. Cold; southerly wind, like change. ***Fri 4th*** Went to Keswick this day along with Christopher Wilson & John Gill & met the trustees of Portinscale lands. They appointed Jos[hua] Scott & John Wilson junior to John Grave & John Wilson senior trustees to collect all the old writings belonging said lands & put them into my hands to transcribe & to send in a stated account yearly.[51] ***Sat 5th*** Ploughing in the forenoon. Very rainy in the afternoon & a hard gale of wind from the SSW. Cleared up again and & [*sic*] got the big stuble ploughed out. Mercury 29.3.

Sun 6th At Meeting in the morning. This is Easter day. Wrote to Jeremy Head junior about his quantity of ground in Dean outfield. Came on rainy in the afternoon. ***Mon 7th*** At Cockermouth. Easter fair this day. Wrote to John Bernier & Thomas Mitchinson for Jonathan Dixon. Showry weather. ***Tue 8th*** At ditto. In the warehouse this forenoon gave Jonathan Harris the 2 leases for himself & H. Senhouse & he to get me the money for them. Very wet in the forenoon; fine afternoon. ***Wed 9th*** Egermont court on the 30th inst., being the 4th day of the week. P. Nicholson at Cockermouth yesterday, going to Lancashire. About the gardens this day, planting the saughs I had from George Taylor. ***Thu 10th*** Sew all the oats this day, in all about 10 bushels. Cloudy weather & cold; wind westerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 11th*** Went to Christopher Wilson's about an order between him & Peter Spencer. The cause is refered to Jeremy Head, John Head, Joseph Harris & myself. Fine weather; mercury 29.5.

Sun 13th At Meeting in the morning. Fine weather; fogy in the afternoon. Mercury 29.4. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Jonathan Harris & self gave bond for company to Henry Fearon for £150 @ 10d. Gave the bond to John Fearon. Went to Whitehaven along with wife to Yearly Meeting. ***Tue 15th*** At Whitehaven. Meeting of Ministers and Elders begun at 9 this morning and the Quarter Meeting for the county at 3 in the afternoon. Both meetings were pretty well conducted. Samuel Fothergill here & had good service in both. ***Wed 16th*** At ditto. A publick Meeting for Worship this day at 9 in the morning & 3 in the afternoon. S. Fothergill had the

chief share in the ministry; was wonderfully favoured & went through with clearness & evidence to the general satisfaction. ***Thu 17th*** At ditto. Meeting of Conference begun at 8 this morning. S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*] gave good & excelent advice to the ministers upon the text "He is sick whom Jesus loveth", setting forth the present defection had its source from their unfaithfullness &c. Publick meeting in afternoon. ***Fri 18th*** The meetings ended yesterday about 4 p.m. & S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*] went to Ravenglass last night in his way to the Welsh Yearly Meeting & so to London. The meetings were all well conducted & generally to great satisfaction. Rainy weather; mercury 29. ***Sat 19th*** John Mirehouse, waller, here paving & making a conduit for the water along kitchen garden & through the wall. Got the mahogeny table home. A fine day.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting held. Joseph Sandwith from Dublin & Robert Foster from Worcester there. A very wet stormy day & a thin meeting. At home in the afternoon. Mercury 28.9. ***Mon 21st*** At Cockermouth. Paid to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] as on the other side {£55 on account}. To settle with him as soon as convenient. I think we are pretty near even. A fine day but cold; wind southerly. Mercury 29.1. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting. Signed a certificate for Benjamin Sutton & Mary his wife to Carlisle Monthly Meeting. Wrote Thomas Casson's will afternoon. To go to Branthwaite on 7th day afternoon. ***Wed 23rd*** Drew out an account for Jonathan Robinson of Crofthouse about his trustship. Came to Cockermouth in the afternoon. With John Fisher, Charles Christian &c. about business. Wet in the morning; fair afternoon. ***Thu 24th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse in the forenoon. Afternoon about collecting cash for the Irish yarn with sundries. A fine day; wind north-east. ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. Last week about 200 French prisoners went through this town to Whitehaven to be shipped on board the cartel ship for France in exchange. Cold showers; wind northerly. ***Sat 26th*** About setting potatoes in the uper side of Midle-Close. Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon. Settled the accounts between Joseph Wilson, Jonathan Robinson & John Simon & got receipts. Came home in the night. Dry weather.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. Robert Atkinson & Joseph Williams from Dublin here in the afternoon. General Meeting to be at Cockermouth on 1st day next. Dry weather; mercury 29.5. ***Mon 28th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote a bond that Anthony Saul & Daniel Johnson to return Ben Harris' certificate to Dean parish when he removes from Little Broughton. Very dry weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.5. ***Tue 29th*** At ditto. In the warehouse in the forenoon. In the afternoon at John Fisher's. Went over part of the papers but could not finish them. To meet again this day week. A fine day; wind southerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Wed 30th*** Went to Egermont this morning to the court. But a thin court and nothing remarkable. Got Jane Hutchinson inrolled in the room of her husband.[52]

May 1760

Thu 1st At Meeting. Attended the marriage of Jonathan Dalton, senior, & Mary Nicholson. Filled up & read the certificate. Thomas Casson & John Fletcher here.

Leading manure. ***Fri 2nd*** Leading manure & ploughing for barley. Wrote a copy of Joseph Hutchinson's will. Cold dry weather; wind NE. Mercury 29.4. ***Sat 3rd*** Leading manure in the forenoon; ploughing in the afternoon. Wrote out copies of the answers to the Queries for the Yearly Meeting, London. At a vestry in evening.

Sun 4th Went with wife to Cockermouth to the General Meeting: a pretty full Meeting. Cloudy cold weather; wind easterly. Mercury 29.1. ***Mon 5th*** At Cockermouth with sundries. Nothing remarkable. Got some orders about my London journey: uncertain what company. Showry; wind northerly. Mercury 29. ***Tue 6th*** William Lawson here about the drain filling through Moss head. Warm showry weather. Got barley sowed: about 3 bushels. ***Wed 7th*** About workmen in the field. Nothing worthy observation this day. Preparing for London journey. Liddia Black brought to bed of a son. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting in the forenoon. Showry but warm; mercury 29.2. ***Fri 9th*** Prepairing my papers &c. for London. Mild weather; some showers. Mercury 29.3. ***Sat 10th*** At Cockermouth. Drawing out some accounts for Leicester &c. with sundries. Jonathan Harris at Keswick. Wind northerly; weather ditto. Mercury 29.5.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning. John Gill & wife here in the afternoon. Gave notice of a collection to be this day week. Wind westerly; mercury 29.4. ***Mon 12th*** At Cockermouth with sundries. John Harris concludes not to go to London on account of a swelling begun in his leg & foot. Got several letters &c. for London. ***Tue 13th*** Writing out my orders for London. Prepairing to sett forward tomorrow. Made & executed a will for Joseph Steel. Jonathan Harris & wife & Anne Alsop here. ***Wed 14th*** Set forward on my journey to London. Got to Whitehaven about 2 p.m. Stayed all night. To proceed in the morning with William Skyrin. Wind southerly; cloudy weather; some rain. ***Thu 15th*** At Whitehaven. Came away this morning about 6 a.m. Came over Ravenglass sands & Boutle ditto & got to Ulverstone about 6 p.m. Moderate day but cloudy. ***Fri 16th*** At Ulverstone. Came away at 6 & got to Lancaster at 9 & dined there. Came away at about 3 p.m. Baited at Eagle & Child in Garstang & so to Preston & lodged at Black Bull. Fine weather. ***Sat 17th*** At Preston. Came away about 7 a.m. & baited at Rose, Whitle, & dined at Wigin. Pleasant warm weather; roads dusty. Lodged at the George in Warrington. Showry weather.

Sun 18th At Warrington. Came away about 9 a.m. Stopped [at] the Meeting at Franley. Dined at Holms Chapel & lodged at Newcastle, the Roe Buck. Also stopped a little a[t] Talketh hill. Showry weather. ***Mon 19th*** At Newcastle. Came away @ 5¼ and breakfasted at Sandon, the Dog & Dublet: 13 miles. Dined at Litchfield: 17 miles. Some small showers on the road. Ten in company. Lodged at Coleshill, the Swan: 15 miles. ***Tue 20th*** At Coleshill. Came away about 5 a.m. Breakfasted at Coventry: 12 miles. Baited at Dunchurch (Dun Cow): 12 miles. Dined at Deventry (Wheat Sheaf): 8 miles. Lodged at Towcester, the White Horse; a good inn: 12 miles. Showry weather. ***Wed 21st*** Towcester. Sett forward @ 5½. Breakfasted at Brickhill, the George: 17 miles. Dined at Redbourn, the Cock: 18 miles. Stopped a little at St Albons, the Whiteheart, & lodged at Kitts Inn: 13 miles. Showry weather; road dirty. ***Thu 22nd*** Kitts In. Came away about 6½ a.m. & got

to London, the George in Aldermanberry, about 9. All well. A very pleasant, agreable journey. In the afternoon was at the burial of our worthy friend William Pitts: a very large meeting. Moderate weather. ***Fri 23rd*** At London. Was at the week-day meeting in Grace Church Street. Isaac Sharpless, Catherine Payton & Samuel Fothergill preached & Joshua Dixon prayed. All well & pretty satisfactory. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's. Was at the Meeting for Sufferings which begun at 3 p.m. ***Sat 24th*** At ditto. At sundry places this forenoon. At 3 in p.m. the Ministers & Elders. Gave in the names of our representatives & the answers to that meeting's Queries. Broke up about 8 & adjourned until 9, 2nd day morning.

Sun 25th At ditto. Was at Gracechurch Street Meeting by appointment of the Select Meeting. Dined at Robert Harris's at the Lamb in Cannon Street. Was at Horsley Down Meeting in the afternoon. Both meetings well conducted & satisfactory. ***Mon 26th*** At London. Attended the Morning Meeting of Ministers & Elders which begun at 9 a.m. & continued till 2 p.m. A very good meeting. The Yearly Meeting for Business begun at 4 p.m. & continued till about 8. Very large. Adjourned to 4 tomorrow afternoon. In Comittee of Appeals. ***Tue 27th*** At ditto. Was at Devonshire House in the morning. Dined with John Hudson. At the Meeting for Business after: begun at 4 p.m. & continued till near 8. The Comittee of Appeals met after in the chamber. Two appeals given in. Adjourned till 8 next morning. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. Met with the Comittee of Appeals at 8 a.m. John Walls appeal against the Quarter Meeting of London was heard & determined in favour of said meeting & a member thereof, Thomas Neale's, against Norwich Monthly Meeting withdrawn. Dined at Jacob Fletcher's. Attended the Comittee at 3 p.m. & the Yearly Meeting after, which adjourned till 3 tomorrow afternoon. ***Thu 29th*** At ditto. Was at the adjourned Meeting for Ministers which begun at 7 a.m. & broke up a little before 10. Some adition made to the Queries & suitable advice given. Meeting for Business begun at 3 in the afternoon. Preposition [*sic*] from Ireland considered: took near 3 hours. Given in favour of the Irish friends. ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. At Benjamin Martin's & sundry other places with William Skyrin. Dined at [*sic*] in Canon Street. At Meeting for Business which begun at 4 p.m. & continued till 8. Answers to the foreign epistles read. Alteration in time for holding the meetings agreed. ***Sat 31st*** At ditto. Attended the Meeting for Business at 9 this morning & 5 in the afternoon. The visit to the preparative, monthly & quarterly meetings agreed unto. The Epistle read & signed & the meeting ended to general satisfaction.

June 1760

Sun 1st At ditto. At Meeting, Gracious [*Gracechurch*] Street. Catherine Payton & Isaac Sharpless: a good & satisfactory meeting. Breakfasted, dined & supped at P. Fearon's. At Deptford in the afternoon Samuel Spaval had a good meeting. Sultry weather. ***Mon 2nd*** At London. Attended the comittee at 7 this morning & the Meeting for Ministers after, which ended well & to general satisfaction. Dined at John Bell's in Crutched Fryars. Sultry hot weather. At the Salutation Club. ***Tue 3rd*** At ditto. At sundry places in the forenoon. Dined at William Saterthwait's in Cannon Street. At John Bell's & sundry other places. Supped at Edmund

Dowson's in the Burrow. Still extreem hot weather & little wind. ***Wed 4th*** At ditto. At Westminster-hall, Parliament house &c. At Jonathan Robinson's & Joseph Falder's. They to meet me this evening. Dined at Isaac Ismay's. Several company in the evening to take leave. The Prince of Wales' birthday. ***Thu 5th*** At ditto. Came away about 6 this morning. Breakfasted at the Woolpack, St Albans: distance 21 miles. Dined at Dunstable. Very ill owing to a bile on my bottom. Lodged at Wooburn: 42 miles. Extreem hot & sultry; thunder in the night & rain. ***Fri 6th*** Wooburn. Came away about 7. Dined at Northampton, 66 miles, the George. Lodged at Market Harbroug, the Bell, 84 miles. This day the air pretty cool & the ways good on account of the great rain in the night. ***Sat 7th*** Harbrough. Came away about 6. Baited at Leicester. Gave John Willows my bill on John Bell for £72 3s 9d & William Scott my draft on ditto for £24 Dined at Loughborough, Bull's Head, & lodged at Derby, the George. Went to see Joseph Bell & wife.[53] Very hot weather.

Sun 8th Derby. Came away about 6. Breakfasted at Brassington. Came through Buxton: drunk some of the water. Dined at Dissley, Ram's Head. Baited at Stockport, the Anchor, and lodged in Salford, the Spread Eagle. Distance from Darby 55 miles. Very hot & dusty. ***Mon 9th*** At Salford. Breakfasted at John Lawrence's. Sett forward at 11½ & dined at Hilton Lane End, Red Lion. Baited at Chorley & lodged at Preston, White Horse. Distance from Manchester 33 miles. Hot weather; roads very dusty. ***Tue 10th*** Came from Preston this morning about 6. Breakfasted Garstang, Eagle & Child, & dined at Lancaster with John Backhouse. Came to Kendal & lodged at the Rose & Crown. ***Wed 11th*** Came from Kendal 8½ a.m. Dined at Ambleside, the Salutation. Stopped at Wythburn & baited at Keswick. Got home about 9 p.m. & found all well. Hot. ***Thu 12th*** Was at the Meeting in the morning. Delivered several letters. William Lawson & man working in the moss. Dry, warm weather. ***Fri 13th*** With the workmen about leveling the Moss. Took up some large firr roots. Weather same as before. ***Sat 14th*** Went to Cockermouth; with sundries. Nothing remarkable. Cloudy weather & a fine rain in the night. Mercury 29.

Sun 15th Was at Meeting. Preparative & Select Meeting held. To prepare a certificate for John Whinney for the Monthly Meeting. Cloudy, inclinable to showers. ***Mon 16th*** At Cockermouth. Paid John Clennel half year's rent due at 2nd February last. ***Tue 17th*** At Monthly Meeting. Signed Dan Saul's paper of denial[54] & John Whinney's certificate. Select Meeting after. ***Wed 18th*** At Cockermouth. Met Joseph Glaister & J. Lucock about leather company affairs. John Fisher not at home. Agreed to meet again on 5th day next week & with John Fisher on 3rd day next. Wrote him on that account. Beast fair: prices much lower. Went home by Brigham. ***Thu 19th*** Wrote John Bell in answer to his. Got P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] to give cash for the bank bill of £10 he sent his mother. Man and John Robinson mending the road up the Brow. Showry weather; wind southerly. Mercury 28.5. ***Fri 20th*** Looking over John Fisher & company accounts. Drew out an account current. Went to Kirby in the evening with George Wilkinson. Pen Hutchinson gave his note of £15 that G.W. should hold Great Dale Close for 3 years from 25 of March next. ***Sat 21st*** At Cockermouth. With Robert Smithson,

John Fisher &c. To attend John Fisher on 3rd day to go through his accounts & settle the company affairs as soon as may be after. Showry weather.

Sun 22nd At Meeting in the morning. Collected upon two briefs, viz. Llanfair 2s 6d and Sandford Mills 2s 5d, together 4s 11d. To pay to R. Warren, collector, as soon as may be. General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. ***Mon 23rd*** At home. Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Paid John Younghusband 1 year's interest, £3 6s 6d. With C. Christian on Ritson's affairs. To waite for his answer from London. ***Tue 24th*** At Cockermouth. At John Fisher's warehouse drawing out an account of what cash he has received belonging the company since the 26th of June 1758 to this time. With Robert Smithson about his receipts of ditto. J. Fisher takes them into his account. ***Wed 25th*** At ditto. Finished the account with John Fisher. Joseph Glaister here. Appointed to meet at the George at 3 a clock. Met accordingly. John Fisher refused to pay up the money in his hand on account of a dispute with J.G. [*Joseph Glaister*] on foreign trade. Wet day. ***Thu 26th*** Came forward about 5 this morning with John Robinson. Got to Coldbeck before 10. Very wet morning but fare most of the road. Meeting held: but small on account of the weather. Business pretty well transacted. Warm day. ***Fri 27th*** At Coldbeck. Lodged at Grave's in Heskett last night. At the meeting this day which begun about 9 a clock. Was pretty well in the main & ended a little past 12. Came away about 3 & got home about 8. Frequent showers & warm. ***Sat 28th*** Cleaning out my desk & settling my papers in the forenoon. About weeding the corn. S. Hudson here. Warm weather; mercury 28.8.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Very thin on account of General Meeting: no preaching. At Mossergate in the afternoon with wife at John Fawcett's. Warm weather; mercury 29.2. ***Mon 30th*** Came to Cockermouth. Brought Sarah Hudson along with me. With sundries.

July 1760

Tue 1st Went to Lowswater with wife, Elihu Robinson & wife &c. to fish: got very little. Dined at Thomas Wilson's. Came home in the evening. A very hot day. Mercury 29.4. ***Wed 2nd*** Came to Cockermouth beast fare. 4 packs of Irish yarn came here yesterday by James Major from Aaron Mickle on the joint account of P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*], R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] & self. With John Fisher. Nothing further remarkable. Showry. ***Thu 3rd*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn. Hot weather. ***Fri 4th*** At Whitehaven. Bishop of Chester came here last night in his Visitation. Breakfasted at Joseph Glaister's. Consulted about taking an oppinion; refferred same to Edmund Gibson. ***Sat 5th*** Got home my optical apperatus & the machine for viewing prints from London.[55] To account W.S. [*William Skyrin*] for same & carriage. Also got R. Barclay's "Works" & 2lb. tea home. Hot & sultry with showers in the evening.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Jane Pearson came here yesterday evening. Paid John Woodvill from John Fell £1 1s. Met after Meeting about John Fletcher: he owns himself

not one in principal with us but denies R. Barcley's thesis of Imediate Revelation. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth about 10 a.m. With sundries about the Irish yarn. The falling price of wool seems to stop a little. Very uncertain weather: extreams of heat & cold. ***Tue 8th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse in the forenoon. Copied for John Fisher Joseph Glaister's accounts & letter for Leathes. John Fearon is owing me 1s in part for 1 pair hose. Sold George & John Fearon 7 pads Irish yarn; R.S. [*Robert Smithson?*] 1 pack; J. Wood 2 pads. Warm weather. ***Wed 9th*** At ditto. With J. Lucock. Attested J.G.'s [*Joseph Glaister's*] accounts & J.F.'s [*John Fisher's*] letter. Delivered out all the fine yarn but 2 pads. The pack of bays on hand & the wool. Came to Eaglesfield in the afternoon to wife at Joseph Harris's, Elihu's &c. Warm weather; mercury 29.3. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting in forenoon. Elihu Robinson dined & spent the afternoon with me. Warm weather. ***Fri 11th*** Begun to mow in Moss head Close on 3rd day last. Got that & Hogs grass down last night. Both pretty full of grass. Nothing remarkable. Fitzgerald, a schoolmaster from Cork, here this afternoon. Hot weather. ***Sat 12th*** Came to Cockermouth. Got ½ dozen flour de luis roots from C. Bowes. With R. Smithson & Peter Pearson about Palmer affairs. With John Fisher & Justice Lucock. Hot & sultry; mercury 29.5.

Sun 13th At Meeting in the morning. Jonathan Harris children here in the afternoon. Wrote to John Udall in answer to his about Joseph Brown. Wrote W. Skyrin about Palmer affairs. Sultry hot weather. ***Mon 14th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote John Bell on his mother account. Wrote Jonathan Robinson & sent John Whinney's certificate. Wife here in the afternoon. Bought sundries of Richard Radcliffe to the amount of 7s 1½d to book. Thomas Lawson got home this evening. Sultry. ***Tue 15th*** At ditto. In the warehouse in the morning. About John Fisher & company affairs after. In the afternoon drew a draft of a bond for John Fisher on account of the money in his hands. Joseph Glaister here. Thomas Leathes very ill: not likely to recover. ***Wed 16th*** At ditto. Ingrossed the bond. John Lucock & Robert Smithson bound with John Fisher in 1,000£. Got said bond executed this day. Paid Joseph Glaister as on the other side {£124 10s per receipt}. Very wet weather. ***Thu 17th*** At home. At Meeting in the morning. Took a coppy of the bond for John Lucock: the original in Joseph Glaister's hands. Showry foggy weather. Mercury 29.3. ***Fri 18th*** Yesterday about 9 in the evening Robert Smithson was killed by a fall from his horse in returning home from Whitehaven close by the 8th mile stone. Thomas Smith was along with him. Both in liquor. Supposed he was s[t]iffled by falling on his face & no timely help. Much lamented. ***Sat 19th*** Came to Cockermouth & attended the burial of the late unfortunate R.S. He was interred near 6 a clock this evening. A very large funeral. He has left three children, all young, who will fall to Joseph Littledale, their mother's father.

Sun 20th Was at Meeting. The Preparative Meeting was held after. John Fletcher's case to go to the Monthly Meeting. Went to Eaglesfield with wife after. Dined at Elihu Robinson's. Christopher Wilson & wife there. A fine day. Mercury 29.5. ***Mon 21st*** Came to Cockermouth. Paid John Robinson for ¼ board for his son; due 1st September next. William Skyrin here. Joseph Littledale administered to the personal estate of his late son-in-law, Robert Smithson. John Fisher & self bound for him. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle.

Appointed with Christopher Wilson to speak to John Fletcher about his principal of Deism. With William Gale, John Walker & Thomas Wood: to make deeds for them as soon as can. ***Wed 23rd*** Came to Cockermouth. With the administrators, John Fisher & Samuel Smithson, about Robert's affairs. Gave orders to the workmen to go forward & work up the materials on hand. Taking an inventory of the goods &c. Fine weather & warm. ***Thu 24th*** At Cockermouth. Wrote Joseph Irving about Martha Cassen case & desired him to come to my house. ***Fri 25th*** Yesterday afternoon about R.S.'s affairs, posting the books &c., which makes one day. Our people throng with the hay: got 23 cart load. Peter Nicholson dined here. Went with him to Cockermouth after. Agreed to send the wool to Kendal.

Sun 27th Was at Meeting in the morning. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. A very full meeting on account of William Conning from Yorkshire. Frances Pearson from Whitehaven here; came to see Martha Casson. Hot weather. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth along with Frances Pearson from Whitehaven. With Ben Hewitt, John Jackson, John Robinson &c. about a mortgage deed. A very hot day; wind westerly. Mercury 29.3. ***Tue 29th*** At Cockermouth. At Meeting. William Conning there: he preached pretty well. In the warehouse entering accounts. Very hot weather: a fine season for getting hay. ***Wed 30th*** Mowing the ley in Near-Whinney: pretty full. Hot sultry weather. Mercury 29.1. ***Thu 31st*** At Meeting: William Conning there. Preached well on mercies of God afforded to us, in a particular manner. Very hot weather.

August 1760

Fri 1st Got all the meadow hay; quantity 47 cartload. Mowed the ley ground. Still very hot; strong easterly wind. Mercury falled about 5°. ***Sat 2nd*** Came to Cockermouth. Stephen Corbet for John Willows here: settled with him. Dined at George with S.C. Came home in the evening. Hot weather.

Sun 3rd At Meeting, which was thin on account of the General Meeting being at Issel. Joseph Irving came here this evening to see Martha Casson. He thinks he can do her service but is dubious about curing her. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth with Joseph Irving. Paid him for his journey as on the other side {£1 1s}. Thunder & rain. ***Tue 5th*** At home in the forenoon. Went in the afternoon to Stainburn Hall with Pen Hutchinson. Exchanged my mare with William Thompson for another mare 5 years old. Rode her home. Showry weather but warm. Barometer 29.6. ***Wed 6th*** Drawing the draft for a power of attorney from Joseph Littledale to John Fisher & self about the late Robert Smithson's affairs. At Cockermouth in the afternoon with wife. Weather sultry with showers; wind southerly. ***Thu 7th*** Was at Meeting in the morning: no preaching. Finished the power of attorney in the afternoon. Man leading black peats. Cloudy in morning but a fine afternoon. ***Fri 8th*** Came to Cockermouth about Robert Smithson's affairs. Ingrossed the power of attorney on stamp; got the same executed. News of the king of Prussia's defeating the Austrians not confirmed. ***Sat 9th*** At ditto. Went to Dean in the afternoon. Executed the deeds from Thomas Wood to John Walker & from John

Walker to Peter Gale & got a private surrender to P.G. To prepare deeds for Moor Park as soon as convenient.

Sun 10th At Meeting in the morning: no preaching. Tabitha Candler came home with me: to stay a week. Showry weather; wind SSW. Barometer 29.8. ***Mon 11th*** Unwell. Thomas Casson come home; fetched his daughter & maid from here & went home this afternoon. Sent man to market. Matthew Black took two hams away unweighed; to give account. A wet day. ***Tue 12th*** Yet unwell. Got the hay all mowed this day. Got this year in all about 57 cart loads. In general a very fine season. Mary Head here in the afternoon. To be arbitrator for her in the cause between her & John Fletcher. ***Wed 13th*** Came to Cockermouth. Was about Robert Smithson's affairs this afternoon, going through the books & taking a list of the debts. Warm weather. ***Thu 14th*** At Cockermouth. All this day about R.S. books. John Fisher with me in the forenoon; myself afternoon. I think another day will finish the list. Barometer 29.9. ***Fri 15th*** Fine weather. To collect the interest for Thomas Casson before he go to France again. He intends to sail in about 10 days for Glascow in Scotland. ***Sat 16th*** Fine weather; wind westerly. Barometer 29.8.

Sun 17th Was at Meeting. William Crow there from Kirklinton. Preparative Meeting after. Drew a submition note between Joseph Taylor & son. John Allason & wife here. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. At Robert Smithson's in the afternoon with John Fisher. Drew out sundry accounts and a power for Jonathan Harris to collect for us. Showry. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. John Fletcher's case under consideration: to continue another month under Friends' care. George Bell & wife here after. Rainy day. ***Wed 20th*** Went in the afternoon to Brigham to see John Bell. He is to go forward for London on 6th day. ***Thu 21st*** Intended for Whitehaven this day but was very unwell which prevented me. Better in the afternoon, but wife very ill: a fevourish disorder. ***Fri 22nd*** Begun to dress & clean the gardens. Nothing remarkable. Wife continues much indisposed. ***Sat 23rd*** Finished the gardens this evening. Wife much better. Paid Thomas Rittson as on the other side {for 3 chairs: 13s 6d; for a corner cupboard: 8s 6d}. Warm weather; wind southerly. Barometer 29.6.

Sun 24th Was at Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven this day week. Very fine harvest weather; wind westerly. Barometer 29.8. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Henry Fisher & the parties in differance. Agreed upon John Bacon for a third & two out of the three to make an award. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at Thomas Casson's & lodged there. Settled accounts with him & paid as on the other side {Robinson & Porter's note: £10; my interest due 12th April last: £4}. With sundries. Very fine weather; wind westerly. Barometer 30.2. ***Wed 27th*** At Whitehaven. Settled with P. Gale as on the other side for writings {£1 4s for deeds}. To meet him on 7th day afternoon at 2 in New-Close. With Robert Currey, W. Skyrin &c. about R. Smithson affairs. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting in the morning. ***Sat 30th*** Signed deeds in afternoon between John Walker & Peter Gale at Dean New-Close. Showry weather.

Sun 31st Was at Meeting in the morning: a thin meeting. General Meeting at Whitehaven. Jonathan Harris here. Fine afternoon.

September 1760

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth; executed the deed between P. Pearson & P. Winder. With Captain Currey about Robert Smithson's affairs. To be arbitrator for John Fletcher of Burthwaite about a wager between Thomas Holms & him. ***Tue 2nd*** Showry weather & a fresh gale of wind southerly. Got two cart loads of slate from Joseph Watson's quarry. Had Pen Hutchinson & John Robinson's of Hill horse & cart helping us. Barometer 30.15; double ditto 13. ***Wed 3rd*** Showry day but warm & little wind. ***Thu 4th*** This morning about the 7th hour wife was brought to bed of a son & hope both are likely to do well. Moderate warm weather with some small rain & foggy. Barometer ditto. ***Fri 5th*** Wife in a very low bad way & feverish but hope she will get the better of it in time. Sarah Bell came yesterday about noon. A very fine day & very hot weather. Barometer 30.2; D[ouble] B[arometer] 12. ***Sat 6th*** Wife a little easier this morning. Shearing barley in Middle Close: very good corn but full of weed. The new improved ground not ripe. Hot weather.

Sun 7th Was at Meeting in the morning. John Harris & wife &c. here in afternoon. Wife recovers very slowly: the hot fitts and sweetings continue. Hot weather. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Isaac Wilkinson, Charles Christian & the administrators of Joseph Ritson, clerk. Agreed to divide the money on hand between the bond creditors pro rata & took receipts accordingly. Very fine harvest weather. ***Tue 9th*** Agreed yesterday to meet Thomas Steel & Wilfrid Clementson on the differance between John Fletcher & Thomas Holmes about a wager whether a justicies is cognizable in the County Court for debts contracted above Darwent &c.[56] Weather ditto. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Conviction. Affairs carried on much as usual. Dean parish brought in this year. With J. Glaister & young Parson Leathes in the afternoon. To meet again on 7th day. Got some barley this day. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting in the morning. Mary Wilson, Ruth Robinson & Hannah Gill dined & stayed the afternoon. Very fine harvest weather; wind northerly. ***Fri 12th*** Drawing out my account with John Fisher & company. Expenses &c. £6 6s 0d and my commission £706 @ 2½ per cent: £17 13s 0d; together £23 19s 0d. Got most of barley. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met in the afternoon with Joseph Glaister, Stanley Leathes & Joshua Lucock at the George. Paid them in cash £40 each or £80 & drew on John Bell for £100 @ 40 days & advised; together £180.

Sun 14th At Meeting in the morning. John Hunt and wife from London there. He preached pretty well. Had dinner for the wives this day & neighbours in the night. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth on an arbitration between Holms & Fletcher. Met & agreed, unless plaintiff could produce a further evidence against Fisher. ***Tue 16th*** Went to Brandlingill on the arbitration betwe[e]n Fletcher & Heads. Was upon the premisses. An article was produced fixing the bounds &c. To meet on 7th October. ***Wed 17th*** Was at the funeral of Peter Danson's daughter who died of the colick. Got all the oats shoarn this day: a good crop. Weather seasonable. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Whitehaven to meet John Fisher, John Lucock. Agreed to employ Mr. Briggs & to give him a power of attorney to get a copy of books, accounts &c. ***Fri 19th*** At Whitehaven. Came with William Skyrin to

Cockermouth. With Glaister & Leathes and agreed that should proceed upon their affairs before Leathes go out of the country. ***Sat 20th*** At home in the forenoon. William Lawson this week working for me. At Cockermouth in the afternoon.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning. Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Bought 2 bushels of wheat from Jos. Graham of Mire End. To send for it tomorrow to Thomas Antrobus's. ***Tue 23rd*** Was at Monthly Meeting. Select Meeting held after. Wrote a list of 7 purveys for John Burnyeat & a draft of a power of attorney to Briggs to gett accounts from Virginia. ***Wed 24th*** Went forward to Carlisle to the Quarter Meeting with Thomas Wilson & Peter Pearson. Dined at Cockbridge & got to Carlisle about 6 p.m. Lodged at the King's Head, James Nicholson's. ***Thu 25th*** At Carlisle. Quarter Meeting begun this day which was pretty large. John Hunt & wife from London there. Business pretty well conducted. Showry weather. ***Fri 26th*** At ditto. Publick Meeting for Worship this forenoon. John Hunt preached well on the text "Fear God & give glory to him" &c. All ended well. Came home this night. ***Sat 27th*** At home in the forenoon. Went to Cockermouth after. About receiving cash from R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*] & Jonathan Harris. To pay on 2nd day. Rainy weather but moderate in the afternoon.

Sun 28th Was at Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Pardshow this day week. Wife got down stairs for the 1st time. A hard gale of wind from the south & a flood. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. About the arbitration. ***Tue 30th*** At Cockermouth. Ingrossed a power of attorney to David Briggs, Virginia, on account of John Fisher &c. Paid William Thompson his bond & interest as per other side {To William Thompson for company: £65 10s}. Ended the arbitration: each party to receive their own money & pay each ½ charges. An auction this night.

October 1760

Wed 1st Comissary Court this day. Got the administeration on account of R.S. [*Robert Smithson*]. With Stanley Leathes at John Fisher. Wrote out a list of sales since 30 November 1757. With Samuel Smithson, Joseph Littledale &c. about their affairs. ***Thu 2nd*** Sorting my papers &c. Signed a bond to Thomas Cragg, Whitehaven, for £100 @ £4½ per cent, dated 3rd inst. for Peter Nicholson & self each half. Wrote to Thomas Simpson & John Orr, Virginia. Inclosed bill & protest. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Egremont to the court. Nothing remarkable. With John Bragg after about Robert Currey affair with R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] A fine day but came on rain in night. ***Sat 4th*** At Whitehaven. Signed the power of attorney to David Briggs, Virginia, for John Fisher. Examined John Nixon's accounts. Stopt the proceedings in law about Robert Currey.

Sun 5th At Meeting. General Meeting held here this day: not well attended on account of the weather which was showry. A great flood in the night. ***Mon 6th*** At home. Went to Cockermouth. Sent David Briggs the invoice of a parcel of hose consigned to him for sales & returns; amount £31 16s. He to write me on his receipt

thereof. Still showry weather; wind southerly. ***Tue 7th*** Went to Brandlingill about the arbitration. Was at Cleatybank gill; viewed the place of differance. Went to Kirby in the afternoon. Examined the articles & drafts I had drawn. Agreed to meet again at Globe 6th day, 2 p.m. ***Wed 8th*** Showry weather. Amongst the corn: in bad order. Righted same up; about seventy shocks out. Very broken weather & great floods for about 3 weeks past. ***Thu 9th*** Stayed about the corn but rain came on about 10 a clock: got nothing done. Writing out a draft of the award for the arbitrators tomorrow. ***Fri 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair is keept this day. Met at Sarah Taylor's about the arbitration. William Hodgson produced to prove damages; gave evidence to 10s. ***Sat 11th*** Went to Cockermouth about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Was there myself in afternoon. Great news: Montreal taken & advantages gained by the Prussians &c. Showry weather.

Sun 12th Was at Meeting in the morning. I am to prepare the awards against the 20th current & then to meet again at Cockermouth. Got all the corn yesterday. Showry. ***Mon 13th*** At Cockermouth. Drew out an account for Parson Leathes of John Fisher's receipts since 30th November 1757. Wrote John Bell. About Isaac Fearon & Robert Barns' differance in the evening. Agreed. ***Tue 14th*** At Brandlingill in the morning. Mary Head dangerously ill; not expected to recover. Joseph Hind & son here painting. Still showry weather; barometer 30.1. ***Wed 15th*** Pen Hutchinson & my man at slate. Got two cart loads. Painters finished their work this day. To get some paint for barn doors & then settle with him. ***Thu 16th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. At Cockermouth in the afternoon. Sent to Kendal carrier 2 pads bay yarn for Benjamin Fryer of Kendal by order of P. Nicholson; amount £6 7s 6d. Mary Head died this afternoon between 4 & 5 a clock. ***Fri 17th*** About writing the award between Fletcher & Heads upon stamp. Preparing for plowing for wheat. Showry weather; winds northerly. ***Sat 18th*** Writing in the forenoon; at plough in the afternoon in the Middle Close. Got pretty well forward. Weather pretty favourable.

Sun 19th At the Meeting in forenoon. Edmond Peckover & John Ranson here & had good service in the ministry. The Preparative Meeting after. Mary Head buried this afternoon. ***Mon 20th*** Finished the awards for the arbitrators. Filled up the same at Cockermouth by order. H.F. [*Henry Fearon?*] refused to sign without Fletcher's consent, so threw up & left them to the law. Came home in the night. Very cold weather & some snow. ***Tue 21st*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Edmund & John there: both preached very excellently & meetings concluded well & to satisfaction. They are to be at Allonby tomorrow. ***Wed 22nd*** Sett forward to Whitehaven with Sarah Hudson, but returned: a great storm. ***Thu 23rd*** Came to Whitehaven with S. Hudson. Cold weather; wind north. ***Fri 24th*** At Whitehaven. Called on T. Nicholson. ***Sat 25th*** Called yesterday at South Field & got the deeds about Lucey Close. To make the deed as soon as convenient. Showry weather.

Sun 26th Was at Meeting. Joshua Dixon and Alexander Parkinson there: both preached. A pretty hard meeting. Went with wife to Brandlingill after. To write to William Calvert of Redsike. ***Mon 27th*** At home. Went Cockermouth. An account came this night that King George was dead & that he died of an apoplectick fitt; by

an express to Sir James Lowther. ***Tue 28th*** At Cockermouth this day. With John Fisher about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Finished the list of book debts which amount to near 2,000£ besides the stock on hand which is pretty large. ***Wed 29th*** At ditto. The account of the king's death confirmed. He died on the 25th inst. a little past seven in the morning. At Meeting in the forenoon: Joshua Dixon & companion there. In the afternoon about R.S. affairs. Cold weather inclinable to frost. ***Thu 30th*** Was at Meeting: no preaching. About getting up the potatoes: a pretty good crop; about 17 bushels. Hard frost. Double barometer 7. ***Fri 31st*** Nothing remarkable. Wrote William Calvert of Redsyke about the death of Mary Head. Desired him to come over & write me first oportunity.

November 1760

Sat 1st A great storm of rain & wind and a flood; wind southerly. Took in the beasts this evening. The young heffers yet continues out.

Sun 2nd At the Meeting. Samuel Spavald there: preached against earthly mindedness & to lay up treasure in heaven &c. A stormy day & a flood. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Law. Harrison in answer to his about the arbitration. Wrote John Bell about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. This day at 3 p.m. King George the 3rd proclaimed king of England &c. from the 25th of October last. ***Tue 4th*** Unwell. Wet, dirty weather. Wife went to Cockermouth. Samuel Spavald there. Had a hard meeting; preached much upon a dark spirit which had got in among them. ***Wed 5th*** A pretty moderate day; inclinable to frost. ***Thu 6th*** A great rain and flood. Could not get to Meeting. ***Sat 8th*** A pretty moderate day but the ground very full of water. Can't get the wheat sowed on account of the season which has been remarkably wet for about 2 months.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning. Alexander Parkinson & Jonathan Wilson there in a visit to Friends: their ministry sound and very acceptable. ***Mon 10th*** At home. Went to Cockermouth with Thomas Pearson. The bailiffs seized Billy Smithson's goods by the comissioners' warrant. His examination to be the 10, 11 & 13th of next month at L. Harrison's, Whitehaven. Servants very dear. Wrote to Joseph Taylor & Thomas Reed. ***Tue 11th*** Paid John Carlisle poor tax as on the other side {10 purveys poor: 3s 11½d}. Mending the Bank way. King George the 2nd interred this day in King Henry VII chapel, Westminster Abbey. ***Wed 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Harris. With Robert Baynes agreed for the enfranchisment of Eaglesfield land for 146£. Advising about James Lister affairs. Wrote John Bell about the sagathies sent him. Rainy weather. ***Thu 13th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. A very fine moderate day and inclinable to frost. Double barometer 16. ***Fri 14th*** Went to Dean & executed the conveyances between John Wilson & Joseph Taylor. Dined there and went to Whitehaven after & lodged at the Golden Lyon. Fine weather. ***Sat 15th*** At Whitehaven.

Sun 16th Was at the Meeting. Went to Kirby in the evening to meet Jonathan Dixon & George Wilkinson. G.W. agreed to pay him the rent in arrear in two weeks

& to pay the remainder of rent due at 25th March next. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth with William Scott. News of the king of Prussia gaining a compleat victory over the whole Austrian army & that Count Daun had passed the Elbe. New servant maid came this day. ***Tue 18th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Joseph White there; came from Dublin last; preached excellently on the text "Beware of the leven of the Sadduces & Pharisees": a very great minister. Two last days very wet weather; this pretty moderate. ***Wed 19th*** Nothing remarkable. Had the wallers yesterday but it proved so very wet they could get nothing done this day. A storm and flood. ***Thu 20th*** Very wet, stormy weather. Joseph White was at Cockermouth Meeting yesterday & at Graysouthen Meeting this day. He proposeth to be at Kendal on 1st day. ***Fri 21st*** Four wallers here this day about the porches for the barns. Very cold weather; wind northerly & frosty. Looks like frost to continue. ***Sat 22nd*** Two wallers this day. They finished the two great porches. Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. The king's speech to both houses of Parliament. N.B. An eclipse of the moon this night.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning: no preaching. At Kirby in the afternoon with Jonathan Harrison. Settled with John Usher about building the lime killn. Paid my share.[57] ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wet moist weather but warm. ***Tue 25th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse. Wrote sundry letters, viz. to John Udall, Wigton, John Coupland & Joseph Watson of Whitehaven about William Smithson's affairs. Desired them to meet at Cockermouth on 7th day to consult about the case to save the effects. This night wrote & executed an indenture of apprentiship between Richard Woodend & his son John to Jonathan Harris & self for 7 years from 1st August last; penalty 50£. ***Wed 26th*** At ditto. Made ready the bay yarn & G. Bell to send the same by the first Kendal carrier to George Atkinson, merchant in Leeds, by order of P. Nicholson. In the afternoon about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs: agreed to have a sale on 6th day of looms &c. Wrote a notice for ditto. ***Thu 27th*** Had the wallers building a porch over byer door & shifting the horsing stone. Moist weather & little wind. ***Fri 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Attended the sale of R. Smithson looms & weaving implements &c. Sold low. With John Coupland & William Eccleston about William Smithson affairs: they think an assignment the best. ***Sat 29th*** At Cockermouth. John Udall from Wigton here on account of William Smithson affairs. He is willing to the assignment proposed. Still very wet dirty weather.

Sun 30th Was at Meeting in the morning. John Bell from Broughton there. Rainy day.

December 1760

Mon 1st Came to Cockermouth. Proved Mary Head's will. ***Tue 2nd*** At Cockermouth. Came to Brandlingill & dined there. Raisley Calvert & myself valued the land in the afternoon, viz. Brandlingill estate at 30£ & Cleaty Band [*sic, for 'Bank'*] at 12£; the two fields & orchard at 6£. The farm to be lett at 36£ a year. ***Wed 3rd*** Wallers & wrights here about the porches and altering the oven & furnace

that the steam may go up the chimney. Cold showers & very wet dirty weather. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting in the morning. Slaters here about covering the porches. At Brandlingill in the night. Jonathan Scott & William about taking the land. They bid 34£. Did not agree. A very great snow came on; wind northerly. ***Fri 5th*** Slaters went away this morning. The snow so thick they could not work. John Usher & Joseph Black about finishing the furnace. The ground thick covered with snow. ***Sat 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met John Carleton and Rebanks about the Great Salkeld affair. Got the papers & arbitration bond. Agreed to go about the affair the 1st week in January. Sharp frost & thick snow.

Sun 7th At Meeting. A great rain & flood; snow going of very fast. ***Mon 8th*** Weather so very wet did not go to Cockermouth. Got cold yesterday being very wet coming from Meeting. Confirmation of king of Prussia's victory &c. ***Tue 9th*** Weather still very wet. Copied case & counsel's opinion whether Quakers are liable to imprisonment for not serving in militia, nor finding a substitute if they have not effects to distrain upon. Answer: they are not. ***Thu 11th*** Very bad in a sore throat. Could not go to Meeting on that account. Pretty moderate in the day; came on rain in the evening. ***Fri 12th*** Nothing remarkable. A very stormy day: got little out. Something better of my cold. ***Sat 13th*** Came to Cockermouth. Wrote P. Nicholson about remitting the bill to John Bell to take up Aaron Mickle's draft on me. Cold showry weather.

Sun 14th Was at Meeting in the morning. A pretty moderate day and froze in the night. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Delivered the conveyances to Joseph Peile. He is to pay me when convenient. With John Brag, C. Christian. William Ecclestone here. Sued old Smithson & Sam. About 6 in the morning a robery was comitted near Gallowbarrow Gate by two men on horse back on John Hayton, butcher of Workington. He is wounded in the head & lost about £80. ***Tue 16th*** At Cockermouth. Breakfasted with T. Lawson. Consulting about the meeting house burgage deeds: can't be found. Went home in the evening. Very wet weather. ***Wed 17th*** Slaters yet here. Got another cart load of slate this day & slaters finished the work. Paid them as on the other side {to Joseph Watson for 19½ yds. slate @ 8d: 13s}. Showry weather. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Whitehaven. With John Carleton. Agreed to go forward to Penrith on 7th day the 3rd of January about the arbitration. ***Fri 19th*** At Whitehaven. With sundries about business. Told Joseph White about the complaint William Hudson & the rest of the apprentices had against him. ***Sat 20th*** At home. Brought Tabitha Candler with me.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning. Preparative & Select Meeting after. Alexander Henderson here about dressing the orchard. Showry weather. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Lawson. Got an order on J. Harrison to pay his share about lime-kiln. ***Tue 23rd*** Was at Monthly Meeting; the Select Meeting after. Wrote & signed a certificate with Christopher Wilson to Durham, Northumberland &c. Pretty moderate day. ***Wed 24th*** Nothing remarkable. A stormy day and a hard gale of wind southerly; a flood in the evening. ***Thu 25th*** A brief consisting of 20 sheets of paper sent me from Penrith & the introgatories brought by John Richardson's clerk. Examining the same. ***Fri 26th*** The gardener yesterday & this

day at James Porter's dressing the orchard. A close day but little rain. ***Sat 27th*** A very rainy day; wind about SSW & blew hard. A flood. Fair in the evening.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Tabitha Candler yet here. Did not go to the Quarter Meeting, the weather so very unseasonable. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote John Robinson, attorney, that I designed to be at Penrith on the 5th of January. Also wrote Law. Harrison to acquaint J.C. [*John Carleton*] therewith. ***Tue 30th*** At Cockermouth. Settled with Joseph Hutchinson & paid him the ballance as in the above account {of Joseph Hutchinson for factory: £4 19s 9d; of ditto for Thomas Casson: 18s 9d; to ditto in full of accounts: £8 2s 8d}. Moist unsettled weather. ***Wed 31st*** The gardener here planting the cherry & apple trees in new garden. Also a large quantity plum trees on the out side.

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January 1761

Thu 1st Went to Cockermouth. A great storm & a flood. Wind southerly. ***Fri 2nd*** Went to Brandlingill & Crag-end. Sister Alice got a bad fall. A pretty moderate day. Sent my servant & Alexander Henderson, gardener, to Cockermouth. Bought of Jacob Sibson as under, viz. 63 Scotch firrs @ 1d: 5s. 2 Bury du roy Bewley's pear; 1 Jargonell pear; 1 Bagpipe ditto; 1 St German ditto; 1 Longaville ditto @ 1s each: 6s. 1 Non Such aple; 1 Golden Rennet; 1 Tankard; 1 Scarlet; 1 Full Wood [@] 6d [each]: 2s 6d. ***Sat 3rd*** Planting the trees. Came forward about 2 p.m. with John Carleton for Penrith. Fogy moist weather.

Sun 4th At Keswick. Lodged at the Oak. Came away about 9 & got to Penrith about 2 p.m. Fine day. ***Mon 5th*** At Penrith. Lodged at the Golden Fleece, Edward Tod's. Went in the afternoon to Lowther Hall. Fine weather. ***Tue 6th*** At ditto. Nothing remarkable this day. Thomas Robinson & William Taylor came here this day. To go to Salkeld in the morning. Weather ditto. ***Wed 7th*** At ditto. Came to Salkeld about 10 a.m. along with T.R., W.T. & John Carleton. Got there a little before 12. Thomas Robinson of Crookdake & self arbitrators in the cause between the relator, Richard Penrith & Anthony Moffet on behalf of the town of Great Salkeld, and Thomas Grayson of Lamonby & John Carleton of Whitehaven, defendants, about some school lands said to be in the possession of said defendants, which lands were purchased about the 27th April 6 Henry 8 of William Mercer & Joan his wife for a valuable consideration as a copyhold messuage & tenement of the yearly value of 20£ per information; which copyhold tenement was surrendered to three trustees therein named for the use of the Free Grammar Schooll in Great Salkeld. Afterwards the trustees demised said premisses to under tenants for the small yearly rent of 3s & an arbitrary fine not exceeding two years' improved value of said demised premises in lieu of all mesne profits arrising there from; which being far from an equivalent to said mesne profits & seems inconsistant with the good intentions of said Charity & the rules of law, to derrive an arbitrary customary tenure out of a copyhold & that far below the original value of said lands & tenements & no custom of like nature to warrant the same. We went to asertain the lands but they are in the hands of most land owners in the town, got by diferent exchanges & no living witnesses can be produced to swear to the identical lands nor where they lay, only report & hearsay which I refused to take as no certainty could be come at therefrom. So got the arbitration bonds renewed & the time prolonged until the 1st of May next. Agreed to state a case & take an eminent counsel's opinion before any further proceedure be made, the whole affair being very intricate & dubious considering the great distance of time. Pleasant warm weather. ***Thu 8th*** At Salkeld Magna. Came away about 2 p.m. & lodged at Penrith, the Golden Fleece. Cloudy weather. ***Fri 9th*** At Penrith. Came away about 9 a.m. and dined at

Keswick & got home in the evening. Weather ditto. ***Sat 10th*** Gardner laying the grass plot with green turff. Barometer 30.4; double ditto 6.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning. At Mossergate in the afternoon. Very cold weather. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Wrote to Skyrin & Dearman; J. Glaister & Thomas Casson & Hill & Towgood. ***Tue 13th*** The gardner here laying grass walks & trenching for peas &c. Moist weather; mercury 30.5. ***Wed 14th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. The Quarter Sessions begun this day. Some settlements tryed. ***Thu 15th*** At Cockermouth. The Sessions ended this day. Several bills of indictment found. Moist dark weather. ***Fri 16th*** At ditto. In the warehouse forenoon; at Robert Smithson's after. Entered sundry goods sold. ***Sat 17th*** With the gardner. Planted two quarts peas. Moist weather.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the morning. Preparative Meeting after. To prepare a certificate for Hannah Bell. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Moist cloudy weather. ***Tue 20th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. Got Hannah Bell's certificate signed. Went with wife to Pardshow after. ***Wed 21st*** Ploughing for wheat in the Midle Close. Moderate weather. ***Thu 22nd*** Sew one bushel of wheat & ½ a peck of red ditto. Hore frost in night. Mercury 30.6. ***Fri 23rd*** Went to High Cross to the burial of John Pearson of High Cross. He was 31 years of age. Died of a decay. A sermon. [He] died on the 20th about midnight & was buried on the 23rd: a large funeral. He died intestate leaving a wife & sister; no children. The wife will take half of the personal estate by the custom of the Province of York & the other half will be equally divided betwe[e]n her & sister after debts & funeral expences paid. But it is aledged that said deceased was not lawfully married to his now wife, being married out of the parish they both belonged to by [*sic*] Adison at Workington, contrary to the late Marriage Act. But query this further. ***Sat 24th*** Pen Hutchinson here hedging the firr trees from the open field. Milde weather.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the morning. With wife at John Nutt's in the afternoon. ***Mon 26th*** Gardener came again this morning. Went to Cockermouth. Dined at Thomas Lawson's. Fine weather. ***Wed 28th*** Set forward to Whitehaven @ 2 p.m. Stayed with Elihu Robinson & Thomas Lawson at Kirby till 4. Paid rent. ***Thu 29th*** At Whitehaven. Lodged at Thomas Casson's. Paid his ballance in full. With sundries. Came home in the night. ***Fri 30th*** Wrote to John Bell: advised of my draft for £30 sent by Sarah Hudson. At Brandlingill after. ***Sat 31st*** Filling up the garden walks. Cold moist weather with some showers. Taken very ill this evening.

February 1761

Sun 1st So ill could not go to the Meeting. I am to return the window lists with the names of the assessors & collectors from Michaelmas to Lady Day on the 7th February to Egremont. Taken from me by John Carlisle, warden, & Isaac Johnson, assistant: barley 3 bushels value 16s 6d; 1 cheese: 1s [Total:] £0 17s 6d. Recovered

3s 1d; costs 10s. ***Mon 2nd*** Unwell. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather; mercury 30.5. ***Tue 3rd*** About the gardens. Planted the wallnuts & chesnuts. A warm sunshine day. ***Wed 4th*** Planting out the flowering shrubs & trenching in low garden. Drew two window lists: 25 houses; sum £1 17s 6d. Assessors: John Fawcett, John Carlisle. Collectors: William Allason & self. Sent them to Lawrence Harrison inclosed in a letter to be sent to Egremont on 7th day to be allowed by Comissioners. ***Thu 5th*** Gardener planting the beans. Fine weather. Man at Whitehaven. ***Fri 6th*** Sent to Cockermouth for the strawberry plants sent there by T. Fleming. Lancelot Wilson here about some alterations in his will. Drew the same over again & wrote a lease between Jane Head, William Calvert & self to Jonathan & William Scott of part of Brandlingill land & Cleaty Bank. Yearly rent 36£; term 3 years from the 25th March next. ***Sat 7th*** Planted all the strawberries & finished the banks. Cold day; some showers.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Very cold & great showers of snow. ***Mon 9th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Sent gardener to Papcastle for strawberry plants. Bought of William Tate 3 lime trees @ 3d (9d); 100 thorns (1s 6d); 26 July flowers @ 1½d (3s); 13 auriculas @ 1½d (1s 6d); 6 double pinks (2d); seeds &c. (5d). Cold showery day. ***Tue 10th*** Gardener planted the strawberries & finished the same. At William Steel's taking instructions for will making. Cold day; snow showers. ***Wed 11th*** Drew William Steel's will which was long & great variety of cases. A very cold frosty day. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Finished & executed William Steel's will. A thick snow in the afternoon. ***Fri 13th*** Wrote a lease between John Watson & John Norman, yearly rent £18 for land & sheep. A rainy day; snow gone. ***Sat 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote William Skyrin, Joseph Glaister & Richard Dearman & sent John Dent to Whitehaven. Snow & rain.

Sun 15th Was at the Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. Stormy. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Stephen Corbet here. Settled with him. Heavy showers. ***Tue 17th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. A fine day. ***Wed 18th*** Last night executed Brandlingill lease. Making the barley ready for malt. A cold day. ***Thu 19th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon about the affair between R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*] & the trustees of meeting house. ***Fri 20th*** At ditto. In the warehouse entering accounts. R. Radcliffe's case with the trustees refferred. Cold showery weather. Sold to John Martedale a fat cow for £6; to return him again 2s 6d. To carry her this day week to Bridgefoot. ***Sat 21st*** At ditto. In the warehouse. To go through the books as soon as I can. Very great showers of rain.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. Sent man to hire a maid servant. Still wet unsettled weather. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Snow & rain. Case between the trustees of Cockermouth grave yard & part of the meeting house, viz. Isaac Fearon, John Benson & John Peile. The premises was formerly John Fisher's which descended to his daughter, Catherine, the wife of Edward Clementson. Peter Fearon & others purchased the said premises consisting of 60 yards in length & 20 in breadth in 1715 together with the whole burgage of said Fisher's & reconveyed the whole to Jonathan Fisher in 1717, except the parcel on the east side of the Quakers' meeting house in quantity as above. Jonathan Fisher sold in 1722 to Joseph Peile & H. Fisher, who

sold to Richard Radcliffe & he to Sir James Lowther, but wants the part belonging said Fearon &c. [to] compleat his burgage. Agreed the trustees to convey the same to R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*] for £50 & all expences & to take back a lease for 999 years at a peper corn.[58] ***Tue 24th*** At home. William Lawson here about casting the beck race for James Porter & self. ***Wed 25th*** W. Lawson begun for me this day in the beck. Moist weather with frequent showers. ***Thu 26th*** Wrote Lancelot Wilson's will over again with some alterations. A hard gale of wind from the SSW. & rain. ***Fri 27th*** About the beck race this day. Wet in the forenoon; moderate after. ***Sat 28th*** A very wet day. William Lawson threshing.

March 1761

Sun 1st At Meeting in the forenoon. A hard gale of wind & storm p.m. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed J. Watson's lease to John Norman of Buttermire land; and Lancelot Wilson's will. Cold showry day. ***Tue 3rd*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse: journal'd all the accounts. In the night wrote a lease for Richard Radcliffe. ***Wed 4th*** At ditto. Writing for Richard Radcliffe. John Reay here. Account of Hannah Dearman's death. ***Thu 5th*** At ditto. Finished the writings for Richard Radcliffe. Showry cold weather. Sent to Ben Fryar in Kendal 23 lb. of finest wollen yarn by order of Peter Nicholson. This day at Pardshow Hall was buried Hannah the wife of Richard Dearman of Whitehaven. She died of fitts supposed to be occasioned by stopping the milk. She was lay in about two weeks. She was a very carefull, industrious woman & is a great loss to her husband. She has left a son. ***Fri 6th*** At ditto. With John Fisher about Robert Smithson's affairs. Drawing out bills. ***Sat 7th*** At ditto. With ditto about R.S. affairs all this day. Came home in the evening.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Went with Joseph Black after to Gillbrow &c. Jane Pearson here. Got an abstract of the Marriage Act. No licence to be granted to solemnize any marriage out of the parish church or chapel where one of the parties has resided one month imediatly before such marriage. But it shall not be necessary (in case of suit) to give any proof that the usual place of abode of one of the parties for the space of four weeks as aforesaid was in the parish or chapelry where the marriage was solemnized, nor shall any evidence be received to prove the contrary touching the validity of such marriage. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed the deed between the trustees of Cockermouth Meeting & Richard Radcliffe. ***Tue 10th*** Jonathan Dixon & George Wilkinson here. Agreed not to make an entry of G.W.'s goods. Wet weather. ***Wed 11th*** At Cockermouth yesterday afternoon: to fetch the plough on 6th day morning. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting in the morning. At mill this day. Very wet in forenoon but fair after. ***Fri 13th*** Got a new fashoned plough from John Fisher. A fine day: weather seems to settle. ***Sat 14th*** Ploughing in Corn Close; fallowing for barley. New plough answers very well.

Sun 15th At Meeting. A burial this afternoon at Eaglesfield: Jonathan Piper's sister of Gillgarren. Went this afternoon with Elihu Robinson to Whinfell Hall on account of Portinscale writings which we are to copy for the Quarter Meeting. Got one deed,

a release from Hugh Tickel to Thomas Leathes, George Bewley, Richard Head & John Grave their heirs & assigns, a freehold messuage & tenement at Millbeck in Underskiddaw, with three closes called Common closes, one close called Long Withing, one close called Stanley Stubbing, all which closes are situate at Brundholm in the parish of Crosthwaite; one other parcel of ground called Schoolhouse Orchard & also one house in said orchard near High-hill in said parish. Said four persons are only trustees for the use of the poor of the people called Quakers in the county of Cumberland. Two of said trustees to chose others & convey to two named in their right. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher at Robert Smithson's in the afternoon. Fine weather. ***Tue 17th*** At Cockermouth. Was at Robert Smithson's this day drawing out accounts for Whitehaven & Carlisle. Wrote Thomas Watman & sent per carrier. Wrote Jonathan Wilson at Height; sent by post. ***Wed 18th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven about 2 in the afternoon. Spent the evening with Thomas Casson. Copied the deed of uses about Portinscale lands by order of the Quarter Meeting. ***Thu 19th*** At Whitehaven. Met John Fisher here about Robert Smithson's affairs. With sundries. Very fine weather. ***Fri 20th*** Went to Keswick this morning with Elihu Robinson. Got the deeds from Joshua Scott to coppy. ***Sat 21st*** Ploughing ley this day. Copied the deeds about Portinscale lands. A cold showry day.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. The Preparative & Select Meeting held. Copying the Sufferings. ***Mon 23rd*** Came to Cockermouth Easter fare: very few people. Came home in evening. Windy showry weather. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Certificates with Hannah Harris and Alice Hall to America signed. Stormy weather. Went to Brandlingill in the evening. Delivered the sheep to Jonathan & William Scott: in number 100, viz. 75 old sheep & 25 hoggs. Thomas Wood bound with the farmers to perform the covenants about the sheep in 100£ bond. ***Wed 25th*** Sett forward to Carlis[l]e at 11; got to Cock Bridge before 2 & dined there. Got to Carlisle about 6 p.m. ***Thu 26th*** At Carlisle. Attended the meetings which were well conducted. Signed and wrote Hannah Harris & Alice Hall certificates to Friends in America. ***Fri 27th*** At ditto. Meeting for Worship held this day. Was pretty well & satisfactory. Drew the answers to the Yearly Meeting Queries. At Wigton in the afternoon. Met Thomas Robinson about Great Salkeld affair. Joseph Senhouse present. Agreed to meet again at Cockermouth on the 8th of April next to endeavour to end the affair without further procedure in law. ***Sat 28th*** John Robinson here ploughing. Finished the coppy of the Sufferings in the book.

Sun 29th At Meeting. John Gill junior here & P. Nicholson. Very fine weather. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received the writings between Mary Ewert & two daughters & Peter Winder. Very fine weather. This day hired John Collin, now servant with John Taylor, for 1 year. To come on 5th day after Whitsuntide for £7 10s a year; he to be lose at the end of the 1st half year by giving me reasonable notice, or, on the contrary, I am to be lose at the same time by giving him the same reasonable notice. Gave him 1s earnest. Wrote Thomas James senior of Thornbarrow & John Rebanks of Great Salkeld & sent by post. ***Tue 31st*** At Cockermouth. Wrote out sundry bills about the Irish yarn. With P. Nicholson about 4 packs arrived from Dublin.

April 1761

Wed 1st Sowed Near-Whinney ley about 4 bushels of oats. Writing fair copies of the answers to the London Queries &c. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting in the morning: very thin on account of the season. Very fine, moderate weather. Barometer 30.5. ***Fri 3rd*** Came to Cockermouth. The election for this burough this day. General Mordant & Charles Jenkinson Esq. duely elected. ***Sat 4th*** At ditto. County election this day when our old members, Sir James Lowther & John Penington were duely elected.

Sun 5th At Meeting. With Jonathan Dixon in the afternoon at Kirby. He paid John Usher £7 5s 0d. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Dry weather but like change. Barometer 30. ***Tue 7th*** Peter Gibson here. William Lawson came about noon. A wet morning but warm. Barometer 29. ***Wed 8th*** Alexander Henderson came last night. At Cockermouth in the afternoon. Met Thomas Robinson: could not agree. He proposed the two defendants to pay the plaintiffs their rents & fines as usual or to infranchise for about 5½ fines. I am to propose this to the defendants & to take their answer. Snow & very cold weather. ***Thu 9th*** At home in the forenoon. Set forward to Cockermouth in the afternoon. New man intends to come. ***Fri 10th*** Sett forward to Appleby Yearly Meeting. Dined at Keswick; lodged at Penrith, the Golden Fleece. ***Sat 11th*** At Penrith. Met John Rebanks, Thomas Grayson & Thomas James. To give 40£ before I give up the cause. Went to Appleby in the afternoon.

Sun 12th At Appleby. Lodged at the Mitre, Hugh Wilkinson the gaolor's. Meeting begun this morning. ***Mon 13th*** At Appleby. Attended the meetings this day which held till dark. Cold weather. The Yearly Meeting for the northern counties begun yesterday: two publick meetings for worship which begun at 9 in the morning & 3 in the afternoon. This day a publick meeting for worship in the morning & the Meeting for Conferrance in the afternoon, after which the Quarter Meeting for Westmorland was held & adjourned for want of time & the publick meeting for worship this day, the 14th, in the forenoon, which concludes the meetings. The whole was well conducted & concluded to general satisfaction. ***Tue 14th*** At ditto. The meetings ended this day at noon to satisfaction. Came to Penrith and lodged at the Fleece. ***Wed 15th*** At Penrith. Came away about 9; dined at Keswick & got home about 5 p.m. A very fine day. ***Thu 16th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Made John Robinson's will yesterday evening: he is in a dangerous way. ***Fri 17th*** Wrote out a case for John Mirehouse & answered it. A soft fogy day. ***Sat 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher at Robert Smithson's in afternoon. With William Lawson before Justice for wages.

Sun 19th At home. At Meeting: Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather & thunder. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. To go to High Cross on 4th day. Showry weather but warm. ***Tue 21st*** At home. At the Monthly Meeting which adjourned until 1st day after Meeting. At Brandlingill after. Cold day. ***Wed 22nd*** Went with John Burnyeat to High Cross. Copied a power of attorney for the widdow. Cold easterly wind. ***Thu 23rd*** William Wilson & his brother, coopers, here: felled a tree and split it for girds. ***Fri 24th*** Ploughing

this day in Middle Close for oats. Went in the afternoon to Brandlingill sale: goods sold very well. ***Sat 25th*** Went with wife & son Isaac to Eaglesfield. John Gill, junior, going to Maryland in two weeks time.

Sun 26th At Meeting in the morning. The adjourned Monthly Meeting after. Wrote a certificate for Christopher Wilson directed to Friends in the south and east parts of this nation, which was this day read & signed at the adjourned Monthly Meeting. C.W. did not appear himself, nor any for him, tho' the meeting was adjourned on purpose on the above account. This day collected upon Kingswood brief in the county of Wilts 3s 3d. Also upon Bunhill Row & Northsway ditto 3s 1d; together 6s 4d, which I am to pay tomorrow to Richard Warren, collector. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. At the Comissary Court: got Mary Head's will proved. Paid J. Collison the brief money which I collected yesterday: 6s 4d. Richard Warren was not there. ***Tue 28th*** At Cockermouth. Entering some accounts. Paid of sundry bills. Moderate weather. ***Wed 29th*** Went with Peter Gibson afishing to Cocker: got 15 fish. Came on very cold. p.m. at Cragend. ***Thu 30th*** Went this morning to Cockbridge but got nothing done. Met Thomas Robinson & Parson William Taylor at Cock-bridge about the arbitration, but as T.R. insisted on the defendants Grayson and Carleton to pay the rents & fines as the plaintiffs required in their information or he would not sign any award, to which I would not comply, but proposed to give a small sum of money to the school, not to exceed £20 a piece, in lieu of all demands, but he said he had no orders for any such thing from the plaintiffs, so left it.

May 1761

Fri 1st Went with P. Gibson to Cromack afishing, but the weather was so bad got nothing. ***Sat 2nd*** Very cold showry weather; thick snow on the hills.

Sun 3rd At Meeting; the General Meeting held after. John Gill junior & Joseph Peile dined with me. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Gill junior: he is to have ¼ share of the stocking business. Showry. ***Tue 5th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse in forenoon; at R. Smithson's after. Ordered the desk to be removed. ***Wed 6th*** Gardener here sowing the flower seeds. Wrote a bill of sale for ¼ part of stocking factory business to John Gill junior. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Whitehaven. John Fisher here about R.S. affairs. Got little done: no cash. Fine weather. ***Fri 8th*** At Whitehaven. Wrote Martha Nicholson's will and some indorsments for Peter Gale. She left some small legacies and Henry Piper, John Robinson and self executors. ***Sat 9th*** In the gardens. Sowed all the barley; about 7 pecks. Wet in the forenoon.

Sun 10th Was at Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Fine weather. Remember to prepare a marriage certificate for John Ashburn & Jane Scott, to be ready at the next Monthly Meeting which will be held on the 19th current. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth Whitsuntide fair. A throng fair; servants extreem dear. Fine growing weather. Gave John Jackson a new note & put both sums together & Jonathan Harris & self signed the new note for £35 @ 9d for the stocking factory company; yearly

interest £1 6s 3d. ***Tue 12th*** About the gardens. Wrote an indorsement to prolong the time in factory to 11 November 1765. ***Wed 13th*** Went to Lorton. Made & executed a deed of sale of all her personal estate from Sarah Bowe of Low Lorton to her son Lancelot Bowe. Executed a deed of sale of ¼ of the stocking factory business to John Gill the younger & took his bond for £300 with interest @ 4£ per cent but the said share cannot be fully fixed until a settlement of the books & a ballance struck. Then to fix it. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting in the morning. Garden after. Cold easterly wind. Very dry weather. ***Fri 15th*** Went to High Cross sale in the afternoon. The goods sold well. Weather ditto. ***Sat 16th*** In the gardens. New man servant came 5th day evening. Weather ditto.

Sun 17th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting held. Wrote to Captain Crosthwaite of Dissington. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote to Joseph Gill in West River, Maryland. Warm showers. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Attended the marriage of John Ashburn & Jane Scott after. Dined at Dean, John Walker's. ***Wed 20th*** Unwell. Thomas Casson here in the afternoon. Stayed until the evening. Showry weather; barometer 33. ***Thu 21st*** Drew two lists of the Land Tax for this township. William Allason and self sessors and Jonathan Wilson collector. William Allason sent said lists to Egremont. John Benson is now high constable for this ward in the room of Anthony Harrison. ***Fri 22nd*** Very wet in the forenoon. Three wallers in the afternoon. Thomas Casson, P. Gibson & Thomas Wood here in p.m. ***Sat 23rd*** Three wallers here this day. Wet in the afternoon.

Sun 24th General Meeting at Cockermouth this day week. Showery weather. Lowswater court is proclaimed to be held on the 12th of next month. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. Showry. Received a letter from Jonathan Robinson, dated Westminster the 16th inst. inclosing a power of attorney to me to sell or mortgage all or any part of his estate at Mosser and to receive the moneys for his use. And also by his said letter I am imediatly to procure for him the sum of 20£ and to pay half to his wife (who is this day with two children come to Mosser) & the remainder remitt to him. ***Tue 26th*** Wallers here. Man fetched a cart load of slate for John Robinson, Hill. Cold; strong NE wind. ***Wed 27th*** Peter Gibson finished the painting last night. He sett forward to Whitehaven this afternoon. Cold &c. ***Thu 28th*** Went with Joseph Peile to Westray and executed the deeds for Peter Winder. Cold weather; wind NE. ***Fri 29th*** Sent for to Pardshow-hall to make Jacob Fletcher's will. Got it executed. A warm day. ***Sat 30th*** Drawing out Robert Smithson's account. Unwell. Gardener here about garden walks. Fine weather; wind easterly.

Sun 31st At Meeting in the morning: very thin on account of the General Meeting at Cockermouth.

June 1761

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With Jonathan Robinson's wife. Wrote to him about the sale of the land. ***Tue 2nd*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher & William Skyrin. Dined at the Globe. A very hot day. ***Wed 3rd*** At ditto. Beast fair. Wrote &

executed a power of attorney for Henry Lancaster &c. ***Thu 4th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. William Lawson came here this morning. Close, warm weather. ***Fri 5th*** Went to Highfield to take leave of Hannah Harris. She setts forward for London in about two weeks. ***Sat 6th*** George and Elihu Robinson here. This morning about four observed the transit of the planet Venus over the sun's disk with a solar teliscope. The sun then appeared large with a thin black cloud over it which soon went of as the sun rose higher in the horizon. The image of the sun & the planet Venus as a black spot appeared very plain upon a white cloth put up for that purpose. The path of the planet over the sun's disk was easy to delineate and very curious to behold, tho' clouds sometimes interferred. It went of the sun about 35 minutes past eight in the morning, soon after which thick clouds covered the whole hemisphere most of the day with some showers of rain in the afternoon.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Went to Eaglesfield with wife from the meeting. Came home in the evening. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher, Thomas Simpson and others about business. Dry weather; wind northerly. ***Tue 9th*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher in the afternoon about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs; about settling the books. ***Wed 10th*** At ditto. Drawing out a particular account for Joseph Glaister. In the afternoon at John Fisher's. Very rainy in evening. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. John Gillaspy of Cockermouth was buried this day. A very wet day. Sarah Fawcett here p.m. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Lowswater court. Ralph Cook new steward there. Sir Wilfred Lawson, lord of the manor, has offered terms of enfranchisement to the tenants, viz. for the fine certain lands five fines & for the arbitrary lands seven years clear improved rent or rack rent, besides the value of timber trees, hedge row trees excepted, reserving the old rent & mines, minerals &c. ***Sat 13th*** Copying the marriage certificates into a book got for that purpose. Thunder & showers of rain.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Read the two Cowman's papers of denyal.[59] Was at Pardshow with wife &c. p.m. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Dined with Job Pingey & Henry Fisher at G. Sancton's. A fine day. ***Wed 17th*** Preparing my books & accounts for Whitehaven. At Cockermouth in the afternoon drawing out accounts. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn. Settling R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] accounts with Thomas Simpson. John Fisher there. ***Fri 19th*** At Whitehaven. Breakfasted at Joseph Glaister's & dined at the inn. Along with John Fisher about Robert Smithson affairs. Got the accounts settled with W. Skyrin & Thomas Simpson. John Ponsonby promised to send a copy of the accounts over in a week but can't pay the ballance before Lamass. T.S. to be at Cockermouth on 2nd day first & W.S. to give me a bill in a little time. ***Sat 20th*** William Lawson here about leveling the moss. To charge for 2½ days this week. Fine weather.

Sun 21st At the Meeting; Preparative & Select Meeting after. A fine rain and warm weather. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Grayson about Salkeld affair. Hot day. To call at Job Pingey's on 6th day afternoon as I come from Coldbeck. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Wrote, read & signed Elizabeth Wilkinson's certificate to Friends in America. ***Wed 24th*** Went to Mosser Manes on Jonathan Robinson account. Received of Joseph Porter in part by order of

Jonathan Robinson £17 paid to his wife by his order £7 in part of £10 to remitt him £10 deducting my charges & to pay her the remainder viz. £3 as soon as said Porter can procure it & indorse £20 more on the back of the mortgage deed. Went to Cockermouth p.m. in my way to Coldbeck. Very hot. ***Thu 25th*** At Cockermouth. Sett forward about 6 & got to Heskett a little after 9. At Quarter Meeting. Business well conducted. Lodged at Graves. Thunder & heavy showers; very hot. ***Fri 26th*** At Heskett. Publick meeting this day. All ended pretty well. Met H. Fisher in p.m. at Bewaldeth about Job Pingey's affair. Hot. ***Sat 27th*** Settling the accounts about Quarter Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Very hot sultry weather. Received Monthly Meetings' collections: Pardshow: £5 18s 0d; Holme: £4 17s 0d; Carlisle: £4 12s 0d; Coldbeck: £1 7s 0d. Total: £16 14s 0d. Expenses, deduct 3s 4d. To pay J.H. [*John Harris*] £16 10s 8d.

Sun 28th Was at Meeting in the morning. Yet hot & sultry. Paid J.H. £16 10s 8d. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Joseph Glaister & Isaac Wilson. Son Isaac along with me. Very hot. ***Tue 30th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse posting the books. Weather hot & sultry.

July 1761

Wed 1st At ditto. At John Fisher warehouse in the a.m. about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Came home in the evening with wife & son. ***Thu 2nd*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Came on rain in the afternoon. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Mossergate to the cliping. Sheep in midling order. Bees cast 2nd time. ***Sat 4th*** Leading sand to Mossergate. To get wallers next week. Hot weather.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning. Heavy showers rain. It appears by the publick papers that the English hath lost upwards of 2,000 men at Belle Island from their first landing to the surrender of the place. The island is described to be very fertill & a good harbor for our ships of war & an easy descent from thence upon the continent of France for an invasion. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. John Fearon & self hired a schoolmaster for £16 a year.[60] Wrote Joseph Glaister & inclosed him David Briggs' letter to copy & he to return it to me per first oportunity. The additional post begins this day. We are to have the post from London every day in the week 4th days only excepted. He comes in about 5 in the morning & goes out at 12 at night every day in the week save one day. ***Tue 7th*** Nothing remarkable. The wallers to come 4th or 5th day. Cloudy weather, some rain. ***Wed 8th*** Settling the accounts as trustee for Margaret Head, a minor. Went with wife & son to Brandlingill p.m. Came on rain in evening. ***Thu 9th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Rain most of this day & a strong southerly wind. ***Fri 10th*** Sowed some turnups in the orchard. Copied out some marriage certificates. Sultry weather. ***Sat 11th*** 4 wallers at Mossergate pointing the byar wall &c. Very hot, sultry day. Thunder & rain in night.

Sun 12th At Meeting in the morning. The General Meeting at Whitehaven. A foggy, showry day. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Nixon & Simpson &

sundries. Cold weather. Wrote David Briggs in answer to his and sent by John Nixon to Whitehaven, to go by the *Neptune*, Captain Elbeck, to Virginia. ***Tue 14th*** At Mossergate about the wallers. The[y] finished pointing the houses this day. A fine day. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Whitehaven. Met P. Gale at Dean in the afternoon. Signed indorsments on his deeds. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Cold showry weather. ***Fri 17th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Wrote Jonathan Robinson, Westminster. ***Sat 18th*** Gardner here working in the low garden. Begun mowing on 15th current: slow hay weather.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Collected upon Albourne brief in the county of Wilts; loss by fire £1060, £1 1s 0d. Also upon Frimley in the county of Surry & York, losses by fire £1125, the sume of 2s 6d. John Nutt & wife here in the afternoon. ***Mon 20th*** Came to Cockermouth. With Joseph Glaister, Justice & Winders. To meet them again on 4th day. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. Apointed with John Harris to attend the Assizes. George Bell & wife here in the afternoon. Cold & showry. ***Wed 22nd*** Went Cockermouth. In the warehouse posting the books. Joseph Glaister here. A very fine day. ***Thu 23rd*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher about the company's affairs most of this day. Rainy day. ***Fri 24th*** At ditto. In the warehouse. Finished the posting the books. Joseph Glaister here. A very fine day. Received a letter from John Fisher containing his ultimate resolution about the leather factory affairs. 1st. I am at liberty to ascertain what cash he has received when at leasure upon Joseph Glaister complying with his terms about giving up the £100 he has received from Virginia & give sufficient bond that he will account for what he has received or may receive upon the company's account & will not hinder our agent in executing the orders given him for the speedy conclusion of the affair; that then he will settle upon the most reasonable and eligable plan that can be thought of. If this be refused he is ready prepared for a diffence in whatever manner he may be attacked. ***Sat 25th*** At ditto. Entering the cash book to this time & settling sundry accounts in ledger. Warm day; showry.

Sun 26th At the Meeting in the morning. A very wet afternoon. John Robinson & wife here. ***Mon 27th*** Came to Cockermouth. With sundries. To be here again on 4th day. The young heffer in Todall Pasture this day is bulled. The Irish cow bulled last week. ***Tue 28th*** Wrote two marriage certificates, & a draft of a bond between John Harris & Joshua Lucock Esqr. ***Wed 29th*** Brought Sarah Hudson to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Met Joseph Glaister. Left John Fisher's letter with him. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting in the morning. At Mossergate & Hill in the afternoon. Still showry weather. Remember to send Dr. Dixon to John Robinson of Hill as soon as gets to Whitehaven. He is pretty far gone in a dropsical disorder. ***Fri 31st*** Went to Whitehaven. With Timothy Nicholson & William Skyrin about business. A fine afternoon.

August 1761

Sat 1st At Whitehaven. Breakfasted with Dr. Dixon & came with him to see John Robinson. He has little hopes of him.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle. General Meeting to be at Issel this day week. Sett forward with Jonathan Dixon to Carlisle. ***Mon 3rd*** At Carlisle. Breakfasted at Tarraby, Thomas Scelton's. Went with him & Joseph Glaister to Longtown about the leather company affairs. ***Tue 4th*** At ditto. The Assizes began yesterday. Several causes referred. A bill of indictment against John Bragg, attorney, for perjury. Suposed malicious. ***Wed 5th*** At Carlisle. The Assizes ended this day about 12 a clock. John Bragg, attorney, indicted for perjury; said malitiously. ***Thu 6th*** At ditto. Went this morning with Jonathan Dixon & Thomas Mitchinson to Burnstone in Northumberland about a mortgage. Showry weather. ***Fri 7th*** At Burnstone. Came away this morning about 8. Baited at Brampton & Cockbridge. Got home about 10 in the night. ***Sat 8th*** Got little hay. Thunder showers; a pretty good afternoon. Man mowing in the Undergarth.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning. John Gill & wife here. Collection for the poor to be this day week. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. A very fine hay day: got several cart loads. P. Hutchinson here. Walter Smith, the miller at Akebank, & Mary Black, daughter of Matthew Black, were married this morning at Cockermouth by Thomas Jefferson. The licence was got at Workington. She is under age and very much against her parents' consent. Richard Allason is said to be bound in a large sum for her being at age & that her parents are willing.[61] ***Tue 11th*** About the hay. A very fine day. Nothing very remarkable. ***Wed 12th*** John Bell here helping us about hay. A fine drying day. ***Thu 13th*** John Bell here again. Got sundry cart loads. Fine weather. ***Fri 14th*** A cloudy, blowy day. Got 4 cart loads of hay. Came on rain after. ***Sat 15th*** Man mowing. Fin[i]shed the Ing. Got 17 cart load in the Undergarth.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Read the Epistle about week day meetings. Met John Fearon and John [*recte 'Jonah'*] Harrison at Kirby. Agreed the schoolmaster to begin on 2nd day come a week at Pardshowhall. Prices for teaching 3d a week or 3s a quarter for those that enters by the week or quarter. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid sundries on account of Robert Smithson for interest. A fine day & warm. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Much business. A close moist day. ***Wed 19th*** With Joseph Glaister about their affairs. To meet John Fisher tomorrow. Warm sultry day. ***Thu 20th*** At Cockermouth about John Fisher & Joseph Glaister affairs. Got the Virginia letters from J.G. & from J.F. ***Fri 21st*** At ditto. Wrote out an extract of J.G.'s [*Joseph Glaister's*] letter from Robert Jackson. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs after. Showry day. ***Sat 22nd*** At ditto. Entered an account of what goods upon hand & manufactured after R.S. death in a book at J. Fisher's warehouse.

Joseph Glaister here this week about their affairs. John Fisher puts of acertaining what money he hath received. Am to importune him to get that done & to write J.G. so soon as I can get any thing done. To write upon Mary & Elizabeth Winder to use their endeavours with John Fisher for the purpose aforesaid. I am to clear up Ismay's account to know what is to receive of it & draw for the same speedily.

Sun 23rd Was at Meeting. General Meeting to be at Portinscale this day week. Showry. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about R.S. [*Robert*

Smithson's] affairs. Nothing remarkable abroad. Fine day. ***Tue 25th*** This day entered son Isaac at school. Drew an advertisment for the master to copy & disperse. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Cockermouth, the beast fair. Little to do on account of Carlisle fair. Blowing weather. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 28th*** Got all the hay this day. In the evening was at the sale of Fangs land. A fine day. ***Sat 29th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Nothing remarkable in the publick papers.

Sun 30th At Meeting. John Harris here. After went to Hill to see John Robinson. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Charles Christian for R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] as on the other side ⌈£17 1s⌉. Blowy weather.

September 1761

Tue 1st At Mosser paid Sarah Robinson £3 remainder of £10 from Joseph Porter. Showry weather. ***Wed 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth but was very unwell. Could do no business. Showry. ***Thu 3rd*** Unwell. A very rainy day. Did not get out to the Meeting. ***Fri 4th*** Came again to Cockermouth. Wrote to William Scott, Leicester, & Joseph Glaister of Whitehaven. Very wet in the afternoon. ***Sat 5th*** Wrote Isaac Nutt's will & Henry Wilkinson's power of attorney to me to send to Scottland.

Sun 6th At the Meeting. A Friend from America there. Preached well on a state of watchfullness &c. ***Mon 7th*** Came to Cockermouth. Wrote sundry letters. Wrote to Henry Wilkinson, Dumfries, Scotland, & inclosed a power of attorney to be returned me speedily. A fine harvest day. ***Tue 8th*** At ditto. At the Meeting. James Daniel here from Salem in the Jerseys, America. Preached an extraordinary sermon about the ministry. Wrote & executed an indenture of aprentiship between John Smith and David his son, and self & company for 7 years from 1st June. Given to George Bell to keep. ***Wed 9th*** Yesterday p.m. wrote a bond, John Harrison to Joshua Lucock, about a watercourse. And David Smith's indentures for stocking factory company. ***Thu 10th*** Went Whitehaven. With John Nixon about his affairs. He clears it up very well about the loss of the ship *Ann* to the insurers. ***Fri 11th*** Wrote out copies of the Common & Select Meeting Queries against our Monthly Meeting. A fine harvest day. ***Sat 12th*** Set forward to Carlisle along with John Harris & John Pearson. Dined at Cockbridge & lodged at Jane Sibson's, New Town. A fine day.

Sun 13th At New Town. Attended the Monthly Meeting at Carlisle. The visitors there. A long meeting but well conducted. ***Mon 14th*** At Carlisle. Set forward about 2 p.m. with the Friends and got to Heskett in Coldbeck about 5. 10 computed & 14 measured miles. Yesterday at Carlisle Monthly Meeting with Samuel Fothergill, Joseph Taylor, Thomas Corbin, John Lindoe, William Chapman & Isaac Willson on their religious visit to Friends in this county.[62] The Meeting for Ministers begun at 8 a clock in the morning & continued till about half past 10. This meeting was favoured & the Friends gave very good advice. We got a little refreshment at Friends' houses & went to Meeting again which was appointed to begin at 11 a.m. and continued till 5 p.m. This meeting was also much favoured &

the defects well spoke to. Stormy day. ***Tue 15th*** At Heskett. Attended the Monthly Meeting which was very hard. The state of the people spoke to very plainly. Attended Coldbeck Monthly Meeting along with said Friends. C. Wilson met us at Heskett. No Select Meeting held. The other meeting begun at 10 & ended at 5 p.m. Very hard work but very plain dealing. ***Wed 16th*** At Wigton. Came here last night with the Friends. Lodged at Joshua Harrison's. A publick meeting was held this afternoon. Well. ***Thu 17th*** At ditto. Meeting of Ministers & Monthly Meeting was held. Things well spoke to tho' dead & low. Ended well. ***Fri 18th*** At ditto. Sett out about 2 p.m. and got home about 6. Pretty well. Very heavy showers and cold weather. ***Sat 19th*** Wrote the Advices and Queries in the Select Meeting book. Showry weather.

Sun 20th At the Select and Monthly Meeting which was held till 7 a clock p.m. Good advices given. ***Mon 21st*** Came to Cockermouth with Samuel Fothergil, John Lindoe & William Chapman who, with James Daniel, lodged with me last night. ***Tue 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth with James Daniel. At the Select & Quarterly Meeting which were large & pretty satisfactory. ***Wed 23rd*** At Cockermouth. The Meeting for Worship this day, which was large & to pretty general satisfaction. ***Thu 24th*** At Keswick. Sett forward about 7 & got to Mosdale before 10 a.m. Had a meeting & enquirey about the differance after. At Mossdale along with Samuel Fothergill, John Lindoe, Thomas Corbyn, Joseph Taylor, Isaac Wilson, John Harris & John Wilson, who were named by the Quarterly Meeting to visit said meeting on account of a differance which hath subsisted some years amongst them on account of some rights of common which Mossdale & others say are trespassd upon by the Friends of Bowscale not having any further right than their milck cows & sadle horses & in lieu of which the other side have their sheep going on the mountains on Bowscale side. The trespass is with young cattle from Bowscale side which they acknowledge have no right. We advised that Friends of Bowscale would be very carefull not to give any just ocasion. Went to Penrith that night. ***Fri 25th*** At Penrith. At the Monthly Meeting there which is but small. Good advices given. Fine harvest day. ***Sat 26th*** At ditto. Sett forward this morning about 9 with John Harris. Dined at Keswick & got home at 5 p.m. Fine day.

Sun 27th Was at Meeting: son John there for the first time. A very fine warm day. ***Mon 28th*** Came to Cockermouth. Egremont court on the 2nd and Dean court on the 14 of October. ***Tue 29th*** Got all the corn shorn this day. Fine harvest weather. Old John Robinson very ill. ***Wed 30th*** John Robinson recovered a little this day. Copied two marriage certificates. A fine day.

October 1761

Thu 1st Was at Meeting in the morning. About the corn after. Got several cart loads. ***Fri 2nd*** Went this morning to the court at Wythop for Henry Wilkinson. Tendered the fine to the steward for Henry Wilkinson: £2 10s. The yearly rent is 2s 6d. Signed the article along with the rest of the tenants to try it with the lord. He insisted on £9 arbitrary fine, which I refused to pay & made the tender as above of a

twenty penny fine as usual. All the tenants refused for to comply therewith and to keep to their antient custom. Five of the tenants signed an article of proposals made by the lord, the rest would not agree. So it was left for further consideration of the tenants. A showry day. ***Sat 3rd*** About the corn. Got it all into the house. A great storm & a hard gale of wind in afternoon. Account of corn this year: barley 121 shocks; wheat 53 ditto; oats 265 ditto.

Sun 4th At Meeting. At Hill in the evening: old man still continues weakly. Rainy day. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote some letters. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Tue 6th*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse all this day settling Jonathan Harris book. Fine weather. ***Wed 7th*** At ditto. At John Fisher's warehouse about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Drew out sundry accounts for James Atkinson. ***Thu 8th*** Went to the Meeting in the morning. In the garden after. The gardner here. ***Fri 9th*** Ploughing for wheat these two days in Corn-close. Taking seeds & sundries in the garden. ***Sat 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair this day. Bought a mare of H. Senhouse. She is rising 5 years old.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Thomas Casson here in the afternoon. A stormy evening. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Glaister, John Fisher, &c. ***Tue 13th*** Old John Robinson died last night at 8 a clock. Wrote a lease for Peter Gale. ***Wed 14th*** Went to Dean court. Executed R. Lancaster lease to Peter Gale for 21 years; rent £5 10s. Corny flatt. ***Thu 15th*** Attended the funeral of my good friend & neighbour old John Robinson of Hill, which was very large. ***Fri 16th*** Sowed all the wheat in Corn-close: two bushels. Got a good season for it. Gardener here. ***Sat 17th*** Went to visit Christopher Wilson. He is yet very ill in an intermitting fevour. Went after to High-field.

Sun 18th Was at the Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Very fine weather for the season. Account of cash collected at Pardshow Meeting on the 19 July & 18 October on the following briefs: Albourne: £1 1s 0d; Frimley &c: 2s 6d; Haddenham: 5s 6d; Stanford in the Vale: 2s 9d; Bengeworth & Fearby: 2s 6d. [Total:] £1 14s 3d. Paid the above sum on the 20th current. ***Mon 19th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. A fine moderate day. Son Isaac here. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: a good deal of business, which was pretty well conducted. Fine weather. ***Wed 21st*** With the gardener most of the day. In the night wrote a counterpart of Peter Gale's lease. ***Thu 22nd*** Went to Whitehaven. Got the counterpart of P.G.'s lease executed. Drew Martha Nicholson's will & got it signed. ***Fri 23rd*** At Whitehaven. With Joseph Glaister, John Nixon &c. Settled an account with ditto & took Naylor & company note for £18 15s in favour of Thomas Simpson in part of Wilson & Nixon's debt to the stocking company. ***Sat 24th*** A very rainy day. Man gone to the coals. Very great throng & scarce.

Sun 25th At the Meeting. At Hill in afternoon. Moderate day, some showers in the evening. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Thomas Simpson & John Nixon here about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. ***Tue 27th*** Taking up potatoes: very thin. Preparing for London journey. A fine day. ***Wed 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. In the evening at the sale at Sneckyeat. It was struck to W.P. [*Wilson*

Pearson] for £38 15s. Buried at Pardshow Hall James Varlow, a young man from Yorkshire, a woolstapler. He died at John Head's in Brakenthwaite of a fevour while on his journey buying wool. ***Thu 29th*** Settling things for my journey. Settled the cash account: in gold £50 14s; in silver £1 5s left at home. A flood of rain. ***Fri 30th*** Christopher Wilson died this day about 10 a clock in the forenoon: a very great loss to family. ***Sat 31st*** Sett forward this morning with John Robinson after 8. Dined at Keswick & lodged at Ambleside (Salutation).

November 1761

Sun 1st Came from Ambleside to Kendal & dined at Isaac Wilson's. Lodged at Lancaster, the King's Arms. Rainy. ***Mon 2nd*** At Lancaster. Dined at Preston & lodged at Wigan. Wet rainy weather. Nothing remarkable. Yesterday was buried at Eaglesfield our Friend Christopher Wilson, who died on the 30th ult. after about six weeks' illness. His first disorder was the cholick which siesed him at Wigton. Then followed & [*sic, for 'a'*] kind of an intermitting fevour with aguish complaint. He died much lamented & is an irreparable loss to his familey & will be a great loss to the Society in this county, of which he was a very usefull member. He hath left his affairs very wide, being much concerned in trade. He hath left a will in which he hath devised the whole of his estate both real & personal to William Skyrin, Richard Dearman, Isaac Fletcher, his son John & his wife, who he hath appointed trustees & executors of his said will & hath given them power to sell all his real estates, collect in his debts, & pay of what may be owing and then to divide the remainder equally amongst his children after agreeing with his wife for her dower. ***Tue 3rd*** At Wigin. Came forward at 9; got to Warrington at 11 [*changed from '12'*]. Dined & lodged at Samuel Fothergill's. ***Wed 4th*** At Warrington. Came away at 7; by Knutsford. Got to Holmschapel at 11. Dined there & lodged at Stone, the Crown. Showry. ***Thu 5th*** At Stone. Came away at 7½. Dined at Litchfield and lodged at Coleshill, the Swan. A fine moderate day; frosty night. ***Fri 6th*** At Coleshill. Came away at 7. Dined at Dunchurch & lodged at Fosterbooth. Fine weather; some frost. ***Sat 7th*** At Fosterbooth. Came away a little past 7 & dined at Brickhill & lodged at Redburn. Fine weather.

Sun 8th At Redburn. Came away at 8. Dined at Kitts Inn & got into London at 5 p.m. ***Mon 9th*** At London. Lodged last night at Doctor Fothergill's. At Meetings. Removed with I.W. [*Isaac Wilson*] to Thomas Jackson's. Fine day. ***Tue 10th*** At ditto. Attended the week day Meeting at Devonshire House. Dined at home at 4 p.m. Was at the meeting of the city Friends: fixed the time of the m[onthly] meetings.[63] Wrote to my wife this evening. ***Wed 11th*** At ditto. Took physick last night. Dined at David Barclay's on the Change. At Dr. Fothergill. Nothing remarkable. Very fine weather. ***Thu 12th*** At ditto. Dined at home. At Horsledown Monthly Meeting: begun at 3 p.m.; continued 'till 8. Got the usual Queries read. In general a good & satisfactory meeting. ***Fri 13th*** At ditto. Was at the Meeting in Gracechurch Street & dined at John Hunt's. At the Meeting for Sufferings & adjourned Monthly Meeting. Received letter from William Skyrin inclosing Christopher Wilson's will & copy of an agreement between John Gill and John Hunt

&c. ***Sat 14th*** At ditto. Wet morning. Dined at Mark Bufoy's. Came home with Thomas Whitehead in the coach. Received a letter from John Nixon & also one from Jonathan Robinson: to answer them as soon as can.[64]

Sun 15th At ditto. At Devonshire House Meeting in the morning & afternoon. Was at Gracechurch Street Meeting evening. A very rainy day. ***Mon 16th*** At London. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's. Was at the Mo[nthly] Meeting after: begun at 3 p.m. & ended at ½ past 8. Well. Wrote brother John Harris & gave him account of his wife & the other Friends being put into the Maderas, one of the Western Islands. They are all very well. The account came from John Stevenson in a letter to his friend in this city. ***Tue 17th*** At ditto. Went to Plastow & Barking Monthly Meeting: begun at 11 a.m. and ended at 3¼ p.m. A small meeting. Pretty well. Wrote William Skyrin my thoughts about the late Christopher Wilson's will &c. ***Wed 18th*** At ditto. Dined at home with the Friends. Monthly Meeting at Devonshire House begun at 3 p.m.; continued till 9¼. Generally well. ***Thu 19th*** At ditto. At Ratliff Monthly Meeting: began at 10 a.m.; ended about 4 p.m. A good meeting. Dined at Joseph Shepard's. Wrote wife with some remarks on the meetings & when the remainder were to be held &c. ***Fri 20th*** At ditto. At Gracechurch Meeting in the forenoon. Dined at Robert Bell's. At the Meeting for Sufferings after. Pretty full. ***Sat 21st*** At ditto. Went to Lambeth. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's country house & returned in the evening.

Sun 22nd At ditto. At Tottenham Monthly Meeting. Dined at Jonathan Bell's. Returned to town to evening Meeting. ***Mon 23rd*** At London. At Morning Meeting. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's. At John Bell's after & supped there. ***Tue 24th*** At ditto. At Peel Monthly Meeting: begun at 10 a.m. & ended at 4 p.m. A good satisfactory meeting. Dined at Thomas Corbin's. Wrote to brother John Robinson of Pardshow about his son, Joseph, giving account of his receiving my bill for 10£ duely. That he was hired to John Hunt for 1 year which was now near up for 15£ & had yet received no wages &c. ***Wed 25th*** At ditto. At Savoy Monthly Meeting: begun at 10 a.m. & ended about 4 p.m. A pretty good Meeting. Dined at John Hills. ***Thu 26th*** At ditto. Dined at Thomas Corbin's & sett forward with the Friends about 1½ p.m. in the stage coach to Uxbridge & lodged at Thomas Hull's. ***Fri 27th*** At Uxbridge. At the Monthly Meeting which begun at 10 & ended after 3 p.m. A satisfactory meeting. Showry cold weather. ***Sat 28th*** At ditto. Sett forward a little past 7 a.m. & got to London about 11. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's. About drawing up answers to the ensuing Quarter Meeting. Received a letter from George Bell giving account of all being well at home & of a very great flood at Cockermouth. Great damage done thereby in our warehouse & at sundry other places in the said town &c. on 6th day night gone a week, being the 20th inst.

Sun 29th At London. At Devonshire House Meeting. Dined at home. In the p.m. with the Friends about the Epistle for the Quarter Meeting. ***Mon 30th*** At London. At the Morning Meeting for Ministers and Elders which begun at 9 a.m., in which sundry very good advices were given as to the state of the meeting &c. The Quarter Meeting for the City of London and Midlesex begun at 2 p.m. & ended about 5. Our epistolary advices were read by S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*] and very well received & hope they will be endeavoured to be put in practice.

December 1761

Tue 1st At Meeting at Devonshire House in the morning. Dined at Joseph Roe's & was at John Hunt's after. Suped there. ***Wed 2nd*** At ditto. Breakfasted at the George in Aldermanberry coffee house. Setled with John Bell after. Dined at P. Fearon's: he to write his father. ***Thu 3rd*** At ditto. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's & sett forward home at 2 p.m. in company with S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*], I.W. [*Isaac Wilson*], & William Rigg from Hawkshead. Sett forward home with our Friends Joseph Roe, John Goad & Stephen Jackson who came with us to Kicks Inn; lodged with us; parted with us this morning & freed us of charges there. ***Fri 4th*** At Kicks Inn. Sett forward at 7 a.m. & dined at the Bedford Arms in Dunstable & lodged at Stony Stratford. Catherine Payton came to us at Dunstable in her visit to Friends in London. ***Sat 5th*** At ditto. Came out 7 in the morning. Stoped at the White Lyon in Towcester. Dined at the Wheat Sheaf in Devontry & lodged at the Dun Cow in Dunchurch.

Sun 6th At ditto. At the Meeting at Coventry. Dined at William Gulson's & lodged at the Swan in Litchfield. Moderate weather. ***Mon 7th*** At Litchfield. Came away about 7 a.m. & dined at Stone, the Crown, 21 miles; from London 140 miles, & lodged at Talkoth-hill. ***Tue 8th*** At Talk[eth Hill]. Breakfasted there. Dined at Holms Chapel & lodged at Warrington, Samuel Fothergill's. From London 184. ***Wed 9th*** At ditto. Came away at 9½. Dined at the 7 Stars, dist[ance] from Warrington 18 miles and lodged at Preston, the White Horse. Very wet. ***Thu 10th*** At Preston. Came away at 7½ & dined at the King's Arms in Lancaster, 22¼ miles, and lodged at Isaac Wilson's, Kendal. ***Fri 11th*** At Kendal. With Jonathan Robinson & made a purchase of a part of his estate at Mossermains, two fields called New Close & Little Close & also one sixth part of Mosser-Moss. Consideration £140, to be paid as followeth, viz: £20 in hand, 5£ a year during his life & the life of his wife and the sum of £120 to be paid his daughters in 12 months after their parents' death. Wrote & executed the deeds at Kendal, the Rose and Crown. Witnessd by Thomas Tengat, the horsler, & Isaac Wilson. Jonathan Robinson to be at home about 1st or 2nd day. ***Sat 12th*** At ditto. Came away before 7 a.m. Dined at Horse head, stop'd at Keswick & got home at 7 p.m. All well.

Sun 13th At Meeting. John Robinson & wife, Pardshow, in afternoon. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With sundries. The flood done us some considerable damage. ***Tue 15th*** Taking physick. Nothing remarkable. Showry cold weather. ***Wed 16th*** Perusing B. Lindley's "Answer to Benett's Confutation". A well wrote piece. ***Thu 17th*** At Meeting in the morning. Made John Robinson some proposals about excha[nging] his Carr. ***Fri 18th*** Sorting my papers in the desk. Nothing to be remarked this day. ***Sat 19th*** Finished the papers & cleared the desk. Moderate weather; some rain.

At home this week under a course of physick by order of Dr. John Fothergill on account of an inflamation of my eyes which hath been now of near two months continuance, but hope am now in a fare way of recovery.

Sun 20th At Meeting. The Preparative & Select Meeting after: a low & flatt time. Joseph Glaister of Whitehaven hath drawn a bill on me in favour of John Brougham,

attorney, for £20 which is to be in full for his bill of costs on account of John Fisher & company. The bill is due. ***Mon 21st*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. With Jonathan Robinson & others about business. Moderate weather. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting. Select Meeting. ***Wed 23rd*** Went to Whitehaven. About Christopher Wilson's affairs with William Skyrin, John Nixon &c. ***Thu 24th*** At Whitehaven. With William Skyrin. Agreed to prove the will & accept the trust. ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. Came with W.S. [*William Skyrin*] to Graysouthen & dined at Jonathan Hudson's. With the widow Wilson: she agrees to renounce. ***Sat 26th*** At Graysouthen. Lodged at John Pearson's & dined at Jonathan Hudson's. Came home in the evening.

N.B. On 4th, 5, 6, & 7th days at Whitehaven with William Skyrin & Richard Dearman about Christopher Wilson affairs. Agreed to undertake the same & wrote to Smith, Wright & Gray & guaranteed John Nixon's drafts to the amount of four or 500£ in the name of Wilson & Nixon. And also the same in the name of Wilson & Hudson. At Graysouthen with William Skyrin; Sarah Wilson, the widow, signed a renunciation of the executorship & trust to us. Brought the original will with me to copy & to prove as soon as convenient.

Sun 27th Was at Meeting. Anthony Richardson paid me the rent for Margaret Head [*for Gillbrow farm*]. ***Mon 28th*** The election at Cockermouth this day. Sir Wilfred Lawson duely elected on Sir James Lowther's giving up. ***Tue 29th*** A very rainy day throughout. Nothing remarkable, only it is reported that 3 men died of excess. ***Wed 30th*** Sett forward to Wigton with John Robinson &c. to the Quarterly Meeting. ***Thu 31st*** At Wigton. Meeting begun this day. Business pretty well conducted. Fine day. Wrote out a copy of the grant between the late Christopher Wilson & John Thompson of Philadelphia of some lands at Coldbeck in the county of Cumberland & gave the same to Isaac Scott to enquire into the same & write me what intelligence he can get as soon as convenient.

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January 1762

Fri 1st At Wigton Quarterly Meeting. The differance between P. Pearson & Jane Woodvill proposed to the Quarter Meeting for advice. A comittee appointed. Agreed that Dan Glaister, John Beeby & Jonathan Williamson should come to Cockermouth on 13th current, hear the case and advise as they see occasion. Came home in the evening. Very rainy evening. ***Sat 2nd*** Jonathan Robinson land to be sold this day. Sold very dear in parcels: £600 15s 0d.

Sun 3rd Was at the Meeting. P. Pearson spent the afternoon. Rainy in the evening. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. About C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] & R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs this day. ***Tue 5th*** Went to Brigham. With Elihu Robinson at Sarah Bell's, Richard & Isaac Whinney's &c. ***Wed 6th*** Unwell. Got little out. Took a copy of C.W. will & wife's renunciation. A rainy day. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Whitehaven. William Skyrin, Richard Dearman & self proved C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] will before Thomas Speding, Surrogate. Jonathan Hudson & John Wilson witnesses to the will & also to the widow's renunciation. We reserved power for John Wilson, the other executor & trustee, to come in along with us at his return. Very unwell. ***Fri 8th*** Was in bed most of this day. Had a violent gryping & purging. ***Sat 9th*** The doctor's order continues strong upon me. Can go nothing out.

Sun 10th Could not go to the Meeting. Rainy weather. ***Mon 11th*** Unwell. Wife went to Cockermouth. Very wet weather. ***Tue 12th*** About reading Arscot's "Considerations on the Christian Religion". ***Wed 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Sessions. The Friends who were appointed by a comittee of the Quarter Meeting met at Edward Jones's & heard the case of differance between Peter Pearson & Jane Woodvill & all the proceedings at our Monthly Meeting. They did not blame our meeting in any proceedings but thought it would have been better to have had the parties bound. The case was pretty fully related on both sides & the parties at last agreed they would stand the Friends' advice & they ordered her to tender him 5£ down & he was to return her a guinea back on account of some sheep. So the money was paid and the affair determined. ***Thu 14th*** Unwell. Did not get to Meeting. Windy weather. ***Fri 15th*** Wrote John Little & Hannah Blair's marriage certificate.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow with wife after. ***Mon 18th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. With sundrys about business. Cold moist weather. Served with a notice from John Brougham, attorney, to account with John Fisher and company in one month in the presence of Joshua Lucock Esqr. ***Tue 19th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. John Little & Hannah Blair married. Read

the certificate. ***Wed 20th*** Drawing out Robert Smithson's account & entred two papers of denyal.[65] ***Thu 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. In the warehouse sorting the papers. ***Fri 22nd*** At Cockermouth. At John Fisher's warehouse about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. About our books after. ***Sat 23rd*** At ditto. Wrote to John Bell, Thomas Jackson & William Dillworth. In the warehouse. Wrote John Bell, London, & desired leave to draw for 2 or 300£ on the account of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] if it happened that we were put to any unforseen difficulties which might require it.

Sun 24th At the Meeting. Cuthbert Wigham & [*sic*]. ***Mon 25th*** At Cockermouth. With John Nixon. Hard frost. ***Tue 26th*** Went to smithey with my mare. With Jonathan Robinson. Joseph Porter &c. leading manure. Frost. ***Wed 27th*** Drew out Grayson & Carleton's bill of charges. Ballance £4 6s 6d. A very wet day. ***Thu 28th*** Went to Whitehaven. About C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs with William Skyrin &c. A very stormy day. ***Fri 29th*** At Whitehaven. At John Nixon's settling accounts between W. & N. [*Wilson & Nixon*] and Thomas Simpson. At W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] in evening. ***Sat 30th*** At ditto. Drawing a power of attorney from W. & N. to Edward Stabler & Thomas Fisher, Virginia. Came home in night.

28th, 29th & 30th At Whitehaven about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. We settled some disputable accounts between Wilson & Nixon & Thomas Simpson. Consulting about sending a power of attorney to Edward Stabler & Thomas Fisher of Virginia, merchants, as a check upon John Wilson & Jonathan Hudson but not to be made use of without the said attornies judge it is necessary on account of the mismanagement, negligence or ignorance of those now in power. John Nixon orders me to draw two powers of attorney, one for W. & N., the other for W. & H. [*Wilson & Hudson*], if Jonathan Hudson agree thereunto & sign with us, the executors of C.W.

Sun 31st A stormy day. Did not get to Meeting.

February 1762

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Ended the difference between George Wilkinson & Walter Smith. ***Tue 2nd*** Drawing drafts of the powers of attorney to go to Virginia on C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] account. ***Wed 3rd*** Went to Whitehaven. Consulting with W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] about the powers of attorney &c. ***Thu 4th*** At Whitehaven about C.W. affairs. Wrote and executed two powers of attorney to go to Virginia by Thomas Fisher in the *Peter*, Captain John Rothery. The attornies for W. & N. [*Wilson & Nixon*] are Edward Stabler of James River, Virginia, & Thomas Fisher; for W. & H. [*Wilson & Hudson*] are Jonathan Hudson junior and Thomas Fisher. We have wrote John Wilson & desired him to return home by the first convenient oportunity & have given him some account how affairs are like to stand here; with what difficulties we shall labour under until he come & act jointly with us in the affairs. ***Fri 5th*** At ditto. Wrote a long letter to John Wilson requesting his imediate return home to act with us. ***Sat 6th*** At ditto. Came to Cockermouth with W.S. & R.D. Got some affidavits & power of attorney under the burough seal. Came home.

Sun 7th Was at the Meeting. At home after. John Robinson & wife from Pardshow here. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth on foot: it is very hard frost. Stephen Corbet to be here tomorrow night. ***Tue 9th*** At Cockermouth. Preparing the accounts for J. Glaister. Settled with Jonathan Harris & he is owing me upon ballance £9 12s 7d. This day settled accounts with Richard Radcliffe: there remains £50 due to us. ***Wed 10th*** At ditto. Met Mary & Elizabeth Winder & John Brougham, their attorney; also Joseph Glaister & John Fisher at the George in Cockermouth, according to a notice in writing deliver'd me by said Brougham on the 18 ult. I gave in a copy of my accounts & offered to pay in the ballance of cash in my hands if they would settle the accounts & let me know to whom I was to pay the said ballance unto; but they refused & said they could not do that but must leave that to me to do. I told them that I could not because I could not asertain what cash was in the hands of Glaister & Fisher, nor what they have received since last settlement. So Brougham said he had orders from Mary & Elizabeth Winder to file a bill in Chancery against us all & was then determined to do it & we might take notice thereof accordingly.[66] ***Thu 11th*** Went to Broughton about the differance between Thomas Pearson & Robert. [*sic*] Got it ended at present. ***Sat 13th*** To draw a declaration of uses to Peter Wilson from the executors of C. Wilson. Very cold: frost & snow.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. A very wet day and cold. ***Mon 15th*** A very wet day. Did not get to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 16th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. ***Wed 17th*** Wet. Killed the swine. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Whitehaven about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. To meet John Todd tomorrow. Wet day. ***Fri 19th*** At Whitehaven. With William Skyrin & Richard Dearman consulting about the affairs. Agreed to take declaration of uses from John Nixon and Jonathan Hudson & bonds of indemnity to secure us from any things that may happen from their deaths or otherwise. John Todd, the attorney, to draw them next week. Also agreed that W.S. shall go to London when on his journey to procure us a further credit in the bill way until affairs can be got to some nearer issue. ***Sat 20th*** At ditto. About John Fisher affairs with Joseph Glaister. Drew out his comision account &c. by John Fisher's order.

Sun 21st At home. Was at the Meeting. A very cold sharp day; the wind easterly & strong. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 23rd*** Man leading manure. ***Thu 25th*** Was at the Meeting in the morning. Received from John Brougham, attorney, by John Fisher copy of his warrant signed by Mary & Elizabeth Winder to file a bill in Equity against John Fisher, Joseph Glaister & self for not rendering of accounts nor paying cash &c. to them as executors of their late brother, John Winder, deceased. To take a copy. ***Fri 26th*** Came to Cockermouth. With John Fisher about their affair. Deliver'd J. Glaister account of comision, cash &c. ***Sat 27th*** At Cockermouth. With John Fisher consulting about the bill to be filed against us. In warehouse, drawing out accounts.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon. S. Hudson there.

March 1762

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With William Skyrin [&] Jonathan Hudson about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. ***Tue 2nd*** A very snowy day. William Lawson here working at the lime kiln. ***Wed 3rd*** Went to Whitehaven. With William Skyrin about C.W. affairs. With John Todd, attorney. ***Thu 4th*** At Whitehaven. Jonathan Hudson signed a bond & indenture of covenants for securing us what money we might be in advance for him on account of the trade & also a power for us to act a covenant to prevent survivourship & for further assurance given. Richard Dearman to keep for our use. John Nixon's to be done soon. ***Fri 5th*** Went with wife to Cragend. Made and executed John Allason's will. Cold weather; frost & snow. ***Sat 6th*** Copied John Brougham's warrant and Fisher, Lucock & Smithson's bond to Glaister and Leathes.

Sun 7th Was at the Meeting. At Eaglesfield after, consulting about a testimony for C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes & sundries about business. Cold weather; frost & snow. ***Tue 9th*** Got a bad hurt last night by a fall upon my right arm. Very painfull. A snowy day. ***Wed 10th*** William Lawson at the lime killn. Very cold: snow thick upon the ground. ***Thu 11th*** About leading lime from the killn. A good deal sleak'd by the snow. ***Fri 12th*** A continual storm of rain & a great flood occasiond by the melting of the snow. ***Sat 13th*** W.L. [*William Lawson*] finished at lime killn. Settled with him as per column.[67] A fine day. Very lame.

Sun 14th Could not go to the Meeting. Preparative & Select Meeting held. ***Mon 15th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. Man leading lime. My arm s[t]ill very ill and painful in the nights. ***Tue 16th*** Monthly Meeting held this day. Could not get out. Seised with a stitch in my right breast. Got blooded & took physick. Doctor doubts an inflamatory fevour. ***Thu 18th*** Keep'd in bed most of this day. Sweat much. Better in the evening. ***Fri 19th*** Got up this day. Sundry people here to visit me. Moderate weather. ***Sat 20th*** Got to going out into the house again. The fevourish complaint gone.

Sun 21st Grows better. Richard Dearman and John Harris here. Richard Dearman gives a very disagreable account of John Wilson's conduct in Virginia. It appears that he is a very idle, wicked, debauched young man & waisting the effects in his hands by gaming, drinking &c. We have therefore with the approbation of Jonathan Hudson determined to take all the effects out of his hands as soon as may be in order, to save something for the creditors of the late C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] out of the great effects sent over & intrusted to the said John Wilson & Jonathan Hudson. ***Mon 22nd*** Dare not yet go much out. Wife gone to Cockermouth. William Lawson to come. ***Tue 23rd*** W. Lawson & man came this day, making new hedge in the Bank. Ploughing ley. ***Wed 24th*** Ploughing. P. Hutchinson here. A very fine day & pretty warm. ***Thu 25th*** W. Lawson man here ruding Bank hedge. W.L. gone to Whitehaven. ***Fri 26th*** Ploughing ley in Near Whiney. Pen Hutchinson here; finished it. ***Sat 27th*** Lawson man ruding Corn Close hedge. W.L. [*William Lawson*] not here last 3 days. Very cold.

Sun 28th Was at Meeting; the 1st time since I got the hurt. At New Close in the afternoon. William Monkhouse here. He wants to have his money, viz. 75£ which we have of his in the factory, paid in or to give him a bond & 4£ per cent interest. To consult Jonathan Harris & let him know in a few days. Also to pay in the money we have of John Younghusband's, viz. 80£ in two weeks. He wants it for his own use. ***Mon 29th*** A very cold snowy day. W. Lawson man here threshing. Wife went to Cockermouth in afternoon. ***Tue 30th*** W. Lawson & man here ruding hedge. Weather a little more moderate. Much snow on the hills. ***Wed 31st*** Reading some of the magazines. My arm mends slow. Can do little business.

April 1762

Thu 1st At Meeting in the morning. In the p.m. went to Calvey. Took instructions for Henry Fearon's will. He leaves his whole estate at Calvey, Stargill, Branthwaite & Whitcham Hall to his sister for her life. Then the estates in the parish of Dean to his couzin William Fearon of Ballyborough in Ireland & his heirs for ever; & the estate & lordship of Whitcham to his cousins Robert Heath, Henry Heath & Robert Sabourn of Northumberland, their heirs & assigns for ever, share & share alike. The sheep to go with the estates after the death of his sister. He leaves to his said sister all his personal estate, money & securities for the same excepted. He then gives the residuary part to his said sister, Ann Fearon, Lancelot Aery of Greenbank, John Walker of Deanmains & John Fearon of Deanscales, whom he appoints executrix & executors of his said will. Leaves a great number of legacies amongst his relations & if there be any remainder after his debts, funeral expenses & legacies are paid, to divide it amongst his said legatees in proportion to their legacies. L. Aery, one of the trustees, hath a legacy of 80£ & J.W. & J. Fearon each 50£, provided they accept the executorship & trust and are living at the time of his death. Will & duplicate was wrote on two large skins of parchment & witnessed by Richard Blackstock, John Linton & Isaac Fletcher. ***Fri 2nd*** About drafting parts of Henry Fearon's will. Can't write much on account of my arm. Fine weather. ***Sat 3rd*** About H.F.'s will: got part of it wrote. William Lawson & man here hedging.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the forenoon. At Pardshow with wife & sons in afternoon. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth for the first time since I got my hurt. With sundries about business. ***Tue 6th*** About writing H.F.'s [*Henry Fearon's*] will. Obliged to draft several parts of it. A very fine seed time. ***Wed 7th*** Writing the duplicate of H.F.'s will. Can't write fast on account of my arm. ***Thu 8th*** Finished the duplicate of the will. To get it executed tomorrow. Ploughing in Near Whinney. ***Fri 9th*** Went to Calvey. Got H.F.'s will & duplicate signed. Was after at Highfield & Eaglesfield. ***Sat 10th*** Was about looking over the Sufferings from the Monthly Meetings. To copy them into the book.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Elihu's wife & Mary Mark here in the afternoon. Very dry weather. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth Easter fair. Very few people on account of the fine weather. ***Tue 13th*** Wrote out C. Wilson's testimony & copy'd a paper about his distresses in trade. ***Wed 14th*** Wrote to Samuel Fothergill & Isaac

Wilson. Sent copies of the above by John Harris. ***Thu 15th*** A fine warm rain & very growing weather. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Whitehaven. With Richard Dearman about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs &c. ***Sat 17th*** At Whitehaven. Received cash for my two bills on John Bell from Daniel Stanger. Came home. Showery.

Sun 18th Was at Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At home in the afternoon. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid to John Younghusband for the company as on the other side {in full for principal & interest: £83 1s 0d}. ***Tue 20th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Read & signed the testimony on account of C. Wilson. Son Isaac ill of a fevor. ***Wed 21st*** Son Isaac better, the fevor pretty much abated. Hope he will soon recover again with care. Wet weather. ***Thu 22nd*** Writing out the account between me & the late Robert Smithson & also between the administrator and self. ***Fri 23rd*** This day sowed all the oats, about 13 bushels. A fine season. ***Sat 24th*** Came to Cockermouth. George Bell gone to the Northern Yearly Meeting & Derby. Warm, showry weather.

To write fair copies of Christopher Wilson's testimony and the paper wrote by himself condemning his actions and conduct in trade & wisheth he may be left with only a little cottage to dwell in & bread and water to live upon, so that the great name which he had endeavoured to to [*sic*] promote amongst men might not be evil spoken of on his account. And earnestly desires that his unhappy situation may be a warning to others, especially those in the ministry, to avoid the like snares and temptations.[68]

Sun 25th Was at the Meeting in the morning. Fine weather. ***Mon 26th*** Came to Cockermouth. Isaac Smithson & Joseph Littledale were bound with R. Smithson to pay to Elinor Nixon the sum of £100 with interest after the rate of 4£ per cent per annum, but the said Nixon being uneasy about some reports that R.S. affairs would not answer, ordered a writ against said Smithson & Littledale & they agreed to divide the said sum of £100 between them & give seperate bonds which was done. Isaac Smithson, Samuel Smithson & Daniel Richardson signed the one 50£ bond; and Joseph Littledale, John Fisher & myself the other, & each to pay half of the interest & charges £6. ***Tue 27th*** Came to Cockermouth. Paid to William Monkhouse his principal & interest, viz. £75 & £2 4s 8d interest. ***Wed 28th*** Got notice of the death of John Piper, youngest son of Henry Piper of Whitehaven. Planting potatoes. ***Thu 29th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Drew up answers to the Yearly Meeting Queries. A wet day but very warm. ***Fri 30th*** Very wet. Did not go to the burial. At John Harris's with wife in afternoon. At Mossergate in night: overseers.

May 1762

Sat 1st Copied Jacob Fletcher's will. Went with John Wilson & John Pearson to the adjourned Quarter Meeting.

Sun 2nd At Wigton. Attended the adjourned Quarter Meeting. Came home in the evening. Fine day. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth to the Commissary Court. Got

two wills proved. About a presentment of Graysouthen schoolmaster.[69] ***Tue 4th*** Nothing to be remarked. At Pardshow in the afternoon. Went forward to make Joseph Fearon's will but he was dead. ***Wed 5th*** Went to Egremont court: got Margaret Head & myself inrolled. Consulted about presenting the inhabitants of Mockerkin & Soskell for burning mounts on the common. Agreed to put it off until next court as none are now burning. Came to Whitehaven. Very fine day. ***Thu 6th*** At Whitehaven. Got account of Captain Kenner's death. To enquire of William Hicks about the debt owing us from W.K. [*W. Kenner*] ***Fri 7th*** At ditto. John Robinson arrived from Dublin with Captain Piper. About writing John Wilson per the *Christian*. ***Sat 8th*** Ploughing: sew a yoaking of barley in the Midle Close. Very fine warm weather. Wind westerly.

Sun 9th Was at our General Meeting here. George Bell & wife dined with us & staid the afternoon. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. Put up at Edward Jones's. With John Robinson and Elihu. Hot weather. ***Tue 11th*** Ploughing for barley. John Robinson & Elihu here in the afternoon. Agreed to go to Whitehaven 5th day. ***Wed 12th*** Sew all the barley yesterday: three bushels. At Scale in evening about John Rudd & familey. ***Thu 13th*** Went with wife to Whitehaven. Dined and lodged at Thomas Casson's. Warm weather. ***Fri 14th*** At Whitehaven. Got an exchange from Skyrin & Dearman for 150£. Came home in the evening. ***Sat 15th*** Copied the Monthly Meeting Sufferings into the book. Preparing for London.[70] Cold windy weather.

Sun 16th Was at Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. About preparing for London. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. ***Wed 19th*** Sett forward with John Robinson, Elihu Robinson & John Robinson for London. Dined at Keswick; lodged at Ambleside, the Salutation. Cash left at home: £15 6s 9d. [£]3 16s 4½d ditto took with me. ***Thu 20th*** At Ambleside. Came away about 7 a.m. Dined at Kendal, the Rose & Crown, and lodged at the King's Arms, Lancaster. ***Fri 21st*** At Lancaster. Came away at 6½ a.m. Baited at Garstang & dined at Preston. Baited at Rose, Whitles, & lodged at Wigin. ***Sat 22nd*** At Wigin. Came away at 9 a.m. Got to Warrington at 12. Dined and lodged there at the George.

Sun 23rd Came from Warrington at 8 a.m. Stop'd at the General Meeting at Franley in Chishire, in which meeting our Friends Samuel Parrot of Westmorland & Samuel Fothergill appeared in publick testimonies; the first not much to the satisfaction of Friends, his testimony being dry, empty and formal & not attend with that life and power which is and always hath been the glory & dignity of our meetings. The other preached excellently on the means which was put in all our powers to step gradualy to hapiness under the similitude of a ladder let down from heaven which we were to ascend up as Jacob saw in the vision. Dined at Holms Chapel & lodged at Talkoth Hill. ***Mon 24th*** At Talkoth Hill. Came away at 4 a.m. Baited at Sanden. Dined at the George in Litchfield. Baited at Mother Red Cap's &c. Lodged at Meridian Bull. ***Tue 25th*** At Meridian. Came away at 8 a.m. Stop'd the Meeting at Coventry. Dined at William Gulson's; baited at Dunchurch & lodged at Daventry. ***Wed 26th*** At Deventry. Came away at 5 a.m. & breakfasted at

Towcester. Baited at Stony Stratford. Dined at Brickhill & lodged at Du[n]stable, Bedford Arms. ***Thu 27th*** At Dunstable. Came away about 5 a.m. and breakfasted at the Angel, St. Albans. Baited at Kitts Inn; dined at Highgate. In all the road from home to London we had very hot, dry weather & the roads dusty. Joyned Samuel Fothergill, Samuel Parrot, Daniel Sedern from Cheshire; William Rathbone from Liverpool; John Watkins from Manchester and George Benson from Kendall. And we came up with the Irish Friends at Dunstable, viz. Abram Shackleton, Thomas Wyley, Robert Dudley & Joseph Grub. All very sober, honest, prudent men; their company was very acceptable to us. We breakfasted all together at St. Albans, the Angel, & so proceeded to London where we arrived about five in the afternoon. All pretty well, the heat of the weather, dusty roads, little rest & fatigue considered. ***Fri 28th*** London. I lodge at Thomas Jackson's in Devonshire Square. At Gracechurch Street Meeting; Meeting for Sufferings in afternoon. Very hot.[71] ***Sat 29th*** At ditto. Went to Jews' synagoge in the forenoon. Was at the Meeting of Ministers & Elders in the afternoon. Very hot.

Sun 30th At ditto. Was at Gracechurch Street in the morning. Dined at Hanah Collison's. At Horsledoon Meeting after. ***Mon 31st*** At London. At the Select Meeting in the morning. Dined at Dr. Fothergill's. At the Yearly Meeting for business after, which begun at 4 p.m.

June 1762

Tue 1st At ditto. On the comittee.[72] Breakfasted at Doctor's; dined at home. At Yearly Meeting of business both fore & afternoon. Very hot & crowded. ***Wed 2nd*** At ditto. At Meeting for Worship at Gracechurch Street. Dined at Mark Bufoy's; at Meeting for Business after. Very hot weather. ***Thu 3rd*** At ditto. At Select Meeting; begun at 7 a.m. At Meeting for Business after at 10. Dined at John Townsend's. At Meeting afternoon on the comittee for the Epistle.[73] ***Fri 4th*** At ditto. At the comittee for the Epistles which begun at 9. The heads of it brought in; ordered 4 Friends to draw up. Dined at Widow Plumstead's. At comittee after. ***Sat 5th*** At ditto. Attended the comittee at 8 & the Meeting for business at 9 a.m. Dined at Robert Bell's. Attended the comittee at 3 & the adjournment at six p.m.

Sun 6th At ditto. At Gracechurch Meeting. Dined at P. Fearon's. At Devonshire House Meeting. Drunk tea with John Goad at Collison's after. ***Mon 7th*** At London. At the comittee for Epistle & Select Meeting. Dined at Thomas Irving's. The meeting ended at 8 p.m. to satisfaction.

[*The memoranda columns for this and the previous week contain the following more detailed account of the proceedings of Yearly Meeting*:]

[*29th May*] The Morning Meeting for Ministers adjourned begun at 3 this afternoon. The names of the representatives from the several counties were called & entered in the minute book. The certificates of the publick Friends who were there upon religious visits were read by William Dillworth, clerk to the Meeting. Then the answers to the Queries from the several counties were proceeded upon & the meeting adjourned until 2nd day morning [*31st May*], ninth hour. Then the answers were gone through & a

comittee appointed, of which I was one, to consider of a proposition from Westmorland about leaving out or altering the 15th article in the Advices of 1702 & drawing up a report to the Yearly Meeting. Which said comittee met in the back chamber & agreed no alteration was to be made in said article of advice at present and the report to be presented to the Yearly Meeting by William Dillworth, which was done accordingly. Select Meeting adjourned until 5th day morning [*3rd June*]. Nothing further to be remarked at said adjournment but report read and adjourned again until 2nd day morning [*7th June*] at ninth hour, which concluded this meeting generally to good satisfaction.

[*31st May*] Meeting for Business begun as usual on 2nd day afternoon at the 4th hour. The representatives called over & answered to their names. Then a clerk was chosen out of the counties constituting the Midland Division, which was Edward Gullson of Leicester & he took the books accordingly. Then the answers to the Queries & Sufferings were read & remarks made. Also the Foreign Epistles was read & a deputation of Friends appointed to answer them: John Griffith, myself, & Thomas Olive for New York. Was on the comittee for drawing up the general Epistle & also on the comittee about the general visit. Drew up an abstract for the city of London which was read as well as several others to the general satisfaction of Friends. The business ended on 2nd day evening the 7th current [*i.e. Mon 7th June*] & Jonah Thompson made a short & pathetic adress to the people reminding us of our seperation one from another & never all to meet again but in an endless Eternity; so to consider the renewing of Divine Love & favour at this as well as many other times with gratitude & tha[n]kfullness to the God & Father of all our mercies both spiritual and temporal.

Tue 8th At ditto. Breakfasted & dined at John Hunt's. At Navey Office and saw the King, Queen & royal famiiey in the evening. ***Wed 9th*** At ditto. Meeting in the morning. Went John Bell's. Dined there. Went to Radcliffe Cross after about Sibson affair. ***Thu 10th*** At ditto. Went to Gray's Inn Lane. Dined at Thomas Jackson's. Came from Islington about 5 p.m. & lodged at the Angel in Albans. ***Fri 11th*** At Albans. Came away about 5 a.m. Stop'd at Brickhill & dined at Stony Stratford. Baited at Towcester & Fosterbooth. Lodged at [Daventry]. ***Sat 12th*** At Devontry. Came a[way] about 5 a.m. Baited at Coventry; dined at Meridian; stop'd at Mother Red Cap's and lodged at Litchfield.

Sun 13th At Litchfield. Came away at 5. Breakfasted at Sand; dined at Newcastle; stop'd at Talketh Hill & lodged at Holms Chapel. ***Mon 14th*** At Holms Chapel. Came away about 7 a.m. Baited at Mare-town. Dined at Warrington and lodged at Wigin. From London 197 [miles]. ***Tue 15th*** Came from Wigin at 6 a.m. Baited at Rose, Whitles. 208 [miles]. Dined at Garstang and lodged at Lancaster. A shower this forenoon. 236 [miles]. ***Wed 16th*** At Lancaster. Came away at 6. Breakfasted at Burton, the Royal Oak. Dined at Kendal (259 [miles]) & lodged at Ambleside. Some showers. ***Thu 17th*** At Ambleside. Came away at 7. Baited at Horse Head. Dined at Keswick & got home about 7 p.m. 305 [miles]. All well. Warm weather. Expences of this journey: £6 16s 6d. ***Fri 18th*** Gardner & son here dressing the gardens. A very hot day. Sister Sarah [*Hudson*] & Mary here. ***Sat 19th*** About settling the cash accounts: the[y] agree very well. Cleaning the garden in the afternoon.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative & Select Meeting after. Showery in the afternoon. ***Mon 21st*** Wife very ill in the disorder. Went to Cockermouth. With Charles Christian, Robert Baynes &c. about R. Smithson affairs. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting. Affairs in general pretty well conducted. Little rain yet. ***Wed 23rd*** Copied the Yearly Meeting manuscript. Set forward to Cockermouth for the Quarterly Meeting. Got to Heskett about 7 p.m. with John Harris. ***Thu 24th*** At Heskett. Attended the Quarterly Meeting for business, which was pretty well conducted, & the Select Meeting at 4 p.m. Answered Queries. ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. Meeting for Worship begun at nine and ended after 12: forepart very heavy; latter part a little better. Little rain.

24th & 25th Attended our Quarterly Meeting at Heskett. Our Friend Joseph Procter from the county of Durham there in his visit to this county. His certificate was read in the Select Meeting. He had not much to say to us. He appears to be a very honest, sincere man. The meetings were generally pretty well. National collection ordered not to fall short of three common collections & to be brought in some time before the Spring Quarter Meeting.

Sat 26th At home. Settled the overseer's accounts until 21st current: in my hands 8s 1½d. Weather still very hot & dry. Very little grass.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Broughton 1st day. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Served with a supoena into the court of Chancery by John Brougham's clerk on account of Mary Winder & her sister. Also John Fisher & Joseph Glaister served with copies of the same on account of the leather company affairs. Gave my supoena & John Fisher to Robert Baynes. We are to appear tomorrow to sign our affidavit. ***Tue 29th*** Came to Cockermouth. John Fisher gone about the turnpike. He came home in the afternoon. To meet again on 6th day. Signed to Robert Baynes a warrant to appear for us & to answer to such things as may be laid to our charge in said court. ***Wed 30th*** Unwell. Wrote Judah Winder's & Elizabeth Dickinson's marriage certificate. Gardener here.

July 1762

Thu 1st Attended the marriage. Read & executed the certificate. Dined with them & stayed the afternoon. Great company. ***Sat 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. John Fisher gone to Keswick, so got little done.

Sun 4th At Meeting, which was small on account of General Meeting at Broughton. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. An account of the defeat of the French army by the allies. Dry weather. ***Tue 6th*** Sarah Hudson very ill: sent for William, her son. He came about one a clock with Isaac Robinson. ***Wed 7th*** Went to Whitehaven with John Gill. Agreed with William Skyrin about undertaking his affairs to manage. ***Thu 8th*** At the Meeting. Gave notice of S. Hudson's burial tomorrow at 9th hour. A very wet day. ***Fri 9th*** S.H. buried this day. Got out at 12 a clock. Relations came back after. Read the will. ***Sat 10th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & William Hudson. About dividing the cloths, looking over papers &c.

Sun 11th At Meeting. John Robinson & wife here after. To be at Cockermouth tomorrow. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & William Hudson. Preparing the goods for the sale. Wrote sale note &c. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. This day attended the sale of Sarah Hudson's goods. Goods sold very well. Wrote the sale bill. To pay out the sundries owing as soon as convenient and then settle the ballance of cash in my hand. Came home in the night. ***Wed 14th*** W. Hudson here about settling the sale bill, cash received and other things. Begun to mow. ***Thu 15th*** At Meeting in the morning. William Hudson went home p.m. Copying into the Book of Extracts. ***Fri 16th*** Finished the Book of Extracts. Begun the lease between Joseph Bell & John Todcastle. Showry. ***Sat 17th*** Finished the lease. Drew a draft of John Fletcher's denial for Deism &c.[74] Warm dry weather.

Sun 18th At Meeting. Went with wife & sons to see William Lawson at John Fearon's. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. About William Hudson affairs. To go to Whitehaven on 4th day & to meet John Fisher on 6th day. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: much business. To shew John Fletcher a copy of his denial. Showry. ***Wed 21st*** Went to Whitehaven. Received of Richard Dearman on account of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] for sundries. Dined & lodged at the inn. Strong southerly wind. ***Thu 22nd*** At Whitehaven. Breakfasted at Thomas Casson's. See sundry letters from Isaac Greenleaf, Thomas Fisher & John Wilson. It appears that the effects of the late C.W. will turn out much better than expected, they having £800 goods on hand pack'd up for sale; between 3 & 4,000£ book debts, mostly good. The new ship expected to be launched about 1st inst. and John coming over by the first ship's expected in one month from this date. ***Fri 23rd*** Came to Cockermouth. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. John Fisher gone to the turnpike but see him in the evening. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.S. affairs. With John Fisher about the books: to go again next week.

Sun 25th At the Meeting. At Pardshow in the afternoon. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here all night. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Account come that the French have taken Newfoundland from the English. ***Tue 27th*** Went with wife to Old-field. Elihu Robinson & John Gill there. Showry in the morning. ***Wed 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Going through the books and making remarks where needfull. Wrote Thomas Rebanks[75] on account of Thomas Wilson & gave account of his brother John being come home &c. Wrote to John Bell & sent him a copy of the Navy bill for Jane Grisdale. Desired him to apply the Post Office & Navy Office for new bills &c. ***Thu 29th*** Went to ditto. With John Fisher about R.S. affairs. It will take us much time. ***Fri 30th*** A very heavy rain in the forenoon. Gardner here laying the flowers & cleaning gardens. ***Sat 31st*** Went to Whitehaven. Met John Wilson who arrived on 4th day last from Maryland. Agreed to give him the books to settle &c.

August 1762

Sun 1st At the Meeting. Went with wife & son to Eaglesfield. Came home in the evening. Very rainy. N.B. Thomas Eaton is owing me 16s for postage on account of

his pension & I am to stop it first payment. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Got a letter from Willow's man: expect him here this night. ***Tue 3rd*** Went to Graysouthen in the afternoon. Met W. Skyrin & John Gill. In the evening at Jonathan Hudson's. ***Wed 4th*** Executed Margaret Scott's will: she was going to a christning at Highdyke. Fine hay weather. ***Thu 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Set about the books most of the day. John Fisher attended very little. Also settled the account [*i.e. with John Willows*] with Stephen Corbet until December last. ***Sat 7th*** A fine hay day. Christian Wilkinson, widow of the late Henry Wilkinson of Dumfries, came here this evening with a letter from Thomas Carlyle, attorney there. She produced her late husband's will. I perused it & took a copy. He devises all his lands to his wife & makes her sole executorix, but said will is only attested by two witnesses which I think is not sufficient, being contrary to law.

Sun 8th At the Meeting in the morning. Nicholas Beeby & Ja. Saul from Holme there. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Christian Wilkinson. Agreed to go to Dumfries in about two weeks. ***Tue 10th*** Went to Lowswater with wife & sons afishing. Dined & supped at Thomas Wilson's. Got several fish. ***Wed 11th*** Drawing a draft of an article John Gill, Jonathan Harris & W. Skyrin as also Joseph Gill parties, to empower W.S. [*William Skyrin*] ***Thu 12th*** Went to Whitehaven. Executed the deeds between John & Jane Scot and William Thompson.[76] Lamass fair this day, but thin on account of season. ***Fri 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Served with a subpoena on the case between Henry Brag & Matthew Christopherson. To be at Carlisle on 1st day. ***Sat 14th*** Seeking for papers about the affair. Can't find any but in the memoranda book for 1759. Preparing for Carlisle. Examining my memoranda books & find that on the 19th day of July 1759 Robert Wilkinson & self met at Henry Brag's & examined the evidences in the cause depending between said Brag & Matthew Christopherson about some rent in arrear &c. of a field called Bleng-tongue. Agreed that the evidences were much in favour of Brag & that the said Brag was right as to his original demand, but could not agree about the costs. We demanded £17 in full for rent & costs & said Wilkinson agreed to give £11 but was called out by the defendant Christopherson & would not agree to anything afterwards but leave it to the law. Tryed him again the next morning at breakfast but to no purpose, so gave it up.

Sun 15th Went to Cockermouth. Set forward about 11 with H. Bowman to Carlisle. Dined at Cock Bridge. Lodged at King's Head, Carlisle. ***Mon 16th*** At Carlisle. Attended the Assises: Bathurst & Gould the judges. John Richardson of Penrith, sheriff. ***Tue 17th*** At ditto. Brag's traverse for perjury was try'd. He was found guilty & sentenced to be transported for seven years. ***Wed 18th*** At ditto. John Nixon got his causes against the insurers. Came home with John Brougham in the evening. ***Thu 19th*** At the Meeting in the morning. Man at Whitehaven market: bought 2 gallons brandy & 1 gallon of gin. To account with P. Nicholson for it. ***Fri 20th*** Writing the article between John Gill &c. Sally Watson here afternoon. ***Sat 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. About C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Met John Wilson & Justice Lucock & also William Skyrin about taking a sum of money upon the estate at Graysouthen. Agreed with J.L. [*Joshua Lucock*] for 1500£ @ 5 per cent

for 7 years. To carry the writings to John Brougham on 2nd day to examine & to draw the mortgage deeds to be ready to be executed on the 20th of October next when the money is to be paid.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. William Hudson here in the afternoon. Received of John Wilson for the schoolmaster: £1 16s 3d. From C.W.[77] 7s 6d. [Total:] £2 3s 9d. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Brougham. Gave him the deeds & took his receipt for them. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Hot weather. ***Wed 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Intended for Dumfries but John Fisher was engaged this week so put it off. ***Thu 26th*** Throng with the harvest. Corn very short and mixed with greens. Very dry weather. ***Fri 27th*** Throng shearing. Finished the draft of the article for John Gill &c. ***Sat 28th*** Went forward for Whitehaven but met W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & wife upon the road, so went with them to Cockermouth.

Sun 29th At Meeting. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven this day week. Met this evening at Kirby with John Fearon, [and] the schoolmaster, Jonah Harrison, & his brother. Settled & paid him in full for last year. He had made the whole £16 wanting only 3s which we tendered him down but he returned it all again. I allso paid him the interest money which I had received from John Wilson & Richard Dearman for the school stock, amounting in the whole to £2 3s 9d for the last year. Also agreed with him for another year &c. for £20 a year but the above interest money to be included in said sum. John Fearon and self undertakes as for the preceeding year. Conditions of the school the same. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed to set forward to Dumfries tomorrow with John Fisher. Fine weather. ***Tue 31st*** Set forward with John Fisher for Dumfries. Dined at Cockermouth and lodged at Boulness. Went the Holm road.

September 1762

Wed 1st At Boulness. Crossed the water about 7 & breakfasted at Annan, the King's Arms, Alexander McCracken. Stop'd at Stank, the widow Richardson's, & dined at Dumfries. ***Thu 2nd*** At ditto. Lodged at the George, John Ewart's, a good house. Breakfasted at the widow Wilkinson's. Examined all the deeds & papers in the hands of the widow Wilkinson & find John Hail's estate at Ullock only secured to her by deed, she being joined purchaser. I am to act for her about the tenancy estate & the other estates at Ullock in the best manner I can. To enquire after the heir-at-law of her late husband & she will satisfy me for my trouble. Dined at the inn. Came away at 5 p.m. & lodged at the Stank. ***Fri 3rd*** At Stank. Came away about 7. Breakfasted at Annan; baited at Gratney; dined at Carlisle and lodged at Wigton. Very fine pleasant weather. ***Sat 4th*** At Wigton. Came away about 11. Dined at Cock Bridge; baited at Cockermouth & got home about 5 p.m. A very agreeable journey. Rainy.

Sun 5th Went to Pardshow. Took instructions for Thomas Robinson's will. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Pardshow & executed Thomas Robinson's will. Then to Cockermouth.

Met W. Skyrin, John Wilson, John Brougham & Justice. Agreed to take advice. ***Tue 7th*** John Gill here. Made some alterations in the article of co[partner]ship. A very fine day after the great storm of wind & rain. Shearing barley. ***Wed 8th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Conviction. A great number convicted. They were pretty favourable to the poor; the rest 10s costs. Got poor lists signed. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting in the morning: very thin on account of the harvest. About John Fletcher's denial. Shearing barley in Midle Close. ***Fri 10th*** Pen Hutchinson here shearing. Looking through my old writings. Found my father's will &c. ***Sat 11th*** Sent man about the town to collect 15 purveys poor tax.[78] Thomas Robinson refused to pay his tax.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Thomas Robinson paid his tax in full this morning. Sent man to the church with the notice. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Edward Nicholson & John Brougham. Agreed to have the arbitration on 4th day week. With Thomas Westray about Wilkinson's tenantright land. Can do nothing with him as it is left by will which is contrary to the custom of the manor. Consulted John Brougham & he is of opinion that we must get copies of the will and disposition in the Scotch manner & consult about them & if necessary take a counsel's opinion. He thinks that if we have anything to go upon he can influence Monkhouse, the steward, to admitt the widow tenant according to the will and intention of her late husband, and to write her accordingly the first opportunity. Went to Papcastle in the evening and made & executed old Joseph Watson's will. He left his 3 daughters 60£ a piece & some household goods. His younger son, Daniel, his house & garden at Papcastle & a legacy of 100£; his eldest son, Joseph, the estate at Shepherdfield &c. His wife Abigill sole executorix. Legacies to be paid when the legatees come at the age of 25 years & the interest to go to his said wife towards bringing up the children provided she do not marry again. ***Tue 14th*** Throng with the harvest. Got the wheat shorn & brought in: a very thin crop, about ¼ part. ***Wed 15th*** Unwell. Was shearing the red wheat; it is a pretty good crop. Got six cart loads of barley in. Showry. ***Thu 16th*** Unwell. Could not go to Whitehaven as intended. Wrote John Bell's indenture of apprentiship to Joseph Black for 7 years. Shearing oats in Near Whiney. ***Fri 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Drew out some accounts in forenoon. At R. Baynes's after. Got a copy of the bill. ***Sat 18th*** Throng with the harvest. Copied the Yearly Meeting Queries and manuscript about the new militia.[79] Very fine weather.

Sun 19th At Meeting. The Preparative & Select Meeting after. Very rainy in afternoon. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received from Christian Wilkinson copies of the wills & disposition. To write her or the attorney first oportunity. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was large. John Alderson here. The Select Meeting after: sit till after 5 p.m. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Wilfred Clementson and myself met this day at Anne Gashes about the cause between Mary Wilkinson, plaintiff, & John Fisher, defendant, about a gold watch which is claimed by the plaintiff & in the possession of the said defendant. Got my brief from John Brougham, the plaintiff's attorney, but upon examining the arbitration bonds found they had by consent prolonged the time in said bonds a month longer but had not resealed & redelivered them; so could not proceed upon them but got new bonds

drawn. Time to the arbitration until the 25th December & to the umpire until the 2nd day of February following. Agreed to meet again at Keswick on the 23rd of November next. ***Thu 23rd*** Went to Whitehaven on the cause between Brag & Christopherson. Agreed to go on with the arbitration. Lodged at the inn. ***Fri 24th*** At Whitehaven. Went to Egremont with Edmond Gibson & John Younger. Attended the arbitration. Heard all the witnesses examined upon oath. ***Sat 25th*** At home. Ingrossed the articles between Gill, Harris & Skyrin on a 12d skyn of parchment. Added the clause about circulating bills.

Sun 26th At the Meeting. John Alderson there; he lodged with me last night. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote to Thomas Carlisle, attorney at law in Dumfries, on account of Christian Wilkinson affairs. ***Tue 28th*** Nothing remarkable, save the weather: very wet. Corn in very bad condition. ***Wed 29th*** Looking over the papers belonging the Meeting. Examining the case for opinion about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] ***Thu 30th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. Attended the Quarter Meeting which was pretty large. Dined & lodged at George Bell's.

October 1762

Fri 1st At Cockermouth. At the Meeting in the forenoon. In the afternoon with Brougham. Delivered to John Brougham the case about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs with remarks to send the same away the first opportunity for a counsel's oppinion whether we can in the present situation of affairs mortgage the estates or not. Came home in evening. ***Sat 2nd*** Went to Egremont to the court. No presentments nor fines. A pretty good day for the corn.

Sun 3rd At the Meeting. Betty Robinson here in the afternoon. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the distress warrant altered for Matthew Black. With John Fearon &c. ***Tue 5th*** Went to Thackthwaite with wife. At Hill in the evening. Suped there. Betty is to be married tomorrow at Bolton Meeting. ***Wed 6th*** Unwell; a sharp fitt of vomiting proceeding from a sowerness upon the stomach. ***Thu 7th*** Got little out this day. Did not go to the Meeting on that account. Fine weather. ***Fri 8th*** Nothing very remarkable. Got a little out & grown better. ***Sat 9th*** The gardner & son here. Got the flower garden made anew. A cold day.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Collected this day upon Knapp Mills brief in the county of Southampton 2s 6d. And upon the hail storm ditto in the county of Berks. 2s 8d. To pay them to the collector on the 24th inst. at the Comissary Court. Collected nothing upon Saarbruch church brief in Germany. Thomas Wilson & wife & John Gill & wife here in afternoon. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth fair. Very throng. Horses cheap; beasts no selling at any price. John Dent here; come back from Dublin. They would not suffer him to work as he pretends on account of his master's not serving an aprentiship to the business, but it appears there were several other reasons as he having applyed to the master first for work & not to the Club,[80] eating at his master's table, & being a foreigner as they call everyone not bred there.

Perhaps the cause was at first from some afront given the journeymen on account of the frames, his better work &c. We made him an offer of a frame with us but he refuseth & wants one of our frames down to Whitehaven to work for himself. ***Tue 12th*** Thomas & John Casson here. Stayed most of the day. Paid Thomas his interest. Very fine weather. ***Wed 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher. Great uneasiness in the factory caused by John Dent. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting in the morning. Drawing out some accounts after for Whitehaven. Cold weather; wind northerly. ***Fri 15th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn with Henry Brag: he, am afraid, will loose the cause. ***Sat 16th*** At Whitehaven. With William Skyrin & John Wilson about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Came home in the evening.

Sun 17th At the Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Dry weather; wind NE. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. To attend at Lorton on 4th day, Whinfell court. With Jonathan Dixon &c. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Proposal from Whitehaven about admitting John Drape a member rejected. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Lorton. Met the tenants & lord. Wilson Pearson, Richard Thompson & Henry Lancaster came. The tenants paid their rents & fines, after which a proposal of infranchising was made. But the[y] not fixing upon terms, nothing was done but left to the lord of the manor to draw up his proposals in writing & the tenants would consider of them & give in their answer. ***Thu 21st*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & M. Robinson. About William Hudson affairs. The house not sett. Came home in the evening. ***Fri 22nd*** Went to Lowswater to the court. Agreed to meet again this day two weeks about infranchising. ***Sat 23rd*** Went to Whitehaven about the schoolmaster. He paid 5s 8d fees & got clear but was admonish'd not to teach Latin &c.[81]

Sun 24th At Meeting. George Bell & wife here in the afternoon. Showry weather. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Attended the Comissary Court; proved S. Hudson's will. At the Comissary Court paid James Collinson, collector, the brief money, viz. 5s 2d & returned the church brief. Cold & showry. ***Tue 26th*** Unwell. ***Wed 27th*** Gave Jacob Fletcher his writing for Whinney land. Sharp frost; wind NE. ***Thu 28th*** Unwell; did not attend the Meeting on that account. Wrote Joseph Kipling indentures. Gardeners here. ***Fri 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote a notice for Thomas Eaton & wife. Signed Joseph Kipling indentures. ***Sat 30th*** Went to Woodside. With Henry Lancaster in the afternoon but John Head did not come. Met Jonathan Dixon & George Wilkinson in the evening at Kirby. They at last agreed. Jonathan Dixon to alow him £20 & George to give up his lease & term in Akebank estate and Jonathan to have the machine over & to enter on the premises on the 25th of March next. And it is agreed that the lease in my hand shall be cancelled now or on the 25th of March when the said 20£ is to be paid. Witnesses Edward Fargison & self.

Sun 31st At Meeting. Wrote Joseph Fawcet's consent for his son Peter's marriage with Elizabeth Rathbone.

November 1762

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. Came home in the night. ***Tue 2nd*** Henry Bowman here. With Jonathan Dixon after. Bought Joseph Wood's mill & tenement at Mosser & he rented Akebank land. ***Wed 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. John Fisher did not attend so could get nothing done. Wrote Joshua Scott. ***Thu 4th*** At the Meeting. Elihu & wife dined here & stayed the afternoon. About looking over the bill in Chancery. ***Fri 5th*** Wrote my remarks on Sir Wilfred Lawson's proposals to infranchise at Lowswater. After, met several of the tenants of Lowswater at Gilerthwait. All that came agreed to Sir Wilfred Lawson's terms of infranchisement with some remarks for the benefit of the tenants. I am to draw over said proposals upon a fresh sheet of paper & send them to Thomas Wilson first oportunity & he to hand them about from one to another. Then, after they are signed, two or three of the tenants must be deputed for to attend the lord with them & take his final answer thereunto. ***Sat 6th*** Finished my remarks on the bill in Equity. To make a lease between John Jenkinson & William Wilson. Wrote out the conditions.

Sun 7th At Meeting. H. Broughton here in her way from Ireland home. Two other women Friends here. Wet, stormy weather. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. With sundries about business. ***Tue 9th*** Writing the lease between John Fletcher and William Pearson of Sneckyeat land; rent £35. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes, making answers to the bill in Equity. To put of this term. ***Thu 11th*** Edward Jones here killing the cow. She proved in a midling way, about £1 1s per side. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Kirby to meet John Bragg attorney, his brother William, Justice Lucock & Peter Brougham. I agreed to stand arbitrator for him in a case depending between said Brag and Thomas Jameson, priest of Egremont, on account of said Brag farming the tithes of the late Joseph Ritson. What part shall belong to the said farmer and what to the said Jameson. Bonds executed to Peter How Esqr. & self and the award to be made at or before the 25th of December next. Frosty weather. ***Sat 13th*** Finished the lease for Fletcher. A deep snow & very cold weather.

Sun 14th At the Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Hard frost. On this day died Margaret Williamson and is to be buried on the 16th current at Pardshowhall. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Servants very cheap on account of the dearness of provisions. ***Thu 18th*** Wrote a long letter to John Dent in answer to his to G.B. [*George Bell*], & Sir Wilfred's proposals to tenants of Lowswater. ***Fri 19th*** Very unwell. Could not get to Whitehaven as proposed. To go as soon as I am able. ***Sat 20th*** Drawing out an account for Joseph Littledale of my transactions about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs. Fine weather.

Sun 21st Was at Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Richard Dearman & John Skyrin here after. At Kirby in the evening. Met William Udale and another man from Borowdale with John Danson of Dean. They came to enquire about the late Henry Wilkinson's estates at Ullock. I read them a copy of the English will & they were satisfyed with the account I gave them [that] they were not of the right line of

descent, so can't take by law. Received from Richard Dearman a letter from David Brigs of Virginia on the account of John Fisher and company. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 23rd*** At the Monthly Meeting read & signed John Fletcher's paper of denyal. Sett Mozergate land to John Carlisle. ***Wed 24th*** Went to Cockermouth about the arbitration between Mary Wilkinson, plaintiff, and John Fisher, defendant, about the affair of the gold watch. Met at Edward Jones's and examined a great number of the witnesses & took their examinations down in writing. Did not get the whole evidence examined; they are much contrary to each other. To meet again on 2nd day. ***Thu 25th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the Black Lyon, John Walker's; a pretty good house. ***Fri 26th*** Nothing very remarkable. Examining some of the papers.

Sun 28th At the Meeting. Showry. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. See a copy of Thomas Jefferson's will, Wigton, which Matthew Black had got out of the court. The said testator orders in said will that, after his debts and legacies paid, Joseph Senhouse, the trustee & sole executor, shall divide the surplus among his relations according to the Statute of Distributions. It appears there are no relations nearer than 1st couzins & of the mother side, but to make further enquiry into this affair when convenient. ***Tue 30th*** Wrote a copy of Mother's will for Jacob Fletcher & copied two marriage certificates into book.

December 1762

Wed 1st Wrote marriage certificate for John Iredale, senior, and Elizabeth Jenkinson; also two receipts for legacies for Jacob Fletcher. ***Thu 2nd*** Attended the marriage; read and executed the certificate. At Pardshow with wife at marriage dinner. ***Fri 3rd*** Entered in the book the certificate and wrote a part of the conveyance for Jonathan Dixon. ***Sat 4th*** Finished the release and wrote a part of the lease for Joseph Wood & J.D. [*Jonathan Dixon*] of Akebank land.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning. Drew the notice for Martin. Fine weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the receipts for Jacob Fletcher signed. With Parson Jameson &c. ***Tue 7th*** Finished the lease between Jonathan Dixon & Joseph Wood; term 14 years, rent 21£. Executed deeds at Kirby. ***Wed 8th*** Wrote a copy of Thomas Jefferson's will & to speak to Henry Lowes, agent for Joseph Senhouse, trustee. ***Thu 9th*** Went to Whitehaven on account of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Shew'd the oppinion to W.S. [*William Skyrin*] He took a copy. ***Fri 10th*** At Whitehaven. Lodged at the inn. With Peter How Esqr. & Henry Littledale, attorney. Agreed with Peter How to meet at Egremont on 4th day the 22nd of this month & signed a notice along with him to the parties to produce their witnesses & what else may be needfull in the case between John Bragg, late attorney at law, and Thomas Jameson, clerk, about the profits of the living at Egremont during the vacancy. Agreed with William Skyrin & John Wilson to meet at Cockermouth on 4th day the 15th inst. with Joshua Lucock Esqr. and John Brougham, attorney, about the mortgage of the late C.W.'s estate. ***Sat 11th*** Examining the law books about Statute of Distributions on account of the will of the late Thomas Jefferson.

Sun 12th At the Meeting in the morning. Copied Jonathan Pearson marriage certificate after &c. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Richmond, Brag & John Brougham. To meet on 4th day. ***Tue 14th*** Looking over some papers and accounts. Very fine moderate weather and little frost. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. William Skyrin came last night & lodged with me. Went to Cockermouth about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Met Justice Lucock & Brougham. Agreed with Joshua Lucock for 1400£ to lay on the estate at Graysouthen & Brigham, term 7 years @ 5 per cent. We agreed to give our joint bond for the due payment of the interest. Brougham to draw the deeds as soon as he can. ***Thu 16th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. To go to Cockermouth tomorrow to meet John Fisher about R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] ***Fri 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher about settling the books &c. (R.S.)

With Dr. Clementson about the arbitration [on 15th]. Read over the evidences on both sides. Could not agree. Met again on the 17th in the evening & agreed on John Radcliffe for an umpire if agreeable to the parties & wrote Joshua Scott & Edward Nicholson by Anne Cape accordingly.

Sat 18th Went to Cockermouth. Drawing the ballance of R.S. leidger into a new book. John Fisher did not attend me this day. Very ill in my head.

Sun 19th Very ill: could not get to the Meeting. Preparative & Select Meeting this day. ***Mon 20th*** Unwell. Wife gone to Cockermouth. Wrote Joshua Scott & William Skyrin. Consulting law cases about tithes. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly & Select Meeting. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Egremont. Met Peter How upon the differance between Brag and Jameson. Examined evidences. ***Thu 23rd*** At Egremont. Lodged at Benson's. Went to Whitehaven. Attended Peter How again but did not agree. Offered 20£.

22nd and 23rd Met Peter How at Egremont in the affair between Brag & Jameson. Examined some witnesses. We allowed that the defendant Brag stood in the place of the sequestrators & took the profits of the rectory during the vacation, viz. from Joseph Ritson's death which was on the 5th July 1758 until Jameson's induction which was on the 31st of October following. Met again next day but did not agree. I offered 20£ but was refused.

Fri 24th Killed the swine yesterday. Sold half to John Mirehouse at 3[d] per lb. & to return 1s 6d again. ***Sat 25th*** Entered in the book Rebecah Davis & John Fletcher's papers of denyal.[82] Sharp frost.

Sun 26th Was at the Meeting in the morning. At Jonathan Dixon's after. William Hudson here. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. This day was the election for this county. Sir James Lowther was elected member in the room of Sir Wilfred Lawson of Brayton, deceased. Sir James made an offer of his interest unto several gentlemen of this county but was refused, so he gave up his seat for the county of Westmorland & accepted of this as none would offer themselves. ***Tue 28th*** Nothing remarkable. Cold frosty weather & a sharp easterly wind. ***Wed 29th*** Went forward for Wigton Quarter Meeting with William Hudson. Din'd at Cockbridge & lodged at the King's Arms. ***Thu 30th*** At Wigton. Attended the Meeting for Business and Select Meeting. All pretty well conducted and concluded well. ***Fri 31st*** At ditto. Meeting for Worship this forenoon which was in general very well. Came home after. Very cold; sharp frost.

1763

January 1763

Sat 1st Drew Joseph Dickinson's will of Whillimoor. William Hudson here. A very sharp frost. Settled with servants Betty & Jane Watman & I have paid them 8s 7d more than their wages for last ½ year. To be allowed in their next wages.

Sun 2nd Was at the Meeting. At home after. Frost. Gave Jacob Hudson £2 18s which I received from George Graham at Wigton for him. ***Mon 3rd*** Unwell. Wife gone to Cockermouth. Very hard frost & looks like to continue. ***Tue 4th*** Nothing to be remarked. Frost continues. ***Wed 5th*** Looking over some Latin and Greek authors. The disorder not yet gone off. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the morning. Writing to Carlisle for William Allason and mother. ***Fri 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher & Robert Baynes about making out the answer to the bill in Equity. ***Sat 8th*** Drew a draft of a power of attorney for David Brigs to receive the ballance of accounts: £661 4s 5½d cur[rentl]y.

Sun 9th Was at the Meeting. Copied the letter after for William Harrison & wife. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Drew an agreement between Joseph Hudson & William Pearson. Joined with Henry Bowman attorney in a bond for 40£ @ 10d to Peter Pearson of Watergate in Lowswater, payable in 5 years on the sole account of the said Henry Bowman. ***Tue 11th*** Nothing remarkable. The frost continues very severe. Weather sharp & cold. ***Wed 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Sessions: not much business. Sir James Lowther there. ***Thu 13th*** At ditto. The Sessions ended this day. Few justices there. Came home in the evening. Sharp frost. ***Fri 14th*** At home. Went with wife to John Harris's. He hath been much out of order but is now on the recovery. ***Sat 15th*** At High-field. Dined there & came to Kirby in the night. Met John Fearon & John Walker about Henry Fearon's will.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting held after. Very cold sharp weather. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes about the bill in Chancery & Joseph Hudson's affair. ***Tue 18th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Richard Dearman presented his marriage with Elizabeth Freeth. ***Wed 19th*** Went on foot to Whitehaven. Stopped a little at Dessington & lodged at the Black Lyon. Frost. ***Thu 20th*** At Whitehaven. Determined the affair between Joseph White & John Bragg: Brag to pay White 8 guineas. ***Fri 21st*** At ditto. With W.S. [*William Skyrin*] about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Agreed to sell the new ship when clear.[83] Signed an indenture of covenant between the trustees of the late C.W. & John Nixon & also a bond for the performances of covenants &c. Also settled an account with William Skyrin on the account of R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] & I am to receive the ballance of £14 10s 9½d at Cockermouth on 2nd day next. ***Sat 22nd*** Severe frost.

Sun 23rd At the Meeting. Skyrin's man here. Drew him bills to the amount of £1,000 on Joseph Wimpey. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. To meet Jonathan Harris at Mockerkin 5th day. ***Tue 25th*** Drawing the mortgage deed between Pen Hutchinson & Jonathan Harris. Consideration 30£ @ 10d. for 1 year. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting in the morning. Was at Mockerkin after. Executed the mortgage deed. ***Fri 28th*** Finished Hudson's deeds. Sent for to William Nicholson's of Hill but he was not sensible, so could do nothing. ***Sat 29th*** Went to Graysouthen with Joseph Hudson to Jonathan Hudson's & sent for William Pearson the elder and younger. Made some enquirey about the purchase. William Pearson the younger refused to comply with his agreement because he alledged his parents was against it & before he would stand to said agreement he would make over his money & effects and leave the country & would come to no other terms than pay all charges, lose his 10s 6d & be quit of the contract. But Hudson would not, but insisted it might be a considerable loss to him upon sale & if he would stand to that loss & give bond accordingly, he was willing. But Pearson refused, so the deeds were executed & tendered but not received. So I brought the deeds home.

Sun 30th At Meeting. At John Jenkinson's with wife & son after. He is in a bad way. Hope he'll recover. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed to execute the deeds between Jenkinson & Harris on 6th day p.m. at Millgillhead.

February 1763

Tue 1st About burning lime. Fine thaw & moderate weather. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting. Went to Cragend after and divided some ground between Allason and Stainton. Showery. ***Fri 4th*** Went to Millgillhead in Lamplugh. Henry Jenkinson signed the deeds between him & Jonathan Harris. He paid 60£ in hand & is to pay Peter Fearon's mortgage with interest at Michaelmas & gave his note for the remainder. Sent for Anthony Branthwaite. He & his son Daniel Dickinson has the estate at Dockray Nook in farm. Refused to give it up this year & pretends a contract with said Jenkinson made about Lammas last past, which Jenkinson denies & has some time ago served said Branthwaite with notice of double rent in pursuance of the statute. ***Sat 5th*** Finished the draft of the release between Allason & Steel. To go to Carlisle next week to get it signed.

Sun 6th At the Meeting. Gave notice of the national collection. Very fine moderate weather. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. John Fearon, John Walker & Lancelot Airey about proving Henry Fearon's will by commission from York before Daniel Fisher. ***Tue 8th*** Wrote the release between [*Jane*] Steel and [*William*] Allason about her claim out of Mossergate land. ***Wed 9th*** Wrote a letter for Jonathan Dixon to Thomas Barwise of Dubmill on account of George Wilkinson. Copied a part of the Custom of the Province of York. ***Thu 10th*** Finished the said Custom. I had it from Thomas Lawson of Cockermouth and to return it to him as soon as can. ***Fri 11th*** Went to Pardshow. Bought 50 stone hay of Jane Fletcher. To fetch it as soon as I can. Also a cartload of straw @ 2s per score. George Wright finished this evening his work at lime kiln. We had 49 load of coals from the pit @ 2½d. per load,

10s 2½d; but we called them 56 loads by the coops. N.B. John Caux got 12 loads of lime & John Pearson, smith, 2½ loads. We laid 64 loads of lime on the upper side of Near Whinney & 66 ditto in Corn Close & eight, the remainder, for the garden wall. In the whole 152 loads and very good lime. ***Sat 12th*** Finished Richard Whinney's will. A very deep snow & blowed much in drifts. Lanes full.

Sun 13th At Meeting. The collection for the national stock got £5 16s 6d; Graysouthen wanting. Snow & frost. ***Tue 15th*** At Monthly Meeting. Meeting for Sufferings to be held on 1st day come 2 weeks. Frost & snow. ***Wed 16th*** Wrote to William Gill at Edenburg to know whether he depended on Sarah Hudson's house or not. Rainy: the snow going of fast. ***Thu 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. About the bill in Equity with John Fisher. Finished our answers to some queries that the lawyer [*Hudleston*] had sent. Said answers to be ready & sent to London in next term. Gave them to Robert Baynes. Great showers & strong wind. ***Sat 19th*** Went to Crabtreebeck. Drew the inventory of Isaac Nutt's goods. Sale to be on 1st of March. Stormy weather.

Sun 20th At Meeting. Rachel Wigam there. Preached very well. A very strong wind & some rain. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed Richard Whinney's will. Some difficulties proposed about the answers to the bill. Got my accounts back. To re-examine them & to return said accounts to our sollicitor. Very showery day. ***Tue 22nd*** Unwell. ***Thu 24th*** Unwell. Did not go to Carlisle with William Allason as proposed. Threshing the oats. ***Fri 25th*** A very stormy day. Copied into the book my accounts current with John Fisher & company. ***Sat 26th*** A stormy day and great flood.

Sun 27th Was at Meeting. Gave notice of the Meeting for Sufferings to be this day week. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about affairs. Stayed very late with Brougham & Fisher this night about the Equity affair. Concluded that it would be the best to see Glaister and Fisher's answers before an accomodation be proposed & to give Glaister notice to meet us this day week at Winder's tenants in this town.

March 1763

Tue 1st Went to Crabtreebeck & wrote at the sale. Things sold very dear. Stay'd very late. ***Wed 2nd*** Nothing to be remarked. Looking over some accounts. To go to Carlisle with William Allason tomorrow. ***Thu 3rd*** Sett forward to Carlisle. Dined at Cock Bridge & lodged at King's Head. Sent for William Harrison. ***Fri 4th*** At Carlisle. Agreed with old Jane Steel, widow of Joseph Steel, deceased, for ten guineas. She signed a release to William Allason of all claims either by feoffment, dower or otherwise howsoever.[84] Called at Wigton. With Henry Lowes about the late Thomas Jefferson affairs. He thinks there will be something considerable for the relations. Came home. ***Sat 5th*** Much fatigued & got a cold. Looking over some clauses in the Militia Act. Lot fell on Joseph Wood.

Sun 6th At Meeting; the Meeting for Sufferings after. Sufferings mostly brought in. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Ecclestone. Wrote to the Printing Office, Newcastle, in answer to theirs. Met at Peter Peile's: John Brougham, Robert Baynes, Miss Winders, Joseph Glaister, John Fisher & myself. They agreed to referr all differances depending between them to indifferent person but could not agree as to the number each party was to choose. To meet again this day 2 weeks & to name the men. ***Tue 8th*** At Cragend after, setting of some ground. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Whitehaven about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. With Skyrin & Dearman about the accounts with Adam Kar & mother. ***Fri 11th*** At Whitehaven. Met again with John Wilson & the other trustees. Concluded not to take the money from Lucock. ***Sat 12th*** At ditto. Looked over John Nixon books. A considerable debt is owing him from C.W. Wrote Brougham the case.

At Whitehaven three days about C.W. affairs. Sundry new debts to a considerable amount came out, so conclude not to mortgage but sell the estate. Wrote John Brougham to tell Lucock our conclusion and that we intend to meet them at Cockermouth on 14th current & to satisfy Lucock for the disapointment in calling in his money.

Sun 13th Came home this morning. At Meeting & at Pardshow in the afternoon with wife & lads. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Skyrin and Dearman, John Wilson and John Brougham & Joshua Lucock. Represented the case of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] as it then appeared to us by the state of the accounts. Agreed that it was very improper to mortgage the land at all, but to sell. Therefore agreed with J.L. [*Joshua Lucock*] & paid him £27 18s for the disapointment. ***Tue 15th*** Isaac Wilson from Kendal here & dined with me. Wrote & executed old John Cowx's will. ***Wed 16th*** Wrote Jane Hutchinson's will. At Mossergate with wife & Matthew Black; executed the will. Agreed for wood. ***Thu 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote a 2nd letter to William Gill. In the warehouse with George Bell. ***Fri 18th*** Wrote six sale notes for George Wilkinson. Sale to be on 5th day. A very wet day. ***Sat 19th*** Went to Whitehaven. About R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] vote money with John Fisher. We can't get the same until the heir come at age.

Sun 20th At Meeting. Preparative & Select Meeting after. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & son Isaac. With Justice Lucock and others about business. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly & Select Meeting. Queries, Advices & Epistles read. I am to transcribe the Sufferings. ***Wed 23rd*** About transcribing the Sufferings into the book. Wife taken very ill this night about 8 a clock in a fitt of the cholick. ***Thu 24th*** Got Dr. Wilson this morning about five. The obstruction removed. He bled her & left some small matters. Went to Akebank & attended George Wilkinson sale. James Graham cryer; I wrote for him. He is but a very bad cryer. The sale held late tho' but a small quantity of goods sold. Value about £11 11s 8½d. Jonathan Dixon will get the whole he wants. George is now very ill in a fevour at Dubmill & could not attend the sale. ***Fri 25th*** Went to Akebank & Todall. Jonathan Dixon took delivery of the sheep from Edward Fargison. At Cockermouth after in the warehouse. Got there about 2 p.m. Made up & pack'd two parcels of goods in a cask & box for David Brigs at Col. John Champs in Virginia & sent them by Major to the care of John Nixon, merchant in Whitehaven. ***Sat 26th*** Wife continues weakly but much better. Hope she will recover. Received a letter from Robert Baynes about a corroner.

Sun 27th At the Meeting in the morning. Finished my letter to David Briggs &c. ***Mon 28th*** Wrote Christian Wilkinson. Head court 6th April. Very wet in the forenoon; did not go to Cockermouth. ***Tue 29th*** Transcribing the Sufferings read[y] for the Meeting for Sufferings at Carlisle. ***Wed 30th*** Set forward to Carlisle. Dined at Cockbridge and lodged at King's Head in Carlisle. ***Thu 31st*** At Carlisle. Attended the Meeting for Sufferings & Quarter Meeting. Also the Select Meeting in the afternoon.

April 1763

Fri 1st At ditto. The Meeting for Worship begun at the 9th hour & ended about 12. All pretty well conducted. Home after. ***Sat 2nd*** P. Nicholson [and] John Ellwood here on account of Jonathan Hudson affairs. Henry Bowman drew an assignment of all his estate to us. Jonathan Hudson executed the assignment of all his personal estate to me, John Ellwood & Peter Nicholson for the use of his creditors. I was very unwilling to undertake it but was at last prevailed upon to submit to act until the creditors should chose new assignees if they or a majority of them should think fitt. Wrote to sundry of the creditors & gave Jonathan Hudson junior a power to attend the shops, sell out & collect in what he could & render an account when called upon.

Sun 3rd At the Meeting. John Gill & wife & John Robinson & wife &c. here. Thomas Watman & daughter lodged here. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Christian Wilkinson & brother-in-law come from Dumfries. ***Tue 5th*** Mrs. Wilkinson here. To attend the court at Cockermouth tomorrow on her account. ***Wed 6th*** At Cockermouth at court. Shewed H.W.'s [*Henry Wilkinson's*] will &c. Got Christian Wilkinson inrolled for freehold lands. Shewed Robert Baynes &c. her husband's will. He adviseth to convey said estates at Ullock to trustees & the said trustees to levey a fine & get a recovery in due course, which would be much better than proving the will in Chancery, as it would be attended with a very great expence and I am to write her the same accordingly. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Withop court. With the steward &c. He promis'd to write the lord favourably. ***Fri 8th*** Went to Graysouthen about J.H. [*Jonathan Hudson's ?*] affairs. Took an inventory of the goods there. ***Sat 9th*** At Oldfield. Called at J.H.'s & went to Cockermouth about the bill in Equity. At Graysouthen after.

Sun 10th At Meeting. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here about John Gill & Jonathan Harris affairs. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. At Jonathan Harris's with John Reay. Ordered to draw a deed in trust. ***Tue 12th*** Drew a conveyance of the estate at Underwood to self & John Reay in trust for Jonathan Harris. Executed the deed of uses of Underwood land to John Reay & self to mortgage or sell at our discretion & in the first place to pay all our own charges & expenses about the trust & then to pay all debts due to us or either of us or that we are bound or engaged for on account of said Jonathan Harris & the remainder, if any, to himself or creditors. ***Wed 13th*** At Cockermouth. Consulting John Reay how to proceed &c. ***Thu 14th*** Wrote Richard Dearman & John Bell. Came to Whitehaven after & lodged at the inn. ***Fri 15th*** At

Whitehaven. Thomas Casson sail'd for Norway on 7th day last. Came home after. ***Sat 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Signed & affirmed to my answer to the bill in Equity before Robert Baynes, John Brougham &c.

Sun 17th At the Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. Fine spring weather. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. John Gill & Jonathan Harris arrested this day for debt. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting & marriage. Read & executed the certificate. Then dined at Branthwaite & lodged at Whitehaven. ***Wed 20th*** At Whitehaven. With John Nixon &c. raising what money I can to satisfy people with. Wife & John Harris also here. ***Thu 21st*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Pay'd several people who were uneasy. John Wilson also arrested but got bail. Wrote John Bell two letters of what had happened our Friends here, to know if I could be of service to him in any respect. ***Fri 22nd*** P. Nicholson here consulting about affairs & how to proceed in this critical & perplexing time. Drew attornments for Jonathan Harris ten[an]ts to sign in order to be in possession in fact of the tenement at Underwood & indorsed the same on the back of the deed of trust. Robert Baynes desires me to get the same executed by the tenants so soon as I can. P. Nicholson here about Jonathan Hudson affairs. Agreed to take Lawyer Harrison's oppinion on the assignment before any further procedure be made by the trustees, as none of the creditors hath yet signed the said assignment. ***Sat 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Robert Baynes not at home. People are now a little quieted on my account. John Reay expected.

Sun 24th Was at the Meeting. John Harris here in the afternoon. Paid Jackson's note. ***Mon 25th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Comissary Court here: proved Isaac Nutt will. Paid Collinson & H. Fell. ***Tue 26th*** John Reay & H. Bowman here. Went with wife & J.R. [*John Reay*] to Eaglesfield in the afternoon. Got a list of debts. Agreed to give notice to Jonathan Harris & John Gill's creditors to meet at Edward Jones's in Cockermouth on 2nd day next & to endeavour with them to sign letters of licence for two years & to choose proper assignees that may be agreeable to them to assign over their whole estates & effects unto for the benefit of their creditors. Robert Baynes to be employ'd for Jonathan Harris & Henry Bowman for John Gill & the needfull to be prepaired against the time. ***Wed 27th*** Went to Egremont court. Got the fine acknowledged from Jenkinson & wife to Jonathan Harris. Went after to Whitehaven. ***Thu 28th*** At Whitehaven. Got cash for A[lexande]r Jones draft of Simpson, a flour man in Tangier. With Bragg, William Ecclestone, John Casson &c. ***Fri 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman. Consulted with John Reay &c. Skyrin, Dearman & wife here. ***Sat 30th*** Settling my accounts as overseer. Town met in the evening. Agreed to & signed the accounts. Jonathan Wilson overseer.

May 1763

Sun 1st At Meeting. With John Harris consulting about affairs. A very wet day. ***Mon 2nd*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. The several creditors of Gill & Harris met at Edward Jones's according to notice & generally signed the letters of licence

for 2 years. Such as were not there to be waited upon seperately with the papers. Simon at last came into a seperate agreement for £140 & he to pay his attorney all costs & John Reay gave his note for payment thereof in one month with interest from the date of the note. Got a liberate signed next day by C. Christian for the prisoners' discharge. ***Tue 3rd*** At Cockermouth. About Gill & Harris affairs with Baynes, Christian &c. Got their liberate signed by Simon's attorney. ***Wed 4th*** The beast fair this day. They are in general dear & likely to continue so. Cold weather & snow. ***Thu 5th*** At the Meeting. Gave John Harris the Yearly Meeting papers: I expect he will go to London if of ability. ***Fri 6th*** Went to Whitehaven about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Met in the evening along with John Brougham, attorney. Agreed to advertise & sell the land speedily. ***Sat 7th*** At Whitehaven. John Harris here consulting about affairs. Agreed to give notice to C.W. creditors to meet about 13th June.

Sun 8th Was at the Meeting. At Kirby & Pardshow after. Cold, sharp weather. ***Mon 9th*** Very unwell. Could not go to Cockermouth. Sent wife in the afternoon. Received a letter from Christian Wilkinson. ***Tue 10th*** Got a litle better. H. Bowman, John Wilson & P. Pearson here. Lent H.B. the articles of copartnership & a copy of W.S. mortgage deed. ***Wed 11th*** Went Cockermouth in afternoon. Met J.H. [*Jonathan Hudson's?*] trustees in the evening & Baynes. Got assignment executed. With John Wilson at John Brougham. Got the advertisement & sent it to Whitehaven with J.W. [*John Wilson*] to the other trustees to get printed if agreable. The creditors of the late C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] to meet at the Globe in Cockermouth on the 13th June to see the accounts & to consult & agree about the sale of the estate at Graysouthen at [*sic*] what else may be needfull. ***Thu 12th*** Yet unwell. ***Sat 14th*** Son Isaac taken very ill this morning. I think it is a fevour. Fine warm weather; a shower in night.

Sun 15th Son very ill. William Gill at him: bled him twice. It appears to be an inflamation of the brain or dura mater. William Lawson here: settled with him; balance £1 11s 0d.[85] ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Son better. Agreed to pay Elinor Nixon £50 on the account of R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] on the 30th current. To acquaint John Fisher. ***Tue 17th*** The fevour seems to be gone. The bleeding of the nose did considerable service. Left weak. Hot weather. ***Wed 18th*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair which was large. Cattle not dear exept milk cows. Sold a cow. With William Hodgson: to pay [him] his £100 on account of the stocking factory about the 15th of July next. Wrote John Harris at John Hunt's, London. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting. Gardeners here yesterday & this day. Went to Gillbrow to the wrights felling wood. ***Fri 20th*** Went to Jonathan Hudson's sale in the afternoon. A pretty sharp sale. Ellwood & Nicholson there. ***Sat 21st*** Met P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] &c. at Eaglesfield. Got the notes signed by Peter Hudson. Went to Cockermouth after.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. Warm, dry weather. Wrote William Skyrin about John Gill writings &c. & sent per post. Drew up an account about the writings made for John Gill between him & William Skyrin: articles &c. £1 1s 0d; mortgage &c. 13s 6d: £1 14s 6d. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth, the

fair. Servants pretty dear owing to their scarcity. Very hot weather. Settled with the servants & paid them in full for wages to this day. Received of John Collin £1 1s. To keep for him until called for. ***Tue 24th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. William Skyrin, Sampson Freeth[86] and Betty Dearman here after. Very hot. Richard Ramsey here in morning. Gave my mare some phisick for the worms. It is to work her tomorrow. May give her warm water, mashes of malt, bran &c. ***Wed 25th*** P. Gibson here. Got a fine fishing last night. Wife & son gone to Eaglesfield. ***Thu 26th*** Very unwell: a disorder in my head and stomach. ***Fri 27th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. Drew a part of Lancelot Wilson's will. A cloudy day. Wrote John Fisher about the £50 I had engaged to pay Elinor Nixon on account of the late R.S. [*Robert Smithson*] & requested him to procure £20 of it & I the remainder. ***Sat 28th*** Went to Whitehaven about R.S. affairs. Raised 50£ to pay Elinor Nixon. With W.S. [*William Skyrin*] &c.

Sun 29th At Whitehaven. Came home along with John Nixon in the afternoon. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Nixon, P. Pearson & sundry others. Dry dusty weather. ***Tue 31st*** Finished Lancelot Wilson's will & other deeds.

June 1763

Wed 1st Went to Cockermouth, the beast fair. Sold a llitle [*sic*] better on account of the weather. A fine rain. ***Thu 2nd*** At Cockermouth. In the warehouse all day entering accounts. Wrote to W.S. [*William Skyrin*] that I had got the deeds from John Gill. ***Fri 3rd*** At ditto. In the warehouse posting up the books & settling the accounts of the factory. Very hot weather. ***Sat 4th*** At ditto. In the warehouse in the forenoon. With Brougham, Baynes, Glaister, Fisher & Winders in the p.m. Signed an agreement with Fisher, Glaister & the Winders. To prepare the accounts & demands of each party & if any differance happen, the same to be determined by Joshua Lucock, moderator. Time until the first of September & the 1st meeting to be on the 28 instant.

Sun 5th The General Meeting but thin on account of Daniel Wilson's funeral in the afternoon. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth & Whitehaven. Before the Comissioners proved R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] debt from William Smithson. To receive the dividend tomorrow. ***Tue 7th*** At Whitehaven. With S. & D. [*Skyrin and Dearman*] about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Examining John Nixon's demands about Thomas Pleasant's partnership. ***Wed 8th*** At ditto. Consulting about the present situation of things & what will be necessary to lay before the creditors at their first meeting. ***Thu 9th*** Went to Cockermouth about Jonathan Harris who was arrested at the suit of the Keys on 3rd day. The money paid Drewry & Wilkinson. ***Fri 10th*** Settling my accounts until this time. Viewing the cattle in Crag field. Moist weather; some showers. ***Sat 11th*** Went Cockermouth. With John Fisher about R.S. affairs: settling the books so far as can. With Richard Radcliffe in the evening. Henry Casson impowers Isaac Fletcher to sign Jonathan Harris letter of licence in his name & to receive the dividend for him. His debt is 12£ upon note @ 8d and one year's interest now due to be paid. [*Later addition 'Interest paid H.C.'*].

Sun 12th Went to Whitehaven about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*]. Examined the accounts; the same in good order. Came home in evening. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met the creditors of C.W. Agreed to sell the estate,[87] & with the widow for 300£. ***Tue 14th*** Wrote copy of renunciation &c. At Kirby in the evening about Jefferson will. To go to Wigton with John Fearon. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Cockermouth, the beast fair. Sold Matthew heffer. A small fair; beasts sold low. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting. Gave notice of collection on 1st day. Copied seven marriage certificates. Thunder & rain. ***Fri 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher going through & settling of R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] books. Came home in the evening. ***Sat 18th*** Went Cockermouth. With John Fisher about R.S. affairs. Settling accounts & writing out remarks on same.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative & Select Meeting after. Alexander Jones & wife here this morning. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Hodgson & Gillespy's notes for factory {William Hodgson: £100 9s 6d; Ann Gillespy: £20 14s 9d}. With sundries about business. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting & Select Meeting after. Elihu Robinson and Thomas Wilson representatives to the Quarter Meeting. ***Wed 22nd*** Wrote all the Queries in the Monthly Meeting book & ruled same. Settled this book. Wife at Graysouthen. ***Thu 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] books. Settled the same so far as can. The audit begun this day. ***Sat 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fisher about R.S. affairs. Consulting about Parrot's process in law &c. Abraham Parrot, as is given out by C.C. [*Charles Christian?*] his attorney, is for proceeding to a tryal at the 1st Assizes upon his promissary note against Joseph Littledale, the administrator of R.S. & that he intends to serve us, the agents, with subpoenas *duce tecum* to produce the books & accounts. But I think that method is impracticab[l]e in any court but that of Equity. Attended the audit on account of getting John Wilson admitted tenant of the tenancy land at Graysouthen, which I got done, but they raised the fine from £3 16s 8d to £8 0s 0d. They are very severe on the tenants, having raised some much more. [88]

Sun 26th At Meeting. General Meeting to be at Cockermouth this day week. Dry weather. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Took instructions for John Swale's will. ***Tue 28th*** At Cockermouth. Met at the George according to appointment. Waited till six p.m. but Joseph Glaister did not appear. ***Thu 30th*** Went to Lowswater court. The General Fine on the death of the late Sir Wilfred Lawson. Got admitted tenant.[89]

July 1763

Fri 1st Went to Cockermouth about the affair between Glaister, Fisher &c. Met a 2nd time at the George in Cockermouth. Present: Glaister, Fisher & Winders; also Brougham and the moderator. And it was agreed that I should forward a power of attorney as speedily as possible to David Brigs, merchant, in Virginia, to remitt to me the money awarded due from the estate of the late William McWilliams deceased on the account Joseph Glaister & company and all other the effects of the

said J.G. & company from whomsoever due & owing in Virginia; & that the books of each party should be mutually examined by said Fisher & Glaister in the presence of the said moderator. ***Sat 2nd*** Begun the power of attorney. Went to Oldfield in the afternoon to see Hannah [*Harris*]. She is returned from America.

Sun 3rd At Meeting: thin on account of the General Meeting. At home in the afternoon. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Gill. Wife taken again with a severe fitt of the colick. Got a little better. With H. Bowman &c. ***Tue 5th*** Went to Graysouthen. Attended the sale of the estate of the late C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] at Graysouthen, which was sold in nine seperate lots or parcels for the sum of £2602 paying two guineas each parcel in hand, the remainder half at Candlemas, the time of entry, & the other half at Lamas following by giving good security for the money. N.B. The widow's share, viz. £300, & the value of the tenancy land belonging the heir-at-law now lett to farm for £8 10s per annum to be ascertained & deducted out of the total amount. A very fatiguing day. Got hime about 5 next day. ***Wed 6th*** Very much fatigued. My legs are both swell'd & broke in several places so that I can't go much. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting: a woman Friend there, but said little to us. Recomended silence & true waiting for strength. ***Fri 8th*** Ingrossed the power of attorney and to send it by the *Nancy*, Captain Thompson, for D. Briggs. ***Sat 9th*** Drew John Swaill's will: a pretty large recital and sundry legacies. Nicholas Beeby executor.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Was at Pardshow with wife & Isaac in afternoon. Showry. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed John Swaill's will. With Brougham &c. With John Pearson. Sold Cragg land for £770. ***Tue 12th*** Went to Whitehaven. Wrote a long letter to David Briggs & inclosed the power of attorney for J.G. [*Joseph Glaister*] & company. ***Wed 13th*** At Whitehaven. The *Nancy*, Captain Thompson, is to sail in a few days for Virginia. Wrote to David Briggs & inclosed a power of attorney to him to receive the ballance of account due from the estate of the late William McWilliams, deceased. Also wrote to Thomas Simpson, Virginia, our account with the late Captain Kenner, £14 14s 0d. Affirmed before H.L., a master in Chancery, & sent by the *Nancy*. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. About Thomas Wood deeds, considering what will be the best method to draw them in. Showery. ***Fri 15th*** My legs much swell'd. ***Sat 16th*** Drew the customary deed for Crossby Closes & the lease between Wood & Dixon for 11 years, yearly rent 18£. Got all executed.

Sun 17th So lame could not go out to Meeting. Copied John Jenkinson's certificate &c. This day John Gill sailed in the *Nancy*, Captain Thompson, for Maryland in order to forward if possible his son to remitt the effects speedily home to satisfy the creditors. Great uneasiness on this account occasioned by the insinuations of J.H. [*Jonathan Harris ?*] & wife. See her letter to J.G. [*John Gill*] now in W.G.'s [*William Gill's*] hands. ***Mon 18th*** Could not get to Cockermouth; legs still much swell'd. ***Tue 19th*** Rode to the Monthly Meeting. So lame could not go on foot. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle, which was very large (Isaac Wilson, clerk this year), containing sundry good advices. Divided the rest to the several particular meetings. The manuscript also here but as it did not come in time for the Quarterly Meeting,

so did not read it. Read a great number of certificates from several parts of the continent of America on account of the services of the religious visit of Hannah Harris & her companion Elizabeth Wilkinson. ***Wed 20th*** Copied the Yearly Meeting's manuscript & a paper of denyal.[90] Wife gone to Cockermouth. ***Fri 22nd*** Nothing to be remarked. Slow hay weather. Very showery; the grass grow fast. ***Sat 23rd*** Looking over Dr. Burn's "Ecclesiastical Law": a very great performance and well executed.

Sun 24th A very wet day. Did not get to the Meeting. Had been taking physick. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Wilson & John Walker: got instruction for their deeds. Coming home this night from Cockermouth was seised pretty near C. Christian corner[91] on a stumble of the mare with a very violent pain in my hipp joint which gave me the greatest uneasiness. Got home through much difficulty & pain. ***Tue 26th*** So very ill of the pain that seised my hip joint, could scarce move. Wife went to Cockermouth for William Gill. ***Wed 27th*** W.G. thought it was a return of my disorder & that it had fixed there partly on account of the strain I might get. ***Thu 28th*** Can go very little out; the pain in the hip continueth. Gardeners here cleaning &c. ***Fri 29th*** Can write but little on account of the pain in my thigh. Gardeners gone home. ***Sat 30th*** Bees cast on 4th day last. A very large cast & went home again this day.

Sun 31st Could not go to the Meeting. Took my 2nd dose of physick; wrought well.

August 1763

Mon 1st John Nixon here. ***Tue 2nd*** Still very lame; can't go much out. Very slow hay weather. Maudland Fair.[92] Wet in afternoon. ***Wed 3rd*** Nothing to be remarked this day. Reading over some parts of Burn's "Ecclesiastical Law". ***Thu 4th*** Did not get to the Meeting on account of lameness. It grows something better.

Sun 7th Walked to the Meeting & was in the afternoon at Pardshow with wife & sons. ***Mon 8th*** Still lame and in a bad state of health. Wife gone to Cockermouth. ***Tue 9th*** Ingrossing the leases for John Wilson & Peter Hudson. ***Wed 10th*** Ingrossing Wilson's release; the recitals long. ***Thu 11th*** Finished ditto and got a considerable part of Hudson done this day. ***Fri 12th*** Finished ditto. The parchment bad and greasy. Put on the seals &c. ***Sat 13th*** Drafted the power of attorney for John Wilson & from ditto to us and ingrossed both in stamp. This day finished the conveyances & powers of attorney which are by agreement to be executed on 3rd day next, being the 16th current, at Cockermouth & Eaglesfield. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] to meet us at Cockermouth on 3rd day morning about the 10th hour.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Tabitha Candler went home in the afternoon. William Hudson & Thomas Webster here. ***Mon 15th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. To meet at Cockermouth tomorrow about 10 a clock to sign the deeds of C.W.'s

[*Christopher Wilson's*] estate. ***Tue 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met at the Globe & executed the deeds & some powers of attorney. At Eaglesfield in the evening and night at the sale of John Gill's land. It sold well in 18 lots or parcels for the sum of £1514 8s, the purchasers to enter on their respective lots on the 25 of March & to pay then half of the purchase money & the other half six months after. ***Wed 17th*** Resting most of this day after the fatigue of last night. Got home at 3 a clock in morning. ***Thu 18th*** Was at Meeting in the morning. Nothing remarkable. Showery uncertain weather for hay. ***Fri 19th*** Took instructions for John Watson's will. Wrote to Israel Pemberton a long letter about C.W.'s trust for Jonathan Thompson of Abington, & a letter to John Gill. ***Sat 20th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Paid Joseph Stanger {for Burn's "Ecclesiastical Law": £2 10s} & John Walker, smith, in full. Caleb Bowes dead.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. George Bell & wife & daughter here in afternoon. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Got John Watson's will executed. He left it in my hands to keep for him. ***Tue 23rd*** At the Monthly Meeting. Read sundry certificates from America on account of Alice Hall, deceased.[93] A very good & satisfactory account. ***Thu 25th*** Went to Whitehaven about Joseph Watson's money. To send him a London bill on 2nd day. This day an account came that Charles, earl of Egremont, was dead of an apoplectic fitt. He was one of the principal Secretaries of State. He has left 3 sons & 3 daughters; the eldest son is about 12 years of age to whom the title descends, George, earl of Egremont &c. It is not yet certain whether the widow can fine or not until the present lord come to age. ***Fri 26th*** At Whitehaven. John Wilson not yet sail'd. He goes with the *Bootle*, Captain Dowson, bound for Philadelphia. ***Sat 27th*** Went to Cockermouth to surrender the tenency land to John Pearson but, the lord of the manor being dead, nothing could be done.

Sun 28th At the Meeting. Blowy, showery and uncertain weather. Some hay to get yet. ***Tue 30th*** Sett forward with John Fearon for Wigton on account of the relations of the late Thomas Jefferson. ***Wed 31st*** At Wigton with Joseph Senhouse & Henry Lowes. There appears something considerable for the relations of the residuary part.

September 1763

Thu 1st At Meeting. Two Friends from Philadelphia, not publick: the one come over on the account of trade; the other to see his relations.[93A] ***Fri 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Shewed Thomas Fisher our goods. He intends to make a tryal of them. Went with T.F. to Graysouthen. ***Sat 3rd*** Went to Whitehaven. With Skyrin & Nixon.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Isel this day week. Showry weather. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Patinson of Pow. Got back notice from Jacob Drewry about arbitration. Jane Watman fetched home. Her sister is very ill in a fevour. She is not to come again, so her wage is to be

proportioned to this day. From Whitsuntide to the 5th current is 15 week, at 20s the half year of 25 weeks, is 12s due to Jane Watman. ***Tue 6th*** Gardener here cleaning up the gardens. Begun to shear barley this day in Corn Close. ***Wed 7th*** Very showery. Gardener went away this evening: too wet & dirty to finish. ***Thu 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. Remitted Joseph Watson the ballance of his account. At Papcastle with Richard Ramsey. ***Sat 10th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon about the Papcastle affair. Got little done. Very showry weather.

Sun 11th At Meeting. A very wet morning. With wife at Eaglesfield after. Came home in the evening. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Benson & Rook about their affair; also with Henry Bowman &c. ***Tue 13th*** At Cockermouth. About the factory. Settling the cash book in the warehouse all day. Sent two cows to John Fisher's ground of Wood hall at one shilling per week each for fatt. ***Wed 14th*** Went Cockermouth. In the warehouse. ***Thu 15th*** Went to Whitehaven & got the above bill changed.[94] Also paid of A. Jones' note. Came home in the evening. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Whinney about settling the books & consulting on what method to proceed. ***Sat 17th*** With the shearers. Joseph Pearson here 3 days. Slow harvest weather. Joseph Whiney to be about the books.

Sun 18th At Meeting. The Preparative & Select Meeting after. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. By a letter from R.R.'s [*Richard Radcliffe's*] agent in London it appears that Bell would not accept my two last drafts until he had a remittance in his hand for that purpose. To get a draft on Skyrin & Dearman as soon as I can for that purpose. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Select Meeting after. Collection to be this month. Throng with the harvest. Wet weather. ***Wed 21st*** Went not to Cockermouth, the weather being so very wet & I was very unwell. ***Thu 22nd*** At Cockermouth. With Whiney, going through the factory stock books &c. To finish the same on 7th day. Remitted Bell Skyrin & Dearman on Smith & Co. for my two bills of £81 5s 6d and wrote him my free sentiments on his conduct. This at two months. To give them a draft on Wimpey this day week in lieu of the other. Also wrote Christian Wilkinson about her affairs at Ullock. ***Fri 23rd*** Wrote and executed at Graysouthen the releases between John Harris & John Whiney about some exchanges of land. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Whinney about the books. Did not get them finished.

Sun 25th Was at the Meeting. The General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Fine harvest weather. ***Tue 27th*** Throng with the harvest. The sale of J.H. [*Jonathan Harris's*] estate at Underwood this evening. It was struck to John Fearon for £921 for & on the account of John Robinson and self, viz. John to have the pastures & Whinneys for what they were struck at in parcels, £336. And I am to have the remainder at £585, making together the said sum of £921. ***Wed 28th*** Had a great number of shearers. Got all the oats cutt. Left only a little barley in Corn Close. ***Thu 29th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Quarter Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Came home in the evening. ***Fri 30th*** Went with wife to Quarter Meeting. In general pretty well conducted. Proved W.S. will after.

October 1763

Sun 2nd At Meeting. A very stormy day and a great flood. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth in afternoon. With Joseph Whinney and others about business. Rainy. ***Tue 4th*** Went Cockermouth. With Joseph Whinney about the stocking company affairs. ***Wed 5th*** Went to ditto. With J.W. about ditto. Can't finish this day. At Graysouthen; executed Pearson's deeds. ***Thu 6th*** Very throng about the harvest which is late this year. It has been a very wet season. ***Fri 7th*** Got in a great quantity of oats. The storm came on again before night. ***Sat 8th*** Went Cockermouth. With J.W. [*Joseph Whinney*]. Finished the stocking affairs. This day ballanced the accounts at the factory. There appears a very great loss in this business but shall examine further into the particulars of each account to know if any mistake has happened in entry, omissions or otherwise.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for the poor this day week. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair not very throng. The beasts & horses pretty moderate. ***Tue 11th*** Got the remainder of the barley taken up this day. Throng housing oats. Fine weather. ***Wed 12th*** Got all the barley in, about 290 shocks. Got a part of the oats out of the Near Whinney. ***Thu 13th*** Got all the oats in this day, about 600 shocks. Fine weather. ***Fri 14th*** Set forward to Carlisle. Got to Wigton & lodged there. ***Sat 15th*** At Wigton. Set forward about 7 a.m. Got to Carlisle about 9. Waited upon John Nicholson, deputy register, at his office in Carlisle. Affirmed to Joseph Watson's will as a witness in the usual way. Got Jefferson & Gibson's bond out of court. Paid the charge and got a blank bond to be executed before Parson Bell of Bridekirk, in which the husband and two sureties are to execute. Then I am to go over again to Carlisle to deliver the new bond and receive the copy of the will & probate out of court. This is to be done in about two weeks time.

Sun 16th At Carlisle. Came away about 10 a.m.; dined at Cockbridge; stop'd at Cockermouth; got home about 8 p.m. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Took instructions for John Hudson's will &c. With Glaister, Fisher &c. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Sarah Taylor & Tabitha Akeright [*i.e. Eckroyd*] ther[e]. Thomas Abbat & Mary Bell married. ***Wed 19th*** At Cockermouth after with Glaister &c. ***Fri 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Met at the George about Glaister, Fisher &c. John Brougham & Lucock there. Agreed to sign arbitration bonds to Joshua Lucock alone to determine the differances at or before the 25th of December next. And Brougham to prepare the bonds against 2nd day. To meet at his house at 3 a clock in the afternoon. I paid all expences & to charge them in account.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. The two women Friends there. Skyrin & Dearman here afternoon. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again at the house of John Brougham according to our former appointment. Signed the arbitration bonds. To get our answers from Robert Baynes on 4th day and deliver them to the arbitrator. ***Tue 25th*** Copied the power of attorney from Joseph Littledale to Fisher and self. To shew it to Brougham. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Brougham & the two Littledales. Got special bail James Wilson & John Littledale. Spoke to Robert

Baynes about the answers in Chancery. He could not get it for me this day but promised to deliver said answer to Justice Lucock tomorrow morning. ***Thu 27th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn. With William Burrows at night about Watson's will. ***Fri 28th*** At Whitehaven. With Ramsey & Burrows. Took his note for the money. Set to go to Parson Bell on 3rd. ***Sat 29th*** At ditto. With Skyrin, Dearman & Nixon. Agreed to take an opinion about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs.

Sun 30th At the Meeting in the a.m. Signed John Bell's indentures after. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Nixon consulting about an opinion &c. Richard Dearman here.

November 1763

Tue 1st Went to Bridekirk. Got the bond executed. Signed Jefferson's deeds after. ***Wed 2nd*** Joseph Pearson who I had hired for a servant came here this day about 11 a clock. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting in the morning. Not very well. Looking over the book called "The Death of Abel". ***Fri 4th*** Nothing to be remarked. Yet unwell: got cold by being wet on the 3rd day. ***Sat 5th*** Joseph gone to the coals for the first time. Drew John Hudson's will.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Moderate weather. Agreed with John Fawcett for young Sunderland heffer for £4 10s & he is to take her away in two weeks time. Agreed with James Porter for the winterage of Bank, Corn Close & Little Meadow from this day until the 25th March & I am to take care of the hedge for 6s to be allowed in the latter payment of rent. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & son. With Glaister &c. To go to Workington tomorrow. ***Tue 8th*** Went to Workington with Jonathan Hudson. Met Joseph Whinney about C. Nailor's books. ***Wed 9th*** At Workington with Joseph Whinney at Christopher Naylor's. Examined the books. Agreed to go through the bills of parcels and compare them with the entries in books and also the sales and ledger entries with the cash books. Could get little forward with books. Agreed upon a plan to proceed upon. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Cockermouth p.m. Got the copy of Watson's will & probat[e] out of the court. ***Fri 11th*** Settled this book & copied Joseph Watson's will. Begun with Joseph Falder's will. ***Sat 12th*** Drafted out and ingrossed Joseph Falder's will. Moderate weather.

Sun 13th At the Meeting. Henry Bowman here in the afternoon. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Executed Joseph Falder's will. ***Tue 15th*** John Mirehouse here about flaging the swine hull. John Fisher, butcher, here. ***Wed 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again at the George in Cockermouth with John Brougham, the representative of the two Winders, Joseph Glaister and Fisher; also Justice Lucock and Whinney. They are going through John Fisher's books & request to have my account delivered in as soon as convenient. I was very unwell this day so that I could not do much business. Dined at the George. Settled with Collin after. ***Thu 17th*** Went to Whitehaven. With John Nixon, Richard Dearman consulting

about the present state of affairs. ***Sat 19th*** At Whitehaven. Breakfasted at Thomas Casson's; paid him his interest. Came away about 11 a.m. Hard frost & snow.

Sun 20th Was at the Meeting. Very cold & sharp weather with snow. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Passed the private surrender at the castle for John Pearson, Graysouthen. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. Nothing remarkable. ***Wed 23rd*** Edward Jones came & killed the beef cow this morning. She proved very well. Went to Wearyhall after. ***Thu 24th*** At Wearyhall with Joseph Peile. Met Thomas Robinson & John Harrison in the differance between Wilfrid Clerk and Jacob Drewry about a road. Had several evidences examined on both sides. It appears pretty clear by the evidence that the road in question has been used for a coal road upwards of sixty years and so beyond the memory of man, when coals have been got on that part of the estate which lyeth the nearest said road; otherwise, if near the king's high road called Banks Lane, then took that road. On some questions being put agreed to take the opinion of a counsel. ***Fri 25th*** Unwell. Could do but little business this day. Very wet weather. ***Sat 26th*** Ingrossed the power of attorney to John Fearon & self. Also fill'd up a blank parish indenture.

Sun 27th At Meeting. John Nutt, Matthew Black and John Johnson here in afternoon. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received the case from T.R. [*Thomas Robinson*] and J.H. [*John Harrison*] for my remarks on it. ***Tue 29th*** Settling this book. My arm very much swell'd. Can scarce do business. ***Wed 30th*** Copied the line of descent for John Senhouse. Also the coal way case & drew queries.

December 1763

Thu 1st Was intended for Whitehaven but the great storm & flood prevented me. Wrote Thomas Robinson. Account came this day that Peter How Esqr., John Younger and John Wilkinson had all stop'd payments yesterday & that comissions of bankruptcy was ordered against them.[95] It is reported that How is indebted above £100,000 & pretty largely to the Government. This will affect the trade of this county very much & ruin many families who have almost their all in his hands. ***Fri 2nd*** Examining the case & queries. Think little alteration can be made. ***Sat 3rd*** Nothing remarkable this day. Weather still very unsettled.

Sun 4th Did not get to the Meeting. Was very unwell. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got an order to go to Whitehaven tomorrow. ***Tue 6th*** Went to Whitehaven. Deliver'd the probat & copy of the will to William Burrows. ***Wed 7th*** At Whitehaven. At Meeting in a.m. Two Friends from Pensilvania there. John Wright from London. Agreed to stand by each other. Gave Wright our securities payable in 12 months & he signed us an agreement or defeasance setting forth the same with conditions. ***Thu 8th*** At ditto. By a letter from John Sanderson of London it appears he will be obliged to stop payment on account of his accepting some bills for P. How, and as John Nixon is pretty deeply connected with him on account of the affairs of Wilson & Nixon, we thought it best for John Nixon & either

William Skyrin or Richard Dearman to ride post directly for London to try what can be done in that affair before any assignees are chosen & to endeavour to get attachments against his goods in America. ***Sat 10th*** Was not very well, so was not much out this day. Very unsettled weather.

Sun 11th At Meeting. The two men Friends there. A large Meeting & pretty well. ***Mon 12th*** Did not get to Cockermouth on account of the snow. Writing out accounts for John Fisher & company. ***Wed 14th*** Went to Cockermouth about Glaister & Fisher affairs. Met at the George. Little done. ***Thu 15th*** Went to Whitehaven. Skyrin & Nixon sett forward for London on 1st day morning last past. ***Fri 16th*** At Whitehaven. Went with R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] to Joshua Gee's.[96] At Joshua Gee's made an estimate of the value of Frizington Hall estate, each field by itself, with proper allowances for a farmer. To send said Gee my estimate so soon as convenient. ***Sat 17th*** Went to Cockermouth about Winder, Glaister &c. Gave Fisher my papers at George after.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative & Select Meeting after. Thomas Goodwin there. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met at the George again. Fisher slow in settling his accounts. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. William Horne & Thomas Goodwin there. Held long. The Select after. ***Wed 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again at the George. Agreed to prolong the arbitration bonds until March 1st. ***Thu 22nd*** At Cockermouth. With Joseph Whinney about the stocking company affairs. Jonathan Harris present going through the objections. ***Fri 23rd*** At ditto. This forenoon at warehouse and brought some bills to my account. Settled all but Bell's account. Met at the George again & signed the new arbitration bonds. Time continued to the first of March; first meeting to be on the 1st day of February next and so to be continued at the discretion of the arbitrator & he is to proceed ex parte if the parties or any of them do not appear upon his summance to them. And an award to be ready & executed in time. The arbitration bonds all paid for by the three parties, Glaister, Fisher & Winders, & all expences to this time paid by them.

Mon 26th Went to Cockermouth. Executed H.F. [*Henry Fletcher's*] deed of assignment and will. Came on foot home with R.F. [*Richard Fletcher?*]. ***Tue 27th*** Settled this book. A very snowy day. Set forward for Wigton in afternoon but returned. ***Wed 28th*** Set forward again this morning for Wigton with John Fearon & got there through great difficulty. ***Thu 29th*** At Wigton. Attended the Meeting for Business & the Select Meeting. Both pretty well conducted. The Americans there. ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. At the Meeting for Worship. The American Friends there. They were much favoured in the meeting. Satisfactory. ***Sat 31st*** At home.

29th & 30th Met several times with John Senhouse & Henry Lowes about the late Thomas Jefferson affairs. Took an account from said Senhouse of their receipts & payments and also the outstanding debts which are in the hands of John Fearon. Agreed to receive the ballance of cash in hand on the day after the Sessions at Cockermouth & to take a power of attorney from Senhouse to collect the debts &c. And to indemnify him against any other claimers. To receive all the papers &c.

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January 1764

Sun 1st Was at the Meeting in the morning. Two Friends there visiting the county. Frost. By account from Henry Bowman, William Skyrin & John Nixon got home from London. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth on foot. Took instructions for Richard Whiney's will & P.S. [*P. Southward*] indentures. ***Tue 3rd*** Nothing remarkable this day. Very uncertain weather; the snow mostly gone off. ***Wed 4th*** Going through my papers in the desk & examining them. William Hudson came here this day. He is now free from his apprentiship and purposes to stay here this winter & go to the school. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting in the morning. About the papers sorting after. ***Fri 6th*** Finished the sorting the papers in desk & files. Found some of J.B.'s [*John Bell's?*] accounts current. ***Sat 7th*** Drew Richard Whiney's will and also an indenture of apprentiship between William Gill [and] P.S. [*P. Southward*].

Sun 8th At the Meeting. Margaret Lindley there: a young preacher. Wrote John Nixon. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth with W.H. [*William Hudson*]. Executed Richard Whiney's will. With Whinfell tenants. ***Tue 10th*** Pruning the trees in the orchard. A very fine day inclining to frost. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Sessions; but little business. Sir James & his lady here. Gone to Whitehaven. ***Thu 12th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Sessions. Met John Senhouse. Received a power of attorney from his father to act in his place & also gave him a bond to indemnify him against others claiming. John Fearon received about £175 & the book and papers and accounts, notes &c. ***Fri 13th*** Nothing remarkable. Very bad, uncertain weather. ***Sat 14th*** At Kirby in the evening. Met John Fearon about Wigton affairs.

Sun 15th At Meeting. At Mossergate after. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. To make books, deeds ready. ***Tue 17th*** Attended the burial of Elinor Skyrin, the wife of William Skyrin of Whitehaven. Met the corps at Branthwaite. She died of a decline or consumption & was much wore. She was a very honest, industrious & frugal woman & has left one son. Richard Dearman and Joshua Gee came home and dined with me & stay'd the afternoon. Went with them to Kirby in the night. Received a letter from John Wilson & another from Thomas Fisher from Joppa in the Province of Maryland. Very wet.

Sun 22nd At the Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Took instructions for Eaglesfield deeds. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Not large on account of the very wet day. ***Wed 25th*** Went to Whitehaven with William Hudson. With John Nixon, W.S. [*William Skyrin*] &c. ***Thu 26th*** At Whitehaven. Agreed to write the purchasers of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] estate to

meet us at Graysouthen on the 3rd February. ***Fri 27th*** Sett forward to Wigton with John Fearon. Dined at Cockbridge and lodged at Johnson's. ***Sat 28th*** At Wigton. Was taken very ill last night of the cholick or gravill, succeded by a violent lax. With Henry Lowes. Examined the notes. Took some new notes & gave a longer time for payment and received some cash which is in the hands of John Fearon. He paid all my expences this journey. The heir at law, Joseph Jefferson, also met us about the mortgage. He is very obstinate and saith he will not give it up but hath sent a case to London for an opinion of counsel & then will meet us at Cockermouth and finally determine the affair. He proposes to meet us on 2nd day week.

Sun 29th At ditto. With H. Lowes. Received some more cash and took notes &c. Came home after. ***Mon 30th*** The lax continueth. Taking physick. Could not go to Cockermouth: sent William Hudson. ***Tue 31st*** Unwell. Could do but very little business. Very stormy weather.

February 1764

Wed 1st Henry Bowman here. Had finished the draft of Gill's estate. Hudson & Pearson refferrd their cause. ***Thu 2nd*** Could not go to Graysouthen about the arbitration. They agreed it themselves: Hudson gets £17 18s &c. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Graysouthen. Met W.S. [*William Skyrin*], R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & John Nixon. Most of the purchasers of C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] estate met us at Graysouthen & paid to W.S. half of the said purchase money. We are now to give the creditors of the late C.W. notice to bring in their bonds which will be paid off so far as the effects will answer. I am to receive £200 for Casson & remitt the same to Smith, Wright & Gray, London, to take up my note and give him my security for the same. ***Sat 4th*** At Cockermouth. With W.S. & John Nixon consulting about affairs. To raise what money we can speedily.

Sun 5th At the Meeting. Still very wet, unseasonable weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Lowes, John Fearon &c. Settled with Christopher Robinson.[97] ***Tue 7th*** Looking over som[e] adjudged cases about wills. Cleaning out the beck. ***Wed 8th*** Settling this book and drawing the draft [of] John Pearson's deed. ***Thu 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received of John Fearon 200£ @ £14 10s per cent and gave him my note on demand. ***Fri 10th*** Finished the draft of Pearson's deeds. Begun the release of the grass of meeting house yard. Ruth Johnson came here as a servant upon liking to give her no wages except she deserve it. ***Sat 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. A very great flood. It was near half yard deep in the warehouse, but little damage done.

Sun 12th At the Meeting. A stormy day and another flood. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled accounts with Richard Ramsey. Gave him his note for £1 11s 6d & discharged the remainder, 9s, making together £2 0s 6d in full of all accounts between us. ***Tue 14th*** Finished the release for the grass of Graysouthen meeting house yard. Stormy weather. ***Wed 15th*** Went with wife & William Hudson to Cockermouth. G.B. [*George Bell*] to make up the goods, value about £200,

consigned to R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*]. Settled with my shoemaker, James Fletcher, & paid him in full to this time. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. To go to Whitehaven tomorrow. ***Fri 17th*** Went forward to Whitehaven. With Dearman, Nixon &c. To write to Smith and company. Sent two packs of hose to London consigned here to Richard Radcliffe for sales. He sent them to Blackburn & Hodgson, merchants in London. Agreed to draw for one half of the value as soon as they are got to London. Value is £2 [*sic, recte '£200'*]. ***Sat 18th*** At Whitehaven. Was at Casson's. Agreed to give him a mortgage for £500. Paid Henry Piper in full.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting. A stormy day. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Dined at the George; with Fisher, Glaister &c. about the arbitration. Wrote to Smith, Wright & Gray upon the present situation of affairs, and also to John Bell, William Skyrin, Peter Gale &c. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. To meet again tomorrow about arbitration. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Stephen Corbet: paid him in part. With Fisher, Glaister after at George. ***Thu 23rd*** Writing out my account with Jonathan Harris. William Hudson sailed this day for Dublin. ***Fri 24th*** Went Cockermouth. About the arbitration. Delivered the factory books to R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*] and Bell's account current. ***Sat 25th*** Ingrossed the deed for Pearson. Went to Graysouthen and got it executed.

20th, 22nd, & 24th Met at Cockermouth about the arbitration between Fisher, Glaister & Winders. I am to prepare a power of attorney & send to Robert Jackson, merchant in Virginia, and countermand that sent to D. Briggs, for Glaister would not trust Briggs with any of his property upon any account and hinted as much as he was not a good man, having no property &c.

Sun 26th At the Meeting. Jonathan Wilson there: a good minister. A snowy day. ***Mon 27th*** Wrote a long letter to Jane Harris. A very snowy day: did not go to Cockermouth. ***Tue 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Stay'd all night there. With Richard Radcliffe. Shewed him my account about Underwood land. ***Wed 29th*** At Cockermouth. Went to Cockbridge about the difference between Clerk & Drewrey. Got the same agreed.

March 1764

Thu 1st Went from thence with Richard Dearman to Whitehaven. Got in about 11 at night. Sharp frost. Consulting about affairs. ***Fri 2nd*** At Whitehaven. Wrote & executed a deed of uses, lease and release between William Eccleston, W.S., R.D., J.N. [*William Skyrin, Richard Dearman, John Nixon*] and self of the reversions of W.E.'s freehold and leasehold lands at Cornal-Row in the county of Lancaster, to mortgage or sell at our discretion & the money arrising therefrom to pay of our own debts &c. The remainder over to himself. ***Sat 3rd*** At ditto. Finished the deed & got it executed. Drew a power of attorney to Robert Jackson. Got the notary seal.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Fine weather. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met William Skyrin at night. To meet tomorrow. ***Tue 6th*** Went to ditto. With W.S. & Gill's trustees & C. Christian. Agreed to take the land. Agreed

with William Johnson for Mosser-mains land for 3 years from the 25th inst. Yearly rent £6 at 2 payments, 25 of December & 25 March equal. I pay the taxes. ***Wed 7th*** At Whitehaven. Came last night about 11. With W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & Walker. Sent for about T. Casson's will. He is very ill. ***Thu 8th*** At Cockermouth. Met the Reays & J.H.'s [*Jonathan Harris's*] trustees. About settling the stocking company affairs. ***Fri 9th*** Went to ditto. Finished the accounts and signed the books. Each partner is to advance his share. ***Sat 10th*** Went to ditto. Agreed to meet again on the 24 current & I am either to buy J.H. share or to divide the stock.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Wrote part of a deed between Wilton & Steel. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed the mortgage deed, Wilton and Steel; also P. Southward indentures. ***Tue 13th*** Drawing the draft for Gill's land according to the advice of counsel. ***Wed 14th*** Drawing the draft of the conveyances for Underwood land by Robert Bayns' advice. ***Thu 15th*** Measured the hedge steads. The[y] amount to 77 roods @ 5d. At Cockermouth after. ***Fri 16th & Sat 17th*** Ingrossed the deeds of Underwood land from J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] & wife, the trustees of the real and personal estat[e], to William Gill. Also drew the deeds by lease & release from William Gill to myself of the premises.

Sun 18th At the Meeting. The Preparative & Select Meeting after. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting which held very late. The Select Meeting after. New elders apointed to attend the same. ***Wed 21st*** Begun this day to ingross the deeds for Gill's estate to the several purchasers. ***Thu 22nd*** Peter Nicholson came here this morning from Sallee hill and, as he could not stay to do any business on account of attending the Assizes at Lancaster, agreed to come again on the 9th or 10th of next month & then stay to go through the affairs of Jonathan Hudson; and wrote J.H. accordingly. At Cockermouth after with William Skyrin & others about Gill's land. ***Fri 23rd*** This day about 12 a clock came George Dixon from St. Bees to assist me in ingrossing the deeds. ***Sat 24th*** Ingrossing the deed[s], which are long; the releases take each two skins of parchment.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the morning. Was in the p.m. ingrossing. ***Mon 26th*** Took the sheep at Mossergate in the forenoon and delivered the same again to John Carlisle.[98] At Cockermouth p.m. Attended the sale of the parcels of John Gill's land which were before bought by C. Christian but shamefull[y] run of his agreement under his own hand upon very frivelous pretences about the title but in truth for want of money to pay for the purchase. They could not come at the first sale by upwards of 60£, so took it up. ***Tue 27th*** Ingrossing in the forenoon. Went after to Cockermouth. Got the deed signed about Underwood land &c. At Cockermouth agreed with J.H. [*Jonathan Harris's*] trustees for the sale of his ⅓ share of the stock and utensils, frames &c. They are to allow me 12½ per cent for said stock. Signed the books & accounts. ***Wed 28th*** Finished the deeds of Gill's land. Sealed and backed the same: in all nine setts of deeds. ***Thu 29th*** Went to Whitehaven with George Dixon. Got the deeds executed and money paid per condition of sale. ***Fri 30th*** At Whitehaven. With P. Gale, J. Casson and A. Jones. Agreed with them. Came home in the evening. ***Sat 31st*** Had the keys of the house late Harris's delivered me by James Porter.[99]

April 1764

Sun 1st At Meeting. The adjourn'd Monthly Meeting after. The testimonies left to a committee. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the power of attorney signed from steward to Richard Lancaster, London. This day son John enter'd at school. ***Tue 3rd*** Drawing to [*sic*] mortgage deed for self & P. Gale of Underwood land. ***Wed 4th*** Went to New Close, W. Lawson's, in the p.m. Signed the mortgage deed of Underwood land, late Harris, to Peter Gale. Consideration £500 @ 10d for 5 years; yearly interest £20 16s 8d. Deliver'd him my purchase deeds allong with the mortgage deed. Received the remainder of the money. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Setting out the ridges in Corn Close after. Fine weather. ***Fri 6th*** Sow'd a peck of winter wheat & some oats after. Went to Cockermouth p.m. ***Sat 7th*** Ingrossed the bond from John Robinson & self to the purchasers of John Gill's land against dower.

Sun 8th Was at the burial of Joseph Mirehouse daughter. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met the purchasers of Gill's estate. Executed the bond to barr dower. ***Tue 10th*** About transcribing the Sufferings. Esther Johnson buried at Pardshow-hall. ***Wed 11th*** Very lame. My leg much swelled and inflamed, so can't go out. With Elihu about testimonies. ***Thu 12th*** Finished the testimonies for Alice Hall & John Bell for the approbation of the Quarter Meeting. Peter Nicholson, Jonathan Hudson junior and Henry Bowman here. Executed Richard Waite's deeds for Brough Marsh for said Hudson's share. Apportioned old Jonathan Hudson's live's estate in said purchase money to £18, to be paid by his son to us, the trustees, for the use of his creditors. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] can't stay now so long as to settle the accounts between Wilson & Hudson &c. but has agreed to come again on the 9th of next month & to stay until said accounts be settled. Also perused the deeds from Christopher Nailor about the disolution of the partnership &c. & approved of same. Also signed the power of attorney to Henry Bowman to collect debts of said partnership. ***Fri 13th*** Finished the copy of Sufferings & transcribed the same into the book. ***Sat 14th*** Made out true copies of the testimonies to keep by me. Ann Fawcett seized very ill of a fevor: wife there.

Sun 15th Lame. Could not get to the Meeting. Sent the papers for the Quarter Meeting to Elihu Robinson. ***Mon 16th*** Yet very lame. Could not go to Cockermouth. Got some cabage plants [from] E.J. [*Edward Jones*]. ***Tue 17th*** John Casson here & Richard Dearman also. Wrote Robert Baynes & John Johnson, gardener. ***Wed 18th*** Dry weather. Wind mostly northerly. About sowing the oats. ***Thu 19th*** Ann, wife of John Fawcett, died yesterday morning & was buried this day at Pardshow-hall.

17th, 18th, & 19th The Yearly Meeting for the Northern Counties held at Brampton. (I could not attend on account of my leg). Understand that our Friend Samuel Fothergill attended said meeting, which was very large, & had very good service. The people came from many places at a considerable distance and were well satisfied. It is appointed next year at Kendal.

Fri 20th Was at Mossergate & Pardshow-hall yesterday at the burial. My leg much worse this day. ***Sat 21st*** Got but little out. Making up the register so far as I can, but very imperfect.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. Still lame. ***Mon 23rd*** At home. Still very lame. Could not go to Cockermouth. The gardeners came today. ***Tue 24th*** The Monthly Meeting: could not attend it. John Pearson answered for clerk. A marriage proposed. ***Wed 25th*** Edward Jones here. I was taking physick this day: it wrought but slowly. ***Thu 26th*** Sew all the oats, about 18 bushells. Still dry weather but cold. ***Fri 27th*** Ploughing the potatoe ground and prepairing to plant them. ***Sat 28th*** Got a bushel of the early potatoes planted. Pen Hutchinson here in afternoon.

Sun 29th Did not go to the Meeting. Sarah Wilson & daughter & Thomas Wilson here. Wrote for Sarah Wilson a certificate of her consent for her son John Wilson to proceed & marry according to the rules of the Society Alisanna Webster, the daughter of Margaret Webster, a member of the Monthly Meeting of Deer-Creek in the Province of Maryland. Attested by Thomas Wilson & self and signed Sarah Wilson. To send by the ship *Neptune*, Captain Ealbeck, and a duplicate by the packet. I am to write John Wilson by the ship. ***Mon 30th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of my leg. Wife gone to Cockermouth. Setting potatoes.

May 1764

Tue 1st This day finished the potatoes. In all about four bushels. ***Wed 2nd*** Begun to lead the manure. Made a gap into Whinney & went up Quarey Close brough. ***Thu 3rd*** A hard gale of wind with rain from the south. Could not go to the Meeting. ***Sat 5th*** Wife gone to the funeral of Sarah Piper, younger. Rainy & a hard gale of wind from the south.

Sun 6th Still very lame. Could not go to the Meeting. ***Mon 7th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. John Burnyeat here: took instructions for will. ***Tue 8th*** P. Nicholson here. Concluded to send for C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] books as I could not go out. ***Wed 9th*** Drew a part of John Burnyeat's will. Got C.W.'s books sent me from Whitehaven. ***Thu 10th*** P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] & Jonathan Hudson senior here, looking over the books to settle the accounts. ***Fri 11th*** Joseph Whinney here this day about the books, & Jonathan Hudson junior. ***Sat 12th*** P.N. yet here & Jonathan Hudson senior. Found some errors in account.

Most of this week was employed about the accounts between C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] & J.H. [*Jonathan Hudson*]. Got Joseph Whinney along with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] to examine the same and fix them as fairly as can be done from the books and papers. We have not near gone thro' them but concluded that Joseph Whinney & self to finish them so soon as convenient & make queries on what we can't clearly determine to be left to the parties together to determine. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] was not willing the books should go out of the executors' hand &c.

Sun 13th P.N. here. Could not get to the Meeting. Rainy. ***Mon 14th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman, Robert Baynes & John Fisher about business. ***Tue 15th*** Man gone to Eaglesfield to help H. [*Hannah*] Gill to shift to Cockermouth. A showry day: late season for barly. ***Wed 16th*** At Cockermouth; the 2nd beast fair: sold

very dear. Settled with Joseph Peile &c. Signed bonds to Joseph Peile & John Harrison of Stanger for £50 each @ £4 per cent per annum, dated the 13th current, & took up my notes for the same. This money is in the stocking company. ***Thu 17th*** Joseph Whinney here going through C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] books. ***Fri 18th*** J.W. [*Joseph Whinney*] here. The books so very badly keept it will be slow work. ***Sat 19th*** J.W. here. Got through some of the ship accounts. The books of the late C.W. are so badly and confusedly keept that it will be very hard to fix the accounts right. We can't proceed without the assistance of Richard Dearman. Then when he returns from his journey to get the executors' accounts and then to settle the whole. I am to charge for my time & trouble & for Joseph Whinney &c.

Sun 20th Was at the Meeting. Betty Robinson & William Sowerby here upon a visit. Hired a man servant for eight guineas a year, to commence from Whitsuntide next. His name is Archibald Armstrong, & gave him 1s earnest. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris [and] Robert Baynes & settled with them. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. The two Friends there from Yorkshire about the visit of families. ***Wed 23rd*** Got all the barley sown yesterday. In all 6 bushels. A showery day. ***Thu 24th*** Betty Robinson & William Sowerby here along with John Harris & John Grayson on the visit of families. ***Fri 25th*** A very satisfactory visit yesterday. Gardeners here. Fine weather. ***Sat 26th*** Joseph Black here making bank gate &c. Gardeners in the high garden.

Sun 27th At the Meeting. With wife & sons at Pardshow after. Hannah Gill here. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. Bought a swine. Son Isaac also there. Coaler came here this morning. ***Tue 29th*** Coaler and two wrights here about making gates. Very cold for the season. ***Wed 30th*** Coaler gone to beast fair. Three wrights here. Cold in the fore part of day. Warm after. ***Thu 31st*** At the Meeting. Coaler & 3 wrights here. Wrote John Jackson and Ann Bell marriage certificate.

June 1764

Fri 1st Went to Broughton to the marriage. Read & got the certificate executed. Well conducted.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. The General Meeting at Whitehaven. Susi Gill & Sarah Bell here. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and son John. With Henry Bowman about stoping the action [about] C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's debts*]. ***Tue 5th*** John Nixon here. Wrote to R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] to order our attorney to suffer a judgement &c. Very dry weather. ***Wed 6th*** Ingrossed the release about grass of meeting house yard, Graysouthen. Getting turff. ***Thu 7th*** Was at the Meeting. Betty Robinson, William Sowerby there. She a good minister. ***Sat 9th*** Went Cockermouth in the afternoon to meet Joseph Jefferson. He did not appear.

Sun 10th Was at Meeting. Very thin on account of the Friends being at Broughton. John Nixon & Richard Dearman here in the afternoon & Henry Bowman. Signed an agreement for judgement in the cause between Nixon & the executors of C.W.

[*Christopher Wilson*] & also Bowman & the said executors to receive assets in future after bond debts, specialties &c. are paid to save further costs in the law. Richard Dearman & John Nixon agreed to be here on 6th & 7th days about C.W.'s books. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. Whitsun fair this day. Servants pretty dear. The new man came this day. ***Tue 12th*** Man gone to the coals. Showers in the p.m. Growing weather. ***Wed 13th*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair: very dear. Settled with Richard Radcliffe about the consignment. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Man about getting the remainder of turff in Brakenhill. ***Fri 15th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting which begun at 10 & continued until 3 p.m. Richard Dearman here after. ***Sat 16th*** With Richard Dearman about C.W.'s books. We can't in a short time fix 'em. We examin'd several accounts and agreed to meet again on 7th day week & get Joseph Whinney to meet allong with [us] and fix upon some plain [*sic*] to have the same fix'd as near the truth as may be.

Sun 17th At Meeting. The collection for the Quarter Meeting. At Mossergate after. Hot day. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with John Robinson & paid him the ballance. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Signed a certificate to E.R. [*Elizabeth ('Betty') Robinson*] and William Sowerby about the visit, to Richmond. ***Wed 20th*** Went with wife & son William to Cragg End. Sally got a cancer in her lip, but recovering. ***Thu 21st*** Men hedging in the pasture. Extreem hot weather, inclinable to thunder. ***Fri 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Dodgson and Richard Ramsey. I am to raise cash for J.D. ***Sat 23rd*** Richard Dearman and Joseph Whinney here this day going thro' C.W.'s accounts in order to fix Jonathan Hudson's share of the loss. Agreed to meet again on 4th day next.

Sun 24th At the Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid to R. Baynes for John Reay £100; to pay the remainder this day next week. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Butermire. Met H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. a fishing. Got some fine trouts. A fine day. ***Wed 27th*** Richard Dearman, P. Nicholson and Jonathan Hudson here about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] books. ***Thu 28th*** Joseph Whinney and P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here this day. P.N. not satisfyed about the Carolina accounts. ***Fri 29th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met Richard Dearman. Examined Jonathan Hudson account with his books. ***Sat 30th*** R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & J.W. [*Joseph Whinney*] here this day and P.N., who came again last night from Ravenglass.

27th to 30th About C.W. & Jonathan Hudson's accounts with Joseph Whinney, Richard Dearman & P.N. Gone through & examined most of the books and papers. Some entries in J.H. accounts to be cleared up. The whole to remain until William Skyrin's return home. Then to endeavour to fix the whole in the best manner we can and ballance the books & sign the same. Then proceed to a dividend of the respective estates accordingly.

July 1764

Sun 1st At Meeting. At Pardshow in the p.m. with wife and lads. Jane Pearson here. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and Jane Pearson. Settled with R. Baynes

& paid him in full. Robert Baynes informs me that Coats, Reay & my bond to Burnyeat, Banks and Peile trustees &c. was, by order of Jonathan Harris, given up to said trustees contrary to my orders, for Nixon & Drewry would not sign it & I only offered to be one of the five to make up the deficiency of said Harris & Gill's bond of £250 & interest, if their respective estates fall short of the payment of 20s in the pound. Q[uery]: can this piece of compleat villany in said Harris & Baynes be redress'd in a court of Equity? ***Tue 3rd*** Bought 10 weathers of John Fawcett for six shillings a piece without wool. Got them home. ***Wed 4th*** Mantua makers here for Ruth. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting in the morning. Begun to mow this day. Man went in the p.m. for Cowx's slate. ***Fri 6th*** Man went this morning to Mockerkin & took the slate to John Cawxe's. ***Sat 7th*** Went this evening to Kirby. Met the relations of Thomas Jefferson. Agreed to article.

Sun 8th Was at Meeting. Thin on account of the General Meeting being at Issel. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Signed the deed of desolution between Naylor, Hudson &c. and power of attorney. ***Tue 10th*** John Casson here. Agreed with him about mortgage: to pay him £50 at Lamass. ***Wed 11th*** Throng about mowing & the hay. Weather appears to be a little showry; air cooler. ***Fri 13th*** Drafted the article to the attornies of Jefferson's relations about law suit. ***Sat 14th*** Met the relations of the late Thomas Jefferson at Kirby this evening. They all signed the article to bear equal charges in a suit at law or bill in Equity to be brought against Joseph Jefferson of Wigton, heir-at-law of said Thomas, on account of a mortgage &c. to John Fearon & self, their lawfull attornies. To get Robert Baynes to write him a letter setting forth the above, and if he will give us a meeting amicably to settle the affair; if not to fille [*sic*] a bill against him immediately.

Sun 15th At Meeting. G. Bell here. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Very showry weather but warm. Got in my & J.H. bond from Robert Baynes. ***Tue 17th*** Hannah Gill came here last night to help us about hay. A cloudy day; wind about SSW. ***Thu 19th*** At the Meeting. Showry weather. Got five cartloads of hay in afternoon. ***Fri 20th*** A close showry day. Man mowing in the forenoon in the Hogsgrass Close. ***Sat 21st*** Looking over the old lists of Mosser prescriptions and free rent &c.

Sun 22nd At the Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. Showry. N.B. Got 30 cart load of hay from the six dayworks of meadow in Corn-Close and Undergarth. A plentifull year for hay. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. General Meeting to be at Broughton. A collection this month. A very stormy day. ***Wed 25th*** Went with wife to beast fair. Bought a heffer & calf of John Miller. 5 year old & 1st calf. ***Thu 26th*** Finished my account current with administrators of Robert Smithson & made a true coppy for Richard Radcliffe. ***Fri 27th*** About clipping the hedges. Very slow weather for hay. ***Sat 28th*** Copied the power of attorney from Joseph Littledale to John Fisher & self.

Sun 29th At the Meeting. Son John very ill. Think it will be the smallpox. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 31st*** John very ill and unsensible. The smallpox appear'd yesterday.

August 1764

Wed 1st John continues much the same, he seems not to be full. ***Thu 2nd*** The fevour continues very hig[h] and is very delirious. They come on very well. ***Fri 3rd*** No great alteration since yesterday. Doctor has a bad opinion of him. ***Sat 4th*** The pox rise pretty well. Fevour still high.

Sun 5th At Meeting. General Meeting at Broughton. Went this afternoon to Goat Hous. John Fisher sent for me to advise with. He is under an arrest at the suit of Daniel Richardson by Robert Baynes, attorney, for 73£. Could not procure bail. Advised him to give the reversion of his estate to the said plaintiff for a security, to which he agreed. Stay'd until 11 a clock at night. No further conclusion come to. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Richard Dearman here. Agreed on 3rd day week to meet at Graysouthen to receive the remainder of the purchase money of C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] estate & Gill's. ***Tue 7th*** At Cockermouth. Stephen Corbet for Willows there. Gave him Richard Radcliffe draft on Harrison & Wilson at 2 months for £50 in my favour, for which I took his receipt. This on account of the old company. I am to sign R.R. a bond of indemnity on account of John Finlinson's note to be discounted by Blackburn of London under R.R.'s indorsment, value £228 8s. ***Wed 8th*** The pox at height yesterday evening in the face. The fevour return'd. ***Thu 9th*** The fevour and delirium yet continues. The rest of the pox about height. ***Fri 10th*** John a little better & the fevour much abated this evening. ***Sat 11th*** Sent for to Cockermouth. Met Joseph Jefferson, the heir-at-law of Thomas Jefferson, & his brother, also John Fearon & Robert Baynes. The question was put by Robert Baynes whether he the said Jefferson held the estate at Wellhead, late Granger's,[100] as trustee for the relations of the late Thomas Jefferson by virtue of a mortgage & the remainder over for the widow of said Granger, or an absolute estate which he took by descent as heir-at-law to the said Thomas Jefferson. He answered he held said estate as heir-at-law by descent without any condition and would not be accountable. And that he would proceed in the Commissary Court for his distributive share of the personal estate. At Branthwait after.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle. A collection this day week. John much better. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes at the Goat seeing John Fisher. ***Tue 14th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met Richard Dearman & John Nixon. Received the latter payment of C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] land & J. Gill's. ***Wed 15th*** A very great rain & flood in the forenoon. With W. Lawson viewing Fellside estate in the afternoon. ***Thu 16th*** Son William took the smallpox on 3rd day night & took three convulsion fitts last night. Showry. ***Fri 17th*** Went to Cockermouth yesterday about settling the discount of Finlinson's note, but R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*] gone to Whitehaven.

Sun 19th At Meeting. the Preparative Meeting after. John Harris & wife here in afternoon. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Son William in a hopefull way: expect the pox will be at height about 4th day. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Got a bad cold. General Meeting at Portinscale. Weather seems to settle. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Beast fair: still very dear. Settled with Joseph Hutchinson &

paid him the ballance in full. ***Thu 23rd*** At the Meeting. At home after. Son William past the hight; in hopefull way. ***Fri 24th*** At ditto. Sett forward to Carlisle with John Fearon, John Fisher &c. Dined at Wigton. ***Sat 25th*** At Carlisle. Lodged at the King's Head, William Nicholson's. Bathurst & Yeates the judges.

24th Judges came in this evening. The sheriff, Henry Ellison, met them a few miles out of the city. They came into the hall, read their comissions & adjourned the court until next day. ***25th*** The[y] went to the church in the forenoon, then came into the hall; swore the Grand Jury; gave the charge & adjourned until 3 p.m. Came again in the afternoon; try'd several causes; little or no defence were made. Then adjourned to 2nd day morning 8 a clock. Not likely for much business; several causes made up.

Sun 26th At ditto. Went to the Meeting at Kirklinton. Dined at William Graham's. Went to Brakenhill, Netherby & Longtown. ***Mon 27th*** At Carlisle. The Assizes & fair. A very throng town. Beasts sold very high & horses dear. ***Tue 28th*** At ditto. The Assizes ended this day. Came to Wigton and Granger houses with John Fearon. Called at Isabel Irving's. She refused to leave her affair with regard to the verdict given last Assizes about Thomas Jefferson's board, to arbitration. We threatned her with a bill in Equity, but to no purpose. We took Lawyer Weatherburn's[101] oppinion at Carlisle but he gave us little encouragement. He thought the court of Equity would not sett aside the former verdict except some manifest fraud appeared in the obtaining of it & this would depend on our proofs. ***Wed 29th*** At home. Came last night, very late. Could not get lodgings at Cockbridge. ***Thu 30th*** Moderate cloudy weather with some rain. At the Meeting. Small Pasture hay to get.

September 1764

Sat 1st Very slow hay weather. Got two gats of coals.

Sun 2nd At the Meeting. William Hudson, Peter Gibson, Thomas Lawson & Officer Walker here. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman; also Amos Cowman & Joseph Priestman. ***Tue 4th*** Went to Fellside sale. The land was struck by Samuel Hudson, cryer, for [£]1401 to Henry Allason. ***Wed 5th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Conviction before Cook & Lucock. Much as usual: the poor people favoured. Captain Henry Allason of Seaton bought the estate at Fellside last night for 1401£ & paid down £10 10s in hand in part of the purchase money. I gave him this morning a copy of the conditions of the sale & agreement which he had signed. He gave me orders to draw the deeds, to be ready against the 25th day of March, & to get the old deeds as soon as I can from Amos Cowman. And to purchase for him the overplus sheep from William Hodgson if can reasonably. ***Thu 6th*** Went to Whitehaven. Executed the deeds from the trustees of Gill &c. to Monkhouse and Scott. ***Fri 7th & Sat 8th*** At Whitehaven. With William Skyrin & Richard Dearman, consulting about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. Agreed to take the opinion of counsel & to act accordingly. Made and executed Martha Nicholson's will.

Sun 9th At Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. Sally Bell here in p.m. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Richard Dearman, Waters & Atkinson about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. ***Tue 11th*** Begun to shear yesterday in Corn Close. Fine harvest weather. ***Wed 12th*** Drew a mortgage by lease for 1,000 years of Mossergate land to Casson & Wood. ***Thu 13th*** Went to Whitehaven. With W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & Richard Dearman. Met the creditors of C.W. The[y] agreed to take equally. ***Fri 14th*** At Whitehaven. With John Casson & Henry Littledale. Signed my bond to John Casson & William Wood for £450 @ 4 per cent for 5 years, & Henry Littledale to draw a mortgage deed of my estate at Mossergate as a corroberating security for said term. To be ready in 2 weeks. Yearly interest: 18£. Said securities to be at their charge as they were not satisfyed with my mortgage deed which was ready prepared. Left said deed & a will in said Littledale's hand. To be returned me at the time said deed is executed. ***Sat 15th*** Went with John Fisher to Keswick on his account. Joshua Scott to write Governor Stephenson on said Fisher's account.

Sun 16th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Agreed on a collection for said meeting. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Peter Fearon from London arrived here this day: in great order. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Went to Cockermouth in the evening. Met William Skyrin, Richard Dearman & Captain Lowes pursuant to their appointment. W.S. going to Liverpool with P. Fearon; to take Captain Lowes's bond at Liverpool for our debt of £26 7s along with theirs. Agreed to let the affadavits & power of attorney alone until W.S. return home. To pursue the scheme already begun about C.W.'s affairs & to take the further advice of counsel if I judge it needfull. ***Wed 19th*** Several shearers here: very throng with the harvest. ***Thu 20th*** William Lawson & wife & man here. Soft and showry weather. ***Fri 21st*** Throng with the harvest. Shearing in the Far Wninney. ***Sat 22nd*** Went to Graysouthen with Thomas Wilson. Survey'd Millbank field for John Wilson: 7.42214 a[cres].

Sun 23rd At the Meeting. Richard Dearman here after, taking out a list of C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] creditors. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Markets very dear & thin on account of the harvest. ***Tue 25th*** Attended the funeral of old Henry Allason of Mossergate, late of Cragend, aged about 88 years. ***Wed 26th*** Settling this book. Shearing in Far Whinney oats. A pretty good crop of oats & barley. ***Thu 27th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Quarter Meeting, which was pretty large. ***Fri 28th*** Went again to Cockermouth with wife. The meeting large & to pretty general satisfaction. ***Sat 29th*** The weather showery which makes the harvest late. Got all the barley: about 300 shocks.

Sun 30th At the Meeting in the morning. At home after.

October 1764

Mon 1st home. Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. With R. Baynes & John Fearon about bill. ***Tue 2nd*** Got all the oats shorn this day. Still showry, uncertain

weather. ***Wed 3rd*** Sent three shearers this day to William Lawson in lieu of he & man helping us. Sold Joseph Hudson ten fat weathers which I bought of John Fawcett for 10s a piece, but I am to keep them about three weeks longer. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Sent three shearers again to W.L. [*William Lawson*]. A showery day. ***Fri 5th*** Went to Whitehaven. With R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] [and] John Nixon. Executed the mortgage deed of Mossergate land for 5 years by lease for 999 years as a further security to Casson & Wood. Got the will & my deed returned. I also got a fair copy of the deed. Casson agreed to pay all expenses. ***Sat 6th*** Went to Bank. Made & executed Joseph Fearon's will. His grandson Joseph Cock is sole executor.

Sun 7th At Meeting. With wife at Elihu's in the afternoon. A very fine day. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Egremont court. A traverse tryd about a road. A rainy day. ***Tue 9th*** John Wilson here. Drew him a plan of Millbank field & some proposals. Settled with Joseph Pearson & received in full for hay &c. to this day. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Met R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & the creditors of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*]. We refused to sign the agreement. Paid the ½ year Land Tax, £4 10s 0¼d, and ½ year Window Tax, £2 5s 6d, to John Robinson & took receipts, it being my turn to collect. ***Thu 11th*** Man gone to Whitehaven market. A very stormy day. Settled this book. ***Fri 12th*** William Hudson came here last night from Whitehaven and intends to continue here some time. ***Sat 13th*** Drawing out William Hudson's account current in order to make a final settlement with him.

Sun 14th At the Meeting. Collected upon the briefs & gave notice of a collection. Collected upon three briefs as under: hailstorm in Sussex: 3s 6d; Sharrow Moor fire in Yorkshire: 2s 9d; Frizzinghall fire in ditto: 2s 6d; [Total:] 8s 9d. Collected nothing upon Philippen Colony in Turkish Moldavia. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. At the Comissary Court proved Joseph Fearon's will & paid J. Collinson 8s 9d for briefs. ***Tue 16th*** Henry Bowman here, going to Buttermire. Left draft of case about John Nixon's affair. I am to draw it over again. Drew a long case for the opinion of counsel on account of C.W.'s affairs & our giving Nixon a judgement by default.[102] Agreed to go with Henry Bowman to Brampton on 2nd day, first to take J. Wallas oppinion thereon. Wrote to Brampton and sent my man to the post to know if Wallas was yet there & how long he intended to continue there. ***Wed 17th*** Drew a fresh draft of the case, much enlarged, & two new queries. H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] called again. Gave it him. ***Thu 18th*** Attended the funeral of Jacob Hudson of Lowswater along with wife and William Hudson. Stormy. ***Fri 19th*** Drew John Head's will. Attended Matthew Black's sale in p.m. Bought a young cow for £5 11s. Sharp sale. ***Sat 20th*** Went with John Casson to Dean court. Got Martha Casson inrolled.

Sun 21st At Meeting. Preparative Meeting after. A collection. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Set forward about 5 aclock with Henry Bowman for Armithwaite Hall. ***Tue 23rd*** At Wigton. Breakfasted at Carlisle; dined at Armithwaite Bridge & lodged at Brampton. ***Wed 24th*** At Brampton. Breakfasted with John Dixon, the attorney. Dined at Carlisle & lodged at Wigton. ***Thu 25th*** At Wigton. Breakfasted at Aspatrie; dined at Workington and lodged at Whitehaven. ***Fri 26th*** At Whitehaven. With Skyrin, Dearman, Nixon &c. about the counsel opinion.[103] Came

home after. ***Sat 27th*** Took a copy of the case & Lawyer Milbourn's opinion, which is in our favour.

22nd to 27th Went with Henry Bowman to Armithwaite &c. Took the oppinion of William Milburn. H.B. paid most of our expences, viz. £1 10s 2d; half due me to pay & charge to the estate of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*]. Concluded at Whitehaven to make out another large state of the case and to take Sewell's opinion as soon as we can &, if he advise, to file a bill against the creditors to proceed therein without loss of time. N.B. My share of our expences is 15s 1d.

Sun 28th At Meeting. H. Bowman came here in the evening and stay'd all night. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and William Hudson. Met Skyrin, Radcliffe &c. in the night. Delivered to W.S. [*William Skyrin*] two bundles of old deeds about John Gill's lands at Eaglesfield. The trustees of Gill & W.S. at a meeting at Edward Jones's in Cockermouth about W.S. account with Gill's estate. I produced the mortgage deed & article but they did not agree about the accounts. The trustees had Rd. [*Robert*] Baynes who found much fault with the accounts. Wanted some vouchers &c. Drew on Smith and Company for £220 @ 2 months. Wrote them a long letter about Nixon's affair with the reason of our not paying the money. ***Tue 30th*** Wrote to Joseph Reay about his note & settled this book. Went to Cockermouth p.m. ***Wed 31st*** Went to Kirby. With W. Hodgson and Pen Hutchinson. Bought 22 hogs for 3s 8d per piece & 8 old sheep for 6s ditto for Henry Allason of Seaton.

November 1764

Thu 1st At Workington. About preparing a case for Sewel's opinion. Went to Whitehaven after; with W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] about it. Came back to Workington. ***Fri 2nd*** At Workington. Wrote out copies of the indenture of covenant between W. & H. [*Wilson & Hudson*] and C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] executors. Also bond, copy of will &c. ***Sat 3rd*** John Tagart came here this day from Ross Bay, Scotland. About copying Daniel Wilson's will.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Edward Walton there. Cold showery day. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth with John Tagart: he is going towards home. With sundries about business. ***Tue 6th*** A very wet, stormy day. Made out an account and copied Daniel Wilson's will. Wrote P. Tomey. ***Wed 7th*** Sett forward with Elihu Robinson for Holm, about the arbitration between Swail & D. Hayton. ***Thu 8th*** At Holm about the difference between John Swail & Daniel Hayton. They signed the arbitration bonds last night. It was refferred to Elihu Robinson, John Beeby & myself. We examined the evidences on both sides & made our award for Hayton to pay Swail ten shillings for cutting through the hedge & leting the water go along the old course after being stop'd above 30 years. Each to pay half charges. Made & signed the award this evening. ***Fri 9th*** At Holm. Breakfasted & dined at Allonby. Got home in the evening. This day wet, the other fine weather. Served with a subpoena by Baynes' clerk at the suit of Thomas Wilson and others on the account of C.W. affairs.[104] ***Sat 10th*** About the lease between self & John Carlisle. Term nine years; yearly rent £20. Served with a *capias* on said account [*i.e. Christopher Wilson affair*] at the suit of John Fell of Whitehaven.

Sun 11th At the Meeting in the morning. At home after. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Martinmas fair. Consulting with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about the Chancery suit. Servants pretty moderate. Finding there was too great freedom between man & maid servant, turned her off on that account. Sent him after her to marry her but, they disagreing, he came home again. Concluded to keep him on this ½ year and to hire a new maid servant. ***Tue 13th*** About a conveyance for Jonathan Harris of Murton Cross. ***Wed 14th*** Finished the conveyance between J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] and Joseph Brown; got it executed. ***Thu 15th*** Begun the release for Richard Lancaster for the last parcel of Gill's land. ***Fri 16th*** Going forward with the release at spare times. ***Sat 17th*** Took instructions for Margaret Scott will.

Sun 18th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting held after. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. Counsel finds several faults with our proceedings &c. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. A committee appointed & to meet at Cockermouth on 6th day week about the proceedings in law.[105] ***Wed 21st*** Wrote lease of Mossergate land to John Carlisle for 9 years; rent £20. Executed at Kirby. ***Thu 22nd*** Dutch cow went to be kill'd this day. Went to Whitehaven in the afternoon. Fine weather. ***Fri 23rd*** At Whitehaven. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*], W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*] consulting about how to proceed against the creditors of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*]. ***Sat 24th*** Henry Lancaster & John Allason here about the mortgage of Wood land &c.

Sun 25th At Meeting. Wrote Joseph Falder's will after. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed Joseph Falder's will. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. He has got a copy of bill. ***Tue 27th*** Considering what answer to make. Examining the adjudged cases in point. ***Wed 28th*** At the Meeting. Anthony Mason and Amos Robinson from Yorkshire here. A pretty good meeting. ***Thu 29th*** Went to Cockermouth with son Isaac & carried the beef cow. With John Fisher about his affairs. ***Fri 30th*** Unwell: got a bad cold. John Mirehouse here about chimneys.

December 1764

Sun 2nd Unwell. Did not get to the Meeting. H. Bowman & John Fisher here. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With H.B. about John Fisher affairs. He is arrested this day by Millers. ***Tue 4th*** John Mirehouse here about making an oven in the upper house. ***Wed 5th*** J.M. [*John Mirehouse*] here: finished the oven. John Pearson, glazer, here about making the windows &c. ***Thu 6th*** A very stormy day. J.M. here about the chimney. Was to have gone to Cockermouth about Fisher &c. ***Fri 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. At Edward Jones's the executors of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] and widow met the committee appointed by the Monthly Meeting and some of the creditors, who were of the Society, to know the reason why the[y] had proceded in law against the said executors without leave of said meeting first had. But they could give no satisfactory reason for such disorderly proceedings but that they were over persuaded by John Walker & John Fearon to proceed in that manner, or otherwise they would never get anything from the executors &c. ***Sat 8th*** Looking over the bill in Chancery in order to prepare an answer.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Went to Mockerkin. Took instructions for John Watson's will. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about the bill in Chancery. ***Tue 11th*** John Nixon and Richard Dearman came this day. About answering bill. ***Wed 12th*** R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*] here. Also Sarah Wilson. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & R.D. gave her conditional notes for dower. ***Thu 13th*** R.D. & J.N. here. Got our answer drafted for further corecting. ***Fri 14th*** Went to the Select Monthly Meeting. R.D. & J.N. gone to Lowswater. Got the date of T.W.'s [*Thomas Wilson's*] note. ***Sat 15th*** R.D. & J.N. went home yesterday evening. Made & executed John Watson's will.

Was three days this week along with Richard Dearman and John Nixon in drawing a draft of our answer, viz. the three acting executors, to their bill of complaint filed against us in the court of Chancery. Our said answer will be pretty long so I am to draw it over again & correct it as I go along. Am then to assist John Nixon in drawing his answer to said bill.

Sun 16th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. John Dixon from Ulverstone there. ***Mon 17th*** Did not go to Cockermouth: was unwell. Sent man. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. The committee brought in their report about the persons who had proceeded at law without leave from the meeting. Upon enquirey they found there was such a proceedure made and contrary to the rules of the Society. And as a breach was made, a satisfaction ought to be made according to the nature of the offence given, but lenity was recommended & the committee further desired to use their endeavours with said agressors for accomodation without further litigating the affair and to report next month how things are. Very cold; sharp frost. ***Wed 19th*** Got a bad cold; can't go much out. Hard frost. Leading sand out of meadow. ***Thu 20th*** Leading sand this day. Frost like to hold. ***Fri 21st*** John Nixon here consulting about affairs. Went to Whitehaven in the evening. ***Sat 22nd*** At Whitehaven. With Henry Bowman, W.S. [*William Skyrin*], R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*] about the answers in Chancery &c. Gave my order from David Briggs for £10 & the letter about the dear skins ship'd in the *Little Anthony* of Liverpool to William Skyrin to manage for Joseph Pearson & self. He wrote to Liverpool & inclosed Briggs' letter & to advise when needfull.

Sun 23rd Came home with Tabitha Candler. Went to Pardshow after to wife. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] consulting how to proceed further. ***Tue 25th*** Nothing remarkable. Very hard frost & likely to continue. ***Wed 26th*** Sett forward to the Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cockbridge and lodged at Wigton. Very hard frost. ***Thu 27th*** At Wigton. The Meeting for Business held in the forenoon. Select Meeting and a committee after. ***Fri 28th*** At ditto. Meeting for Worship this forenoon. Adjourned Quarter Meeting after. The whole well conducted & to satisfaction. ***Sat 29th*** At home. Nothing remarkable this day. Considering about the answers to be given in to bill.

Sun 30th At the Meeting. William Lawson here after. Frost. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. Sett to meet him at Whitehaven on 6th day. A gentle thaw. John Graham & Peter Pearson here all night.

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January 1765

Tue 1st Settled the last year's book and brought the ballance of cash in hand forward. ***Wed 2nd*** Making out a fair copy of our answer to their bill in Chancery. ***Thu 3rd*** Writing the copy of answer. It is very long & tedious. ***Fri 4th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven. Met H.B. [*Henry Bowman*], our attorney. Signed an agreement that H.B. and self should the very first convenient opportunity before the commencement of the term go to London; get our answers put in order by counsel; take the best opinion we can get of the whole matter; & to prepare a bill against the creditors to file so soon as counsel shall judge proper, & W.S. [*William Skyrin*], R.D. [*Richard Dearman*], J.N. [*John Nixon*] &c. to bear their shares of the charge if it will not be allow'd out of the estate. ***Sat 5th*** At Whitehaven. W.S. offers to go with us to London. To go to Workington in morning.

Sun 6th At Whitehaven. Went with W.S. to Workington. Agreed with H.B. to sett forward to London on 6th day morning. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. Paid John Fearon his note of £200 & interest in full. ***Tue 8th*** Went to Graythwaite about some paupers brought to the town. Wrote notice of appeal. ***Wed 9th*** Wrote Priscilla Ullock's will. Begun John Nixon's answer to the bill. A very stormy day. ***Thu 10th*** John Nixon and Richard Dearman came yesterday about John Nixon's answer and the executors' accounts. ***Fri 11th*** Sett forward on our journey to London in company with W.S. [*William Skyrin*], H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and William Hudson on account of making out our answers to the bill in Equity. ***Sat 12th*** At Penrith. Sett forward at 4 a.m. and lodged at Burrow Bridge. Distance 77 miles.

Sun 13th At Burrow Bridge. Sett forward about 7. Dined at York and lodged ther[e]. Distance 17 miles. ***Mon 14th*** At York. Sett forward in the fly. Dined at Barnaby Moor and lodged at Grant[h]am. Distance 90 miles. ***Tue 15th*** At Gra[n]tham. Sett forward about 3; dined at Bigleswade and got to London at 8. Got all well to London this night. Wrote home from York & also this night.[106] With William Blenerhassett who aproved of the answer I had prepared for the counsel. To meet the counsel to give the needfull instructions on 6th day night at the sixth hour. ***Wed 16th*** At London. Came yesterday 110 miles. Looked & sorted the papers for counsel. ***Thu 17th*** At ditto. Went to sundry places. With Joseph & William Rob[inso]n, Thomas Jackson's &c.[107] ***Fri 18th*** At ditto. With sundries. Dined at John Dearman's. With the counsel after. ***Sat 19th*** At ditto. Explained our affairs and actings to the said counsel who approved thereof.

Sun 20th At ditto. At Meeting in Gracechurch Street. Dined & spent the evening in bur[rou]gh. ***Mon 21st*** At London. Went to Lincoln's Inn Hall. Heard some

exceptions ple[a]ded to before Master [of the] Rolls. ***Tue 22nd*** At ditto. Went with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] [and] H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to the Tower. See all the curiosities & got a book thereof. ***Wed 23rd*** At ditto. Went to Westminster Hall. At the Court of Chancery & King's Bench. At Chelsea after {seeing elephants, zebra &c.}. ***Thu 24th*** At ditto. Dined at Benjamin Rickman's. Attended counsel after. Answers not yet ready.[108] ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. Went with W.H. [*William Hudson*], W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & W.R. [*William Robinson*] to Sir James Lowther's in Charles Street, Westminster. ***Sat 26th*** At ditto. Dined at Peter Fearon's. Waited on the counsel after. Got one of the answers; to remark.

Sun 27th At ditto. At G. [*Gracechurch Street*] Meeting. Breakfasted at Dr. Fothergill's. Dined at Thomas Jackson's &c. Attend Arthur Jones, our counsel, at Lincoln's Inn several times this week, who well approves of our proceedings under the will of C.W. He directs us to make four separate answers – viz. Skyrin & Dearman, Isaac Fletcher, John Nixon, & Sarah Wilson – to their bill. We have our remarks to make as to the matters of fact contained therein. We have also stated a case with several queries for his answer. ***Mon 28th*** At London. Yet uncertain when we shall return. Dined at White Lyon. This day went to John Street, Oxford Market about William Hudson's burgage. John Baynes Garforth, the attorney, was gone to Westminster Hall, the Court of King's Bench, to attend the cause between Coulthart & John Robinson for bribery, but Captain Robinson was honourably acquitted. Heard a part of this cause. See the King, who came to the Parliament House attended by the Earl of Denbigh and Lord Cadogan & signed bill for the importation of Irish provisions &c. for 1 year.[109] ***Tue 29th*** At ditto. Dined at the inn. Examining the answers of Skyrin & Dearman. ***Wed 30th*** At ditto. Dined at the inn. Settling the answers of S. Wilson & Nixon. ***Thu 31st*** At ditto. At Doctor's Com.s [*sic; sense not clear*] the Prerogative Office getting the copy of a will.

February 1765

Fri 1st At ditto. Examined & settled my answer. Got the copy of Abraham Beeby's will. ***Sat 2nd*** At ditto. Attended the counsel for the last time this evening, who signed the answers, opinion &c. All well.

Sun 3rd At ditto. Met William Blenerhasset at 9 this morning. Examined the answers &c. Dined at John Wright's. ***Mon 4th*** At London. Dined at John Blackburn's. This afternoon went with John Blackburn to the widow Ann Finlinson's in Aldersgate Street & took an account of the personal estate of her late husband, deceased, & as it appears there will be a deficiency some terms were proposed, viz. to give her one year time to sell, collect in the debts, and administer the assets of the deceased in an equitable manner and to divide amongst the creditors in proportion when £40 were received under the direction of Joseph Holmes & said John Blackburn. Had company in evening. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto. Sett from the George & Blue Boar in the York fly at 4 a.m. with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. Lodged at Grantham. ***Wed 6th & Thu 7th*** At Grantham. Came away at 3½ a.m. & got to Ferry Bridge a little past 4 p.m. Left the fly & took post chase. Travil'd all

night. Got to Penrith about 11 a.m. Took our own horses; dined at Keswick & got home before 6 p.m. ***Fri 8th*** At home. Got here well from London in about 2½ days. Resting this day after the fatigue of the journey. ***Sat 9th*** Examining the new hedges &c. The coaler, Hugh James, finished the pit; 28 bags of coal.

Sun 10th At the Meeting. Delivered some letters & a parcel from James Thompson, London. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With sundries about business. John Nixon & H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] here. With George Bell &c. This day son William entered Pardshow Hall school with Jonah Harrison. N.B. [on] January 18th James Graham, the warden, distrained for small tithe and the church tax two bushels of barley worth 16s & two cheeses worth 2s 2d, together 18s 2d. Recovered 3s 4d. Costs 10s 0d. ***Tue 12th*** John Nixon here consulting about our affairs & success at London. A very favourable account. ***Wed 13th*** Thomas Lawson here this day, viewing the fields &c. Coaler gone to John Robinson's. ***Thu 14th*** At the funeral of John Burnyeat who died on 3rd day morning about the 6th hour of the cholick. Has left no will. ***Fri 15th*** With wife at Brandlingill, Jane Head's, viewing some trees in dispute near her hedge. ***Sat 16th*** Nothing remarkable. Viewing the place in the gill: a good prospect for lead.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow in afternoon. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with Richmond Bragg & paid him in full. John Reay, Jonathan Harris, John Fearon &c. sent for me. Agreed to indorse my note from John & Joseph Reay to John Fearon and take up my & J.H. [*Jonathan Harris's*] bond for £150 & interest. To meet at John Fearon's tomorrow afternoon at 4 a clock. ***Tue 19th*** Was at the Monthly Meeting. The Meeting for Sufferings to be on 1st day week. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Mockerkin to old John Watson's funeral. Read them the will after. ***Thu 21st*** Nothing worthy observation. Weather cold & frosty; snow. ***Fri 22nd*** About making the cock hedges for the Croft: a large fine field. ***Sat 23rd*** Went to Eaglesfield. Got Sarah Wilson to sign the deed about the herbage of Graysouthen meeting house yard and gave it to John Pearson for the use of the trustees of said meeting house.

Sun 24th A very stormy day. Did not not [*sic*] get to the Meeting. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Littledale: very ill. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Eaglesfield & Graysouthen about John Wilson's affair. ***Wed 27th*** About setting out the hedge on low side of the Croft. ***Thu 28th*** Edward Jones here about the gardens. Hedgers here.[110]

March 1765

Fri 1st Killed the swine. It proved pretty well: weight 13st. 6lb. side. Edward Jones butcher. Lawrence Witted here. A publick vestry of the township met this night at John Fawcett's, Mossergate. Agreed to give Joseph Dawson's wife 30s. and buy her an ass to go to Sunderland to her mother's and she not to ask any more from the town. To examine the order of removal & if practicable to have it sett aside at 1st Sessions. ***Sat 2nd*** Gardeners, hedgers & Joseph Townsley here. Cold weather with showers of snow & hail.

Sun 3rd At the Meeting. The Meeting for Sufferings after. In pretty good order; Lamplugh wanting. ***Mon 4th*** Unwell. Could not go to Cockermouth. Hedgers here. Snowy, cold weather. ***Tue 5th*** Joseph Black and boy & John Mirehouse here about hanging gates. A snowy day. ***Wed 6th*** Wrights here. Got gates hung. About cutting wood for coal at Mossergate. ***Thu 7th*** A snowy day. Man gone to the coals. Went to the Meeting. Drew a draft of Margaret Scott will. ***Fri 8th*** About ingrossing Margaret Scott will which is pretty large. Cold weather. ***Sat 9th*** Margaret Scott here. Got her will signed & executed. About the hedges &c.

Sun 10th At the Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. But thinly attended. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. Took order for deeds for John Fletcher: a mortgage to John Patt[inso]n. ***Wed 13th*** Copied John Watson's will ready for the court: very long. Cold snowy weather. ***Thu 14th*** Finished the copy of J.W.'s [*John Watson's*] will. Begun the draft of articles for John Wilson. At the Meeting in a.m. ***Fri 15th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting: but badly attended by Cockermouth, Whitehaven & Issell. About J.W.'s [*John Wilson's*] articles after. ***Sat 16th*** Finished the draft of the articles. Thomas Bewley & John Scott, a miner from Coldbeck, here.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The miner here and stayed all night again. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman & others about business. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. The affair about proceeding at law to go to the Quarter Meeting. ***Wed 20th*** Gardners here about planting the trees. Begun to ingross Henry Allison deeds. Showers of snow & hail. ***Thu 21st*** Went to Whitehaven. With John Nixon. Richard Dearman & William Skyrin to raise cash for me. ***Fri 22nd*** Taken very ill last night at the inn. Got to W.S.'s this forenoon – turned to a violent lax. ***Sat 23rd*** At Whitehaven. Got part of the cash for my bills on Smith and company @ 40 days. Came home after.

Sun 24th Very stormy weather. Unwell. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 25th*** At Kirby. Signed the deeds from Amos Cowman to Henry Allison. At Cockermouth after. ***Tue 26th*** Drawing over the Sufferings for the Quarterly Meeting on a sheet of large paper. ***Wed 27th*** Sett forward about nine a clock for Carlisle. Dined at Cock Bridge and lodged at Carlisle. ***Thu 28th*** At Carlisle. Attended the Quarterly Meeting and Select Meeting. Also attended the committee for enquirey[111] into the complaints of the Friends of Pardshow Monthly Meeting about going to law one with another contrary to the rules of our discipline. It was the unanimous sence & judgement of the said committee that the Friends who had proceeded at law had broke the said rules & had accordingly incurred the censure of their Monthly Meeting and that they ought to give satisfaction for the same or be dealt with according to our rules. John Nixon wrote an acknowledgement to the said committee which they desired our Monthly Meeting to receive. ***Fri 29th*** At ditto. Drew up the answers to the Yearly Meeting Queries; backed the Sufferings; & the meetings all pretty well. ***Sat 30th*** At Wigton. Came to Cockermouth and got home in the evening. Showry cold weather.

Sun 31st Went to the Meeting. A fine forenoon; rainy after.

April 1765

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With John Wilson &c. about the article. To make a copy. ***Tue 2nd*** Ploughing in the Croft. Hedgers here. Measured the whole work. {To 115 rood new hedge @ 6d: £2 17s 6d. To 91 rood old ditto rudding @ 5d: £1 17s 11d. To trees rudding: 9s 7d.} ***Wed 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth to meet Joseph Whinney about the factory. Very unwell; got little done. Joseph Reay here. He paid to John Fearon my note for £150 & interest from the 1st March 1764. I paid the remainder and got in Jonathan Harris & my bond for £150 & interest. Wrote Peter Gale and William Skyrin and sent by William Fletcher. ***Thu 4th*** Transcribing the Sufferings into the book. Begun to ingross John Allason deeds. ***Fri 5th*** Richard Dearman here. About assisting him to prepare the schedules. T. Lawson here. ***Sat 6th*** Ingrossed John Allason deed and bond. Got them executed at Kirby.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Miner here. ***Mon 8th*** Very wet day. Did not go to Cockermouth. About copying John Wilson's articles. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Workington about the answers. Examined Skyrin & Dearman's. ***Thu 11th*** At Workington with Henry Bowman about the schedules and answers of John Nixon & Skyrin & Dearman. Examined the same and ingrossed for H.B. two of S. & D.'s [*Skyrin & Dearman's*] schedules. H.B. is to pay me & all my charges at the inn. ***Fri 12th*** Sowing oats in the Croft. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Whitehaven. Paid Peter Gale interest for mortgage due the 4th current & took his receipt. Also attended the taking John Nixon & Skyrin & Dearman's answers to the bill of complaint before the comissioners, Henry Littledale and Joseph Ferrer.

Sun 14th At Whitehaven. Came to Cockermouth with William Skyrin, Captain Thompson &c. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. With the overseer about the tryal. To go to Carlisle on 3rd day. ***Tue 16th*** Set forward to Carlisle with Jonathan Wilson, our overseer. Dined at Cock Bridge & got to Carlisle about 8. ***Wed 17th*** At Carlisle. The Quarter Sessions came on this day. Attended the counsel &c. Had William Millburn & Andrew Hudleston retained. Gave them their briefs and each one guinea. ***Thu 18th*** At ditto. The appeal against Bridekirk came on about 7 a clock this evening. After a fair hearing the order was quashed and the paupers returned again upon Bridekirk. They attempted by their witnesses to prove the indenture of apprentiship. Old Joseph Dawson, the apprentice father was first called; then James Porter, the pauper's master; then Maxwell; and then John Dawson, the pauper, last. They failed in the proof of the indenture upon hearing, so the order was quashed in favour of the appelants.[112] Came to Cockermouth about 5 p.m. ***Fri 19th*** Met at Edward Jones's with Henry Bowman, John Lucock and John Robinson, the comissioners, to take Sarah Wilson & my answers in Chancery. We affirmed thereto before the said comissioners. They were sealed up & agreed to be sent with the other answers by William Blenerhasset to London. He goes tomorrow. ***Sat 20th*** The coaler gone home this morning. Weather very cold; hail & snow.

Sun 21st The miner went away this morning. {To Thomas Harrison for 15 days at the mine: 15s.} At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Took instructions for lease between John Fletcher & J. Graham.

Tue 23rd Attended the Monthly Meeting. Read the Quarter Meeting minutes & judgement against those who had proceeded at law. ***Wed 24th*** Ingrossing the deeds from John Fletcher to John Robinson and John Robinson to the said J.F. & Ruth his wife as joint tenants. Also the mortgage deed. ***Fri 26th*** Went to Lowswater court. Got Fletcher's deeds all executed & presented the same to the jury at court. Got the alienations entered in the verdict and call of the court. Those from Fletcher to Robinson & from Robinson to said Fletcher and Ruth his wife as joint tenants; the other a mortgage from said Fletcher & wife to John Pattinson the younger for £100 @ 9d; term 8 years, the wife being privately examined by the steward and consenting thereto by deed & surrender. Saved 5s in fees in the other two deeds. Last was judged safer for the mortgagee by surrender and admittance. Copied Lowswater decree. Warm weather.

Sun 28th At the Meeting. Very large on account of Catherine Payton & companion there. A good & satisfactory meeting. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Abbot and his creditors. Agreed to give him a letter of licence. ***Tue 30th*** Planting the early potatoes. Sett about nine pecks. A fine day; cold air.

May 1765

Wed 1st Went to Eagremont court. Paid Alexander Jones his mortgage money viz. £500 & £25 interest, and took a conveyance back from him of the legal estate for the above consideration & a receipt upon the back for the same. Signed new deeds by lease & release to Joseph Robinson of Workington, marriner, for the same sum for seven years. Delivered all the deeds to Henry Bowman for said mortgagee, consideration £500 @ 4 per cent per annum, payable at his house in Workington on the 1st May yearly during said term of 7 years. H.B. made the deeds. ***Thu 2nd*** About planting the remainder of the potatoes in Corn-Close. Sett about three bushels & half. ***Sat 4th*** In the evening at Graythwaite about settling the overseer's accounts. Jacob Wilson new [overseer]. {Of overseer for my journey to Carlisle 4 days: 10s 6d. For a highway warrant: 1s.}

Sun 5th Mary Woodvill buried this day. A very large meeting. Fine weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. To draw an assignment and letter of licence for 3 years for Thomas Abbott. With Sarah Watson, executrix of John Watson deceased, and her son John. Proved the will before Daniel Fisher, surrogate. He delivered me the copy to keep until the court. She paid the fees, viz. £1 19s, without bond. Where the executor gives bond for payment of legacies the fees will be 3s more. Was a comissioner along with Henry Bowman. Passed a fine from John Cartmell & Mary his wife to John Senhouse Esqr. of Calderabey. Wrote to Joseph Priestman for his deeds &c. with some queries for him to answer about the title of Gillfoot land. ***Tue 7th*** Very wet in the forepart of the day. Ploughing and sowing barley p.m. ***Wed 8th*** Leading of manure into the Corn Close. About sorting papers in the desk &c. ***Thu 9th*** Going thro' and settling my loose papers. Fat cow & calf at market. ***Fri 10th*** Throng with ploughing & sowing the barley. Very fine season. ***Sat 11th*** About ditto. Jo Townsley begun the new hedge in the uper part of Moss.

Sun 12th At the Meeting. William Hudson & John Robinson here in evening. Wrote William Graham. ***Mon 13th*** About the ashes; got lime &c. Went to Cockermouth. About Thomas Abbatt affair. To draw assignments &c. ***Tue 14th*** Very dry hot weather. Ploughing for the remainder of the barley in Corn Close. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife to the beast fair. A pretty large fair but few beasts sold: no foreign buyers. Got all the barley sowed this day. In all five bushels & 1 peck in the Corn Close. A very fine season. ***Thu 16th*** Begun to make drafts of the letter of licence and assignments for Thomas Abbatt. ***Fri 17th*** Richard Dearman and John Nixon here. Preparing a state of our case to send to London to Samuel Fothergill. ***Sat 18th*** About drafts. Got the letter of licence and a part of assignment done. Very hot weather.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Jonathan Wilkinson and Joseph Fawcett here. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Abbatt &c. about the letter of licence. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. The case of the Friends who had proceeded at law without the knowledge or acquaintance of this meeting again debated in this meeting. The delinquents would not comply with the judgement of the Quarter Meeting but continued as bitter and obstinate as ever. Two Friends[113] appointed to deal with them in order to bring them to a sence of their error and get them to submitt to the judgement of said meeting & condemn their rash & imprudent proceedure under their hands. ***Wed 22nd*** About drawing a draft of our case to send Samuel Fothergill in London. ***Thu 23rd*** Finished the case, which is pretty long, and wrote a letter to S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*]. ***Fri 24th*** Copied the whole case and letter & sent them to the post by William Hudson. ***Sat 25th*** About the assignments. Very dry weather; ground hard.

Sun 26th At Meeting. Finished the assignment of personal estate after. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Servants very dear. New man [*Andrew Glendenning*] to come tomorrow. ***Tue 28th*** Got Joseph Priestman's deeds. To prepare the writings in 10 days. ***Wed 29th*** Showing Andrew his work. At Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting in the morning. About getting peats in the Brakenhill meadow. ***Fri 31st*** Coopers here. About peats. Thomas Abbatt and Jonathan Wilkinson here going to Whitehaven to consult the Low Mill Company about said Abbatt giving possession to the said Wilkinson, the mortgagee, and indorsing the interest in arrear &c. But they would not consent to any new agreement nor alter the first plan agreed to and signed by them, so said mortgagee being disapointed intimated as much as he had a writt against said Abbott which made him keep out of the way for some time, tho' it must be for the money which said Wilkinson was jointly bound for and should have paid at the execution of the mortgage deeds. Went to Cockermouth about 4 p.m. Made and executed George Bewley's indentures.

June 1765

Sat 1st Got all the peats this forenoon. A very dry season. Wind mostly north-easterly.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Very thin on account of the General Meeting being at Cockermouth. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Wife came in the p.m. Sarah Wilson & self reaffirmed to our answers in Chancery. ***Tue 4th*** About preparing powers of attorney for William Hudson. Went to Mossergate after. ***Wed 5th*** Ingrossed the powers of attorney and drew William Hudson's will. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. John Robinson and Mary Wilson married. At John Fawcett timber-raising after. ***Fri 7th*** Nothing remarkable. Man about rudding the Hogsgrass hedge. ***Sat 8th*** Joseph Townsley finished the Moss hedge: 27½ roods @ 6d.

Sun 9th At Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. Very dry hot weather. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & two younger sons. ***Tue 11th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather still very dry. ***Fri 14th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting: John Harris & John Pearson representatives. ***Sat 15th*** Showry weather.

Sun 16th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting. At Pardshow after. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed the assignment [*from Ann Simpson to William Allason*] and also Graham & Fletcher's lease. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting: things generally well conducted. R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] here after. ***Thu 20th*** Deborah Bell and daughter here. Leading peats. ***Fri 21st*** Sett forward with William Gill for Apleby. Dined at Keswick & lodged at Penrith. ***Sat 22nd*** At Penrith. Got to Apleby before 12. Put up at the Mitre, Hugh Wilkinson and Benjamin Ainsley.

Sun 23rd At Apleby along with William Gill about William Hudson's affair. Waited on Captain Robinson[114] at his house this morning about 10. Were very well received. He promised to write Sir James [*Lowther*] this night and give an account of the affair of the burgage and that he expected Sir James every day at Lowther & would not fail to let me know when & where it would be proper to wait on Sir James to have the deeds executed &c. Came away about 11½. Dined at Penrith & got home well. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Glaister, Brougham and Lucock about the leather company affairs. ***Tue 25th*** Wrote a copy of my power of attorney to Robert Jackson by J.G. [*Joseph Glaister's*] orders. To meet them tomorrow. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed the power of attorney to John Thornton along with Fisher, Glaister and Winders. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] here in his way from London. ***Thu 27th*** Sett forward this morning at 5. Went by Cockermouth to Heskett. Got there about 10 to the Quarter Meeting. Pretty well conducted. ***Fri 28th*** At Heskett. The meeting large and in general very satisfactory. Rachel Wilson from Kendal here: had good service.

27th & 28th Attended the Quarterly Meeting. The case of the Friends going to law came again before this meeting & some objections made against the committee adjourning &c., but they thought as the case which came before them was so clear and self evident that it would not admitt of arguments on the contrary. That Friends going to law one with another was contrary to the rules of our Discipline and satisfaction was to be given by the offending party to the meeting or to be denied. The offenders then proposed an accomodation to be made amicably & requested that we would write & sign a paper signifying our willingness to have all differances determined by arbitration, provided all the creditors would come in and sign an agreement to stop all proceedings at law in the first place & then order the accounts

to be examined by two or more of themselves or such as they might appoint & all disputable points to be adjusted & settled by indifferent persons to be chosen by the parties. But at last, when the said comittee was called upon to inforce their judgement to the Monthly Meeting, John Fearon & John Walker, apprehending the consequences, delivered in a notice of appeal in writing to the Quarter Meeting importing that they the said Fearon and Walker, as executors of Henry Fearon & for the rest of the creditors complained against, appealed to the Yearly Meeting in London against the judgement of the Quarterly Meeting. Thus the affair ended without any adjournment being entered or anything recorded relating the same.

Sat 29th Nothing very remarkable. The drought now as severe as before. A bad prospect for hay.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Collected upon two briefs at said meeting: seven shillings.

July 1765

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth with wife. Corn very high: wheat at 24s, oats 7s & barley 9s. ***Tue 2nd*** Went with wife and 3 sons to Cragend. Isaac taken ill. Came home in the evening. ***Wed 3rd*** Mantu makers here. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Leading the turff out of Moss. ***Fri 5th*** Man about covering the new road. Weather cold with some showers. ***Sat 6th*** Viewing the hay ground: grass very short & much burnt up by drought.

Sun 7th At Meeting and went after with wife to Whitekeld. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and sundries. Archibald Armstrong here about his wife money: to be try'd at County Court. ***Tue 9th*** A very wet forepart of the day. Weather continues cold. ***Wed 10th*** Went to Mossergate with sons to John Carlisle's cliping. Went to see the fell hedge. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. Drew a case for a counsel oppinion after for John Wood. ***Fri 12th*** Man gone to coals for James Mirehouse, smith. Begun to mow after. ***Sat 13th*** Mowing in the Corn Close meadow: very thin this year and full of mould.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Mon 15th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. To go to Brandlingill tomorrow. ***Tue 16th*** Went with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to Brandlingill. Viewed the tree in dispute. To conclude about it next week. ***Wed 17th*** Very throng about the hay. A very severe drought: very little hay. ***Thu 18th*** Getting hay. At Meeting. The dry weather still continues. Got Mrs. Wilkinson's writings. ***Fri 19th*** Went with Joseph Whinney to Miresyke. Got the boat. Went on the water afishing: got a great number. ***Sat 20th*** Still throng with the hay. Joseph Whiney & John Fletcher here. Hot weather.

Sun 21st Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. With wife at Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Mowing in Mosser-close: very thin. Met Joseph Jefferson, Wigton, & his brother; R.B. [*Robert Baynes*] &c. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. General Meeting to be at Issell on 1st day come 2 weeks. A collection this month. Wrote to Lawyer Millburn & inclosed him Wood's case for

oppinion. Sent the same with man to Cockermouth this evening to John Robinson, attorney, with my letter to him desiring him to deliver to the lawyer said case and get his opinion at Wigton, as they were to meet there tomorrow on a comission. Gave him 10s 6d for a fee. ***Wed 24th*** Throng with the hay. Got Mosser Close hay but two cartloads. Drawing my account for Fisher & company. ***Thu 25th*** Mowing the Short Lands: very little grass. Went to Cockermouth p.m. about Glaister's notice. ***Fri 26th*** Went to Seaton. Dined at Richard Dearman's. Skyrin & Nixon did not appear. Called at Workington in return. ***Sat 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes about the notice from Glaister. Got the award. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & R.R. [*Richard Radcliffe*].

Sun 28th At Meeting. Went with wife & son to Eaglesfield. Richard Dearman & wife there. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Delivered the deeds to William Robinson. Met Joseph Glaister and John Brougham at Edward Jones's in pursuance of their notice. Delivered in my accounts to this day: ballance in my hand exclusive of Brigg's bill of charges is only 8s 8½d. Lucock did not come untill very late & John Fisher not to be found, so came to no conclusion on account of the papers being in Lucock's hands. To meet at some other time to settle. ***Tue 30th*** Mowing in the Brakenhill meadow. Very thin: the drought very severe. ***Wed 31st*** Copied Henry Wilkinson's will in order to prepare a case for counsel opinion.

August 1765

Thu 1st Was at the Meeting. Extreem hot & sultry weather. Made out a draft of the case &c. ***Fri 2nd*** Wrote out a fair copy of the case ready for William Millburn opinion. Much thunder and a heavy shower. ***Sat 3rd*** Entered three marriage certificates in the book. Sultry, hot & thunder at a distance.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle. At home after. Yet dry weather. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Little business this day. With John Littledale. Delivered to Peter Pearson a copy of John Watson's will to get the probate anexed, and also two briefs & 7s collected upon them for James Collinson of Lancaster, all inclosed in a letter to said Collinson. ***Tue 6th*** Copied into the book Joseph Dalton's marriage certificate &c. ***Wed 7th*** Got all the hay this day, in all about 40 cartload. Drought continues. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. Agreed to meet John Pearson at the Globe about 10 a clock 1st day morning for Carlisle. ***Fri 9th*** The wallers came this day. Some great showers of rain. ***Sat 10th*** Wallers here. A moderate day. Nothing to be remarked.

Sun 11th Sett forward to Carlisle to the Assises. Received of Joseph Pearson in cash £4 7s and a swine which I took at 15s, which makes together £5 2s. Remains due of rent £5 8s which was due on the 1st inst. He is to get me the remainder so soon as he can procure it. ***Mon 12th*** At Carlisle. The Assises. Only 10 causes upon the file. Went to consult W. Milbourn about Christian Wilkinson's case. Took his opinion and to proceed in the same accordingly. He says no other method can be taken to obtain a title to the lands devised to her by her late husband's will. Deeds & fine to

be proceeded upon imediatly. ***Tue 13th*** At ditto. Got the opinions. Came this evening with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to Wigton and lodged at Johnson's. ***Wed 14th*** At Wigton. With Joseph Jefferson about the arbitration proposed. He appears to be very stiff & obstinate. ***Thu 15th*** At home. At Meeting. William Dezell, gardner, here cleaning the gardens. ***Fri 16th*** About the gardens. Very fine weather. Drought still continues. ***Sat 17th*** Gardner & Joseph Townsley here about the bank road mending &c.

Sun 18th At Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. Yearly Epistles divided. A collection for the poor &c. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with John Wood about the opinion. Showry. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. The law case put off another month. The wallers here. ***Wed 21st*** Made out a fair copy of Westray's case & Milbourn's opinion. A sultry day. ***Thu 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Glaister, Lucock and Fisher. Received some notes from Glaister & Lucock &c. ***Fri 23rd*** About the bank road. Joseph Townsley here. Hot weather; harvest just at hand. ***Sat 24th*** About hanging the gate at the low end of the lane. Hot weather.

Sun 25th At Meeting. At Brandlingill after with wife and sons. Very hot & sultry. Comissary Court to be at Cockermouth on Monday the 21st of October per James Collinson's letter to Daniel Fisher. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fletcher about the Chancery suit and sundries. ***Tue 27th*** Wrights here making court and garden gates. Also Townsley & Joseph Pearson about bank way. ***Wed 28th*** Work people the same as yesterday. Settled & paid Black. A fine rain yesterday. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting. Begun shearing barley in Corn-Close: a thin crop but good. ***Fri 30th*** Shearing in the Croft oats: short corn but a good top. A showry day. ***Sat 31st*** Shearing barley in Corn-Close. Weather is now broken & showry.

September 1765

Sun 1st A very stormy day. A very thin meeting: General Meeting at Broughton. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed with Henry Bowman & John Fletcher to meet tomorrow at 4 p.m. at J.H.'s [*Jonathan Hudson's?*], Graysouthen. ***Tue 3rd*** Went to Graysouthen according to agreement. Colr. Thompson & Henry Bowman came but J.F. [*John Fletcher*] did not come. ***Wed 4th*** Very throng with the harvest. Weather showry and very unsettled. ***Thu 5th*** Sent for to Pardshow to make George Robinson's will. He makes his wife executor & lays 60£ on land. ***Fri 6th*** A great wind in the forenoon with a heavy rain after. Corn & fruit suffers. ***Sat 7th*** A pretty moderate day. Weather looks like as if it would settle again.

Sun 8th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. A very fine day. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. In the warehouse drawing out some accounts with Jonathan Harris, John Reay & William Thompson. ***Tue 10th*** Housing barley all this day. Got the most of it in. Came on rain in p.m. about 5. Put off the shearers. Barley in Corn Close: 190 shocks; oats in Croft: 236 ditto; ditto in Whinney: 210 ditto. Total: 636. ***Wed 11th*** Shearing in the Croft; a fine day. Conviction this day:

did not go to it. Costs much as usual. ***Thu 12th*** Man gone to Whitehaven with plums, butter &c. Shearing out the Croft oats. ***Fri 13th*** Begun to shear Whinney oats. At the Select Monthly Meeting. Went to Fellside after with Henry Allason & Thomas Wood. ***Sat 14th*** Shearing in Whinney. Begun the lease [*of Fellside estate*] between Henry Allason & Robert Townsley, rent £38 10s.

Sun 15th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. John Robinson & wife here in afternoon. ***Mon 16th*** Did not go to Cockermouth but sent man. Wrote to Henry Allason to meet me tomorrow at Kirby. ***Tue 17th*** Finished the lease. At Monthly Meeting. Went to Kirby after. Executed the lease of Fellside lands. ***Wed 18th*** Got all shorn yesterday.[115] Got 2 cart load of oats in forenoon. Showry after. Man gone to Cockermouth with skin. ***Thu 19th*** About the corn. Nothing remarkable.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. A stormy day. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing to be remarked. ***Tue 24th*** A very fine day. Throng about housing the corn. ***Wed 25th*** Got all the corn inn this day. Fine weather. ***Thu 26th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife to the Quarter Meeting. Was clerk. ***Fri 27th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and son to Meeting. Generally well. ***Sat 28th*** Drew a power of attorney for Richard Dearman & others.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Got said power signed. Copied John Fletcher's will &c. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth p.m. With Amos Cowman &c. and Henry Bowman.

October 1765

Thu 3rd At funeral of Alice Lancaster, wife of Henry Lancaster. ***Fri 4th*** Went with wife and 2 sons to Seaton. Was at Workington. ***Sat 5th*** At Seaton. With Richard Ramsey about John Dodgson affair. Came home in the evening.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Went to Pardshow with wife & sons after. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Ramsey and sundries about business. ***Tue 8th*** Cow taken very ill, supposed by eating too much fog. She is short of breath and very feverish. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Got John Dodgson's affair managed. He executed the mortgage. ***Sat 12th*** Went to Dean court. Got the deeds executed.[116] Dined with the steward &c.

Sun 13th At Meeting. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Cowx of Bassenthwaite about a differance. Blenerhassett took orders for a writ. ***Tue 15th*** Wrote the indenture between John Rudd & John Usher for 4 years. To be executed at Kirby this evening. ***Wed 16th*** John Casson here in the morning. Went to Brandlingill after. Agreed to give up Fletcher's mor[tgage]. ***Thu 17th*** Ingrossed the letter of licence for Thomas Abbott. Very rainy weather. ***Fri 18th*** Begun the assignment to Jacob Winder & John Fawcett of Thomas Abbatt's leasehold burgage houses at Cockermouth. Finished the same.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Collected upon the following briefs: Halghton fire: 2s 6d; Berkshire hail storm: 3s 9d; Hampshire ditto: 1s 9d; Yorkshire ditto: 2s 0d. [Total:] £0 10s 0d. ***Mon 21st*** Went with wife & son to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman. The Comissary Court this day. Paid James Collinson 10s being the brief money & took his receipt. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. The law delinquents offer'd a paper but it was not read. ***Wed 23rd*** Begun the assignment of T.A.'s [*Thomas Abbott's*] personal estate. At Cockermouth p.m. about Jefferson affair. ***Thu 24th*** Henry Bowman here. Let him have Mary Head's will and probate. Alexander [Payton] & man here. This night sett to farm to Joseph Black my Mosser-close called New-Close for the term of six years to commence from the 25th March next; yearly rent £4 7s 6d to be paid at one payment viz. on the 25th of March yearly. Farmer to manure it well and not plough it out of course &c. ***Fri 25th*** Finished the assignment on one large skin of parchment. ***Sat 26th*** Drew draft of lease & release from Christian Wilkinson to David Smith of Ullock land. Alexander Payton here 10 days and Thomas Wright 2 days.

Sun 27th At Meeting: the strangers there. Rainy weather. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Thu 31st*** At Meeting. About the workmen after.

November 1765

Fri 1st This evening took a schedule of Joseph Pearson's goods. ***Sat 2nd*** This week mostly cold weather with hail & snow.

Sun 3rd A storm of wind & rain in the forenoon. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Gave H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] instructions for the dedimus[117] &c. ***Tue 5th*** Cold & showery. ***Wed 6th*** Moderate day. ***Thu 7th*** Attended the arbitration between Joseph Jefferson & others and the executors of the late Thomas Jefferson along with John Fearon at the Globe in Cockermouth. Robert Baynes and Thomas Robinson arbitrators. They could not agree. We made them several proposals for accomodating the affair for the sake of peace but could get nothing done. ***Fri 8th*** Went again to Cockermouth. Made some proposals but could not agree, so left it. ***Sat 9th*** Jacob Fletcher taken very ill of a fever. Dr. Gill here all night. Settled with Alexander Payton for himself and Thomas Wright for 27½ days @ 1s. Paid 12s; remains due 15s 6d. To [be] accounted for to Andrew at next settlement.

Sun 10th At the Meeting. Cold showry weather. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Servants very cheap. With Collr. Thompson, Fletcher & Bowman about mortgage. ***Tue 12th*** Jacob Fletcher seems better & the fevor much abated. Turn'd worse again in night. ***Wed 13th*** Prepairing a draft of Brandlingill affairs. Went there in the afternoon. ***Thu 14th*** Went to Graysouthen. Was at Meeting. Dined at John Harris's. Executed the release of Back of Moor. ***Fri 15th*** With hedgers in the forenoon. Very fine day. ***Sat 16th*** Nothing to be remarked. Fine weather. Bar[ometer] 4.

Sun 17th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. John Robinson & wife here in afternoon. ***Mon 18th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Gave William Shephered a s[a]mple of barley for Joseph. Agreed for 10s. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Very fine weather. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Mockerkin to the funeral of Thomas Fletcher. He dyed of a short illness. ***Thu 21st*** A very hard frost & likely to continue. ***Fri 22nd*** Sharp frost.

[*Undated entry in memoranda column for this week:*] Baynes & Robinson to meet again on the 26 inst. at the Globe about Jefferson's arbitration. Fix'd with H. Bowman to go to Boulness on the 29 inst. to execute the deeds & the writ of covenant to pass the fine of Ullock lands and wrote C. Wilkinson and David Smith accordingly.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. To meet about the arbitration on 5th day at the Globe. ***Thu 28th*** Went to Cockermouth about arbitration. Agreed. The awards were executed. Got home near five in morning. ***Fri 29th*** Sett forward with Henry Bowman for Boulness. Got to Wigton; lodged there. Frosty weather. ***Sat 30th*** At Wigton. Got to Boulness about 10 a.m. Got all the writings executed. Din'd at Tom Lawson's. Lodged at Cardurnock.

December 1765

Sun 1st Call'd at Beckfoot and Allonby and got home about 4 p.m. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and others about business. ***Tue 3rd*** Gardner James Nelson here and the hedgers. Very fine weather. ***Wed 4th*** Gardner and hedgers here. Nothing remarkable. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Met John Fearon at Kirby at 6 p.m. about Jefferson affairs. Agreed that John Fearon should state an account of what was due to and from the estate of the late Thomas Jefferson to this time and to give the relations notice to meet at this place to view the accounts and to conclude about the sale of the estate at Granger Houses in pursuance of the award signed on 28 ult. ***Fri 6th*** Got the award last night from John Fearon. Made a true copy thereof. ***Sat 7th*** With gardner and hedgers. A showery day. Jo Johnson threshing.

Sun 8th At Meeting. A fine day. Gardner here. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. To go to Workington on 4th day & to Graysouthen on 3rd. This day hired a man, viz. Peter Murray, to Whitsuntide in the place of Andrew who is still very ill, for £4 8s. Gave him one shilling earnest. P. Nicholson here. Agreed to state a case and take a counsel's oppinion about Jonathan Hudson's affairs and Henry Bowman to get the same done speedily. ***Tue 10th*** A very wet day. Drayners went home. Gardner here; got little done. ***Wed 11th*** Very unwell. Anthony Richardson here: paid remainder of year's rent due on the 25th March last. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Sharp frost & snow on the hills. Hedgers & gardner here. ***Fri 13th*** Hard frost. Gardner put off filling up the walks, pruning &c. ***Sat 14th*** Moderate frost. Peter about the gardens. The hedgers here.

Sun 15th Went to the funeral of Mathew Robinson at Eaglesfield. Select Meeting after. ***Mon 16th*** Settled with Joseph Pearson & paid the ballance in full. Did not get to Cockermouth. Hard frost. ***Tue 17th*** A very wet day. Snow on the hills. ***Wed 18th*** Went to Whitehaven. With Skyrin & Nixon; also Thomas Simpson. ***Thu 19th*** Settled with Martha Nicholson and paid her the remainder of interest &c. in full. Came home after. ***Fri 20th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting. John Harris representative to the Quarter Meeting. ***Sat 21st*** Nothing remarkable. A very cold, sleety day. Hedgers done. {To Alexander Payton in full for self and man 19 days: 19s 0d. To ditto for 300 ellers: 2s 0d.}

Sun 22nd At Meeting. The Preparative Meeting after. At Mossergate. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth on foot. With sundries about business. Came home in the night. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Moderate weather. ***Wed 25th*** Sett forward to Wigton Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cock Bridge. Lodged at King's Arms. ***Thu 26th*** At Wigton. Attended the Quarterly Meeting for business: in general well conducted. Got arbitration bonds signed between William Hayton & Jane Hayton of all differances to John Walker & self. To meet at Beckfoot on the 8th of January. Time: till the 2nd February. ***Fri 27th*** Meeting for Worship in the morning. Adjourned meeting after. ***Sat 28th*** Correcting the draft between Wilson & furnace company. To ingross the same soon.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Tabitha here. Sharp frost. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Very little market. Very sharp frost & like to continue. ***Tue 31st*** Settled with Andrew [*Glendenning*]. He went forward this day with his brother William for Scotland. In very weak condition.

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January 1766

Wed 1st Ingrossing the articles between John Wilson and the furnace company. Severe frost. ***Thu 2nd*** Sharp frost. ***Fri 3rd*** At Graysouthen after: got all signed. ***Sat 4th*** Examining deeds of settlement for Peter Pearson. Frosty weather.

Sun 5th At Meeting. Tabitha went home this morning. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Dined at Globe with John Hodgson and wrote an article for him after about coals. ***Tue 7th*** Nothing to be remarked save the frost continues & likely to hold. ***Wed 8th*** Sett forward with John Fearon and John Walker to Beckfoot about the arbitration. ***Thu 9th*** At Beckfoot. Lodged at Dan Glaister's. Got some evidences examined upon the will. Agreed to meet again at Wigton. ***Fri 10th*** At home. Made out a fair copy of the depositions for John Walker. ***Sat 11th*** Got cold. Examining the adjudged cases in point and think the will cannot be supported.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Settled with John Dixon & paid in full. ***Tue 14th*** Begun my answer to Elizabeth Wilkinson's charges against me.[117A] ***Wed 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Quarter Sessions begun this day. Not much business. ***Thu 16th*** Went again to Cockermouth. Wrote the copy of an article for Joseph Udall of Borrowdale. ***Fri 17th*** Proceeding with my answer. It will be very long and tedious. ***Sat 18th*** Still about my answer. Got near 15 pages in folio, pretty close wrote.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow p.m. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Dan Glaister to meet us at Wigton on 5th day about 1 p.m. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Went to Whitehaven after about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. ***Wed 22nd*** At Whitehaven. Wrote a long letter to John Wilson to copy Snowden Helm's accounts and get them proved. ***Thu 23rd*** Sett forward to Wigton with John Walker about the arbitration [*concerning Daniel Hayton's will*]. ***Fri 24th*** At Wigton. Had Dan Glaister examined before John Nicholson, deputy register. He believes it not to be his writing. ***Sat 25th*** Nothing remarkable. Settling my answers to E.W.'s [*Elizabeth Wilkinson's*] charges.

Sun 26th At Meeting. John Fawcett here in the evening. Settled with him about T.A. [*Thomas Abbatt's*] affairs. ***Mon 27th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. ***Tue 28th*** Transcribing a fair copy of my answer to E.W.'s [*Elizabeth Wilkinson's*] charges against me. ***Wed 29th & Thu 30th*** About ditto. ***Fri 31st*** Wrote the conditions of sale of wood for Jonathan Dixon. At Kirby after.

February 1766

Sat 1st Went to Workington. Took instructions for deeds from Captain Walker to his son, Musgrave.

Sun 2nd At the Meeting. James King from Newcastle there: a young zealous preacher. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. To prepare some cases for the opinion of counsel. ***Tue 4th*** Begun at lime killn yesterday. ***Wed 5th*** About the article for Borrowdale people. Severe frost. ***Thu 6th*** Finished the draft of the article and a letter to Joseph Youdall. ***Fri 7th*** Went to Red Dial with John Fearon. Could not get the land sold. ***Sat 8th*** At Red Dial. No further chaps appeared about the land. Came home after.

Sun 9th At Meeting. John Ritson here after. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. To execute Walker's deeds on 14th inst. ***Tue 11th*** Drafting the deeds for Musgrave Walker. Hard frost again this morning. ***Wed 12th*** A great snow fell last night. It lays generally above a foot deep. Frost. ***Thu 13th*** Snow blown much into drifts. Roads unpassable. ***Fri 14th*** Snow and frost. No moving from home. Finished the deeds. ***Sat 15th*** Lime killn gone out. Could not get it brought away on account of the snow.

Sun 16th At Meeting: but thin on account of snow. Had a collection. The Preparative Meeting. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Hayton. To get the oppinion so soon as I can. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was but thin on account of the snow not yet quite gone. ***Wed 19th*** Drew a draft of a case for W.M.'s [*William Milbourne's*] oppinion about Daniel Hayton's will. ***Thu 20th*** Examining the case. Went to Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. ***Fri 21st*** Went to Workington. Got freehold deed executed. J. Ritson disapointed us about the other. ***Sat 22nd*** At Seaton. Went with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to Whitehaven. With W. Skyrin, John Nixon &c. Left with John Walker £6 18s 9d for J.C. [*John Casson*].

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Very moderate weather; some frost. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Captain Allison. To prepare the lease this week. ***Tue 25th*** Very moderate weather. About the lime killn. Got all the coals put on this night. ***Wed 26th*** Transcribed the case for William Millburn's opinion about D. Hayton's will. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting. Begun with the lease [*of Fellside estate, Mosser*] between Allason & Graham, rent £35 10s; term seven years. ***Fri 28th*** John Mirehouse here whitewashing. Cold weather but moderate; some showers of snow.

March 1766

Sat 1st Very cold. Finished the lease. Henry Allison did not come as proposed; did not get signed.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Was at home after. John Robinson & John Fawcett here night.

Mon 3rd Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. With John Littledale: to give me an answer in a month. ***Tue 4th*** A great snow last night & this morning, so could not go to Keswick as we had proposed. ***Wed 5th*** Sett forward to Keswick with Elihu Robinson to survey Hugh Tickel's land belonging Quarterly Meeting. ***Thu 6th*** At Keswick. Went to Millbeck, Under Skidow. Surveyed part of that estate. Joshua Scott with us. ***Fri 7th*** At Keswick. Finished the estate and some fields called Commons. ***Sat 8th*** At home in the forenoon. Went with John Fawcett to Jonathan Dixon's after. Got but little satisfaction.

Sun 9th At Meeting; Preparative Select Meeting after. Mentioned my case with E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*] &c. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Fellside. Got the lease & bond executed. At Cockermouth after. A very hot day. ***Tue 11th*** Begun to plough in the High Pasture: got pretty well forward. ***Wed 12th*** Ploughing in ditto; Matthew Black helping us. Warm we[a]ther. N.B. Alexander Payton and man here each four days to 12th current. ***Thu 13th*** Ploughing in ditto. No help this day. Writing an abstract of the narrative. ***Fri 14th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting. My case against E.W. controverted. Put off until 1st day after Quarter Meeting. ***Sat 15th*** Elihu here. Writing out survey and description of Hugh Tickel's charity lands for county. N.B. Jonathan Robinson has been working in all six days to 15 current.

Sun 16th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting. Jonathan Dixon senior and Lette Monkes & Peter Pearson & Lette Sibson offer'd their marriages. Sarah Woodvill died this morning about 5 a clock. Supposed to be mortification of the bowels occasioned by a fitt of the cholick to which she was very subject. ***Mon 17th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Throng ploughing on the Bankheads. Pen Hutchinson here. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Sarah Woodvill's funeral after. ***Wed 19th*** Ploughing in the Pasture for faughing. Very cold weather. ***Thu 20th*** Finished the Pasture. About transcribing the Sufferings. ***Fri 21st*** Three hedgers here. Cold sharp weather. Leading soil and lime upon the Croft. ***Sat 22nd*** A very great snow came on in the afternoon. Put the hedgers of work. John Evening here.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Met after with John Harris about Jonathan Dixon. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth on foot. With sundries about business. A very severe frost. ***Tue 25th*** Finished the Sufferings for the Quarter Meeting. Leading soil and lime. Very cold; hard frost. ***Wed 26th*** Sett forward to Carlisle, the Quarter Meeting, with John Wilkinson &c. ***Thu 27th*** At Carlisle. The meeting generally well conducted. Isaac Wilson from Kendal there. ***Fri 28th*** At ditto. The meeting ended well. I.W. sett forward home. Cold weather. ***Sat 29th*** At home. Nothing to be remarked.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Went with wife to Pardshow after. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman & others about business.

April 1766

Wed 2nd About the hedgers this day. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Begun sowing in the Pasture. ***Fri 4th*** Finished the sowing in the Pasture: about 10 bushels. ***Sat 5th*** Ploughing in the Croft.

Sun 6th At the Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Fine weather. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote P. Gale and John Nixon. With G.B. [*George Bell*] &c. ***Tue 8th*** Hedgers here; about hedging out John Robinson's way. Drafting J.D. [*Jonathan Dixon's*] deeds.[118] John Nixon here this evening. I let him have C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] invoice book along with him to copy out some invoices to send over to Virginia under the burrough seal to Thomas Pleasant. He to take due care of it until called for. ***Wed 9th*** Finished the draft of J.D.'s deeds. A very fine day. ***Thu 10th*** One of the hedgers here this day finishing the work. Payd them.[119] ***Fri 11th*** About ingrossing Jonathan Dixon's deeds. Fine weather. ***Sat 12th*** About setting the potatoes in the Croft. At Gilbrow with John Usher & Jo Black after.

Sun 13th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Fine growing weather. N.B. Egremont court to be keept on the 23rd current. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. Markets very dear. Fine growing weather. ***Tue 15th*** Finished Dixon's deed and bond for the performance of covenants. ***Wed 16th*** Went with the two Jonathan Dixons to Brayton Hall. Got the business done.[120] ***Thu 17th*** Drawing the deeds from Jonathan Dixon the elder to Jonah Dixon of Todall land. ***Fri 18th*** Finished the deeds. Wrote on two skins of parchment. ***Sat 19th*** Wrote a surrender and executed the deeds at Kirby this evening. Showry weather.
Sun 20th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Fine weather; some showers. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & son. With sundries about business. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Believe I must go to London to the Yearly Meeting. ***Wed 23rd*** Went to the court at Egremont. {To enrollment of Fellside land for Henry Allison: 2s 4d.} Several neighbours there. Went to Whitehaven after. ***Thu 24th*** At Whitehaven. Martha Nicholson is something better. Concluded to go to London with W.S. [*William Skyrin*]. ***Fri 25th*** At ditto. Came away this morning with Dr. Gill. Was at Branthwaite and Ullock after setting of the land &c. ***Sat 26th*** Went to Workington & Maryport. Ended the difference between the brewry company & Thomas Lowdan.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Very fine weather & a forward spring. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Peile & John Littledale and others.

May 1766

Thu 1st About preparing for London. At Kirby in evening signing deeds. ***Fri 2nd*** Set forward with wife to Cockermouth for London. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] and son & servant in company. ***Sat 3rd*** At Keswick. Came away about 5 a.m. Stop'd at Horsehead; dined at Ambleside; got to Kendal at 3 p.m.

Sun 4th At Kendal. Came away about 6. Stop'd at Yelland and dined at Lancaster. Wet. ***Mon 5th*** At Lancaster. Breakfasted at Garstang; dined at Preston; baited at Rose, Whittles; lodged at Wigin. ***Tue 6th*** Came away a little past 5 a.m. Breakfasted at Prescott; dined and lodged at Liverpool. ***Wed 7th*** Liverpool. Came away at 9½ a.m. to Eastam & so to Chester. Dined there and lodged at Torporley. ***Thu 8th*** Torporley. Came away a little past 7 a.m. Breakfasted at Nantwatch; dined at Stone; lodged at Wolsely Bridge. ***Fri 9th*** Wolsley Bridge. Came away a little past 6. Breakfasted at Litchfield; dined at Coleshill & lodged at Coventry. ***Sat 10th*** Coventry. Came away about 9. Dined at Dunchurch; called at Devontree & lodged at Towcester. Dirty roads.

Sun 11th Towcester. Came away at 8. Breakfasted at S[t]ony Stratford; dined at Dunstuble; lodged at Albans. ***Mon 12th*** Albans. Came from ditto at 7. Breakfasted at Kitts Inn and dined at the George in Aldermanberry, London. ***Tue 13th*** London. On the Exchange, at the Tower, Wapping &c. With Richard Bailiffe about Captain Matthew Hall. ***Wed 14th*** London. At the inn. Dined at College Hill, Blenerhassett's. At Lincoln's Inn after. At Meeting in morning. ***Thu 15th*** London. Breakfasted at Blenerhassett's. At Lincoln's Inn, Jones's, after. Dined with William Graham. Isaac Hall come to town. ***Fri 16th*** London. Breakfasted at inn. Dined at John Bowstead's. At Meeting in morning; at the Meeting for Sufferings. After at John Fry's. ***Sat 17th*** London. At the inn. Breakfasted there. Dined at Joseph Sheerwood's. Attended the Meeting of Ministers & Elders which begun at 3 & sitt till 7.

Sun 18th Ditto. Breakfasted at the inn. At Meeting in Gracechurch Street. Dined at Peter Fearon's. At Savoy Meeting after. ***Mon 19th*** At London. Breakfasted at the inn. At the adjourn'd meeting at 9 a.m. which adjourned to 7 on 5[th] day morning. Dined at Robert Bell's. At Meeting after. ***Tue 20th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at inn. Attended the Meeting at 9 a.m. Dined at John Fry's. At the adjourned meeting at 4 p.m. Crowded & hot. ***Wed 21st*** At ditto. Breakfasted at inn. At Horsledown Meeting. Dined at Hinton Brown's. Attended the meeting after, which begun at the 4 hour. ***Thu 22nd*** At ditto. At the adjourned Meeting of Ministers at 7 a.m. Attended the Yearly Meeting at 10. Dined at Joseph Sheerwood's; attended the meeting after at 4 p.m. ***Fri 23rd*** At ditto. Breakfasted at Stephen Jackson's. Attended the Committee for the Epistles at 9. Dined at the inn. At the adjourned meeting after. ***Sat 24th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at inn. At the Committee about 9 a.m.; sit till one. Dined at John Townsend's. At Yearly Meeting after at 4, which concluded the meeting.

Sun 25th At Totenham, Jonathan Bell's. At Meeting which was not large. Frances Dodgson there. ***Mon 26th*** At Totenham. Came away this morning & breakfasted at Daniel Bell's, Stamford Hill. Came to London. At Meeting for Ministers. Dined at Mills's. ***Tue 27th*** At London. Breakfasted at the inn. At John Patinson's after. Dined at Wilson & Fell's; at Smith's Norman's &c. ***Wed 28th*** At ditto. Breakfasted at the inn. Sett from London about 11 a.m. with Thomas Crewdson, Isaac Hall and Robert Empson. Dined at Kitts Inn & lodged at Dunstuble. ***Thu 29th*** Came away about 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Wooburn; dined at Newport & lodged at Northampton. ***Fri 30th*** Came from Northampton at 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Harborough; dined at

Leicester & lodged at Loughborough. ***Sat 31st*** Came away about 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Notingham; dined at Sutton and lodged at Chesterfield. Went to see William Storr & wife.

June 1766

Sun 1st Came away about 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Sheafield. At Meeting there fore & afternoon. Lodged at John Barnett's. ***Mon 2nd*** At Sheaffield. Dined at the inn. Came away about 1 p.m. Baited at Wakefield; lodged at Leeds, the King's Arms in the Market Place. ***Tue 3rd*** At Leeds. Went to see the cloth markett. Came away about 11 a.m. Dined at Skipton & lodged at Settle, Sarah Birkbeck's. ***Wed 4th*** Came away about 9 a.m. Dined at Kirby Lonsdale and lodged at Kendal, Rachel Crewdson's. Isaac Hall here. ***Thu 5th*** At Kendal. Came away about 6 a.m. Breakfasted at Ambleside & dined at Keswick and got home about 7 p.m. Found all well. ***Fri 6th*** Wallers here about the Bank wall. Corn, grass and all things look well. ***Sat 7th*** Wallers here. They have finished the back-court wall & kitchen garden.

Sun 8th Went to the Meeting: not very full. Showry weather. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth, wife & son Isaac along with me. With sundries about business. Showry. ***Tue 10th*** Looking over my papers & accounts. Showry weather & seems very unsettled. James Fisher came here on 3rd day morning the 10th current to work as a labourer. I agreed with him for 3s a week & he to deduct for the wet days that he doth not work for me. ***Wed 11th*** Went forward to Whitehaven with wife and Mary Robinson about Martha Nicholson's affairs. ***Thu 12th*** At Whitehaven. Settled the affairs so far as could. Joseph Watson had got M.N. [*Martha Nicholson*] to indorse his note of £6 to Ann Williamson, which was intended to be in lieu of the cloths given her and her grand-daughter in the will & she had disposed of her cloths to sundry persons named in a paper given us, but as he had indorsed the note away & they then insisted of both so we left the cloths to their own management and would not medle about them on any account. There are sundry debts to pay to the amount of upwards of 4£. Brought our share of the goods home this night. ***Fri 13th*** Was at the Monthly Select Meeting, but very badly attended. Nothing very remarkable this day. ***Sat 14th*** Was at Kirby yesterday in the evening with John Fearon and the relations. Agreed to sell the land.

Sun 15th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting held after. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. She road on the new mare. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 17th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Richard Dearman there: came home with me to enquire about the Chancery cause. ***Wed 18th*** Settling this book. Went to Gillbrow in the afternoon with John Usher. Very showery. ***Thu 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John & William Graham who came here yesterday evening. Dined at the Globe. Came home in the evening. Showery. ***Fri 20th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met John Ellwood about Jonathan Hudson affairs. Agreed J.H. [*Jonathan Hudson*] to write P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] to come. ***Sat 21st*** Copied out Arthur Jones' opinion on Hayton's case and anexed the same to Millbourn's.

Sun 22nd At the Meeting. At Pardshow after with wife & lads. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Peile & John Littledale. With Richard Ramsey about John Dodgson affairs. ***Tue 24th*** Preparing for my journey to Quarter Meeting &c. A hot day. Sarah Iredale buried this day. ***Wed 25th*** Sett forward with John Fearon & John Nutt to Red Dial to the sale of land, viz. Granger Houses. ***Thu 26th*** At Red-Dial. Went to Heskett to the Quarter Meeting. Isaac Wilson, William Dillworth and Samuel Parrot there. ***Fri 27th*** At Nether Row. Attended the meeting after. Ended pretty well. Came home after. Showry weather. ***Sat 28th*** About leading and mixing the lime. Still showry, wet weather; the roads dirty.

Sun 29th At Meeting. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven 1st day. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Henry Bowman not yet come home. With John Hayton &c.

July 1766

Tue 1st Dan Glaister came here this forenoon. Stay'd all night. ***Wed 2nd*** Conversing with D.G. [*Dan Glaister*] on the subject of the Chancery suit &c. He has but little hopes of ending. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting. About peats after. Leading lime. A warm day & begins to look like settled weather. ***Fri 4th*** About settling my papers to know what I have pay'd and received from the factory since March 1763. ***Sat 5th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Going over the books. To meet Joseph Reay on 2nd day.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Abraham Scott & wife & Craggend folks here. Wet afternoon. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. H. Bowman is come home, but very ill: scarce expected to live. With sundries. ***Tue 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Reay about the stocking business books. It hath answered well, the two last years about 140£. The assignees of J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] came in the afternoon to know what I had received of the old debts & to give them account. I shewed them the books & gave account how much I had received & paid of the old accounts & it appeared that I had paid near £40 more than I had received & that there was then £75 debt which was to be paid out of the outstanding debts after discharging Jonathan Hudson's debt which was owing him from the old company. And then after the discharge of all said debts I had upwards of 300£ to receive to bring me upon an equality with the other partners in said factory. The assignees of J.H. behaved very badly at first as if I had got a great sum in my hands due to them out of said debts & came upon me without notice, but they alter'd their sentiments at last. Agreed pretty well. ***Wed 9th*** Mowing in Undergarth meadow. Begun yesterday: meadows pretty full. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting. Fine hay weather. Wrote John Fisher's paper of denial.[121] ***Fri 11th*** Went to Workington to see Henry Bowman. Went to Seaton after. Hot weather. ***Sat 12th*** Very throng about the hay. Wrote a draft of a minute against those who have proceeded at law.

Sun 13th At Meeting. H.H. [*Hannah Harris*] there. Remarked about stoning the Lord's prophets &c. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. Little business this season. The Assizes to begin about the 1st next month. ***Tue 15th*** Very warm weather.

Throng with the hay. ***Wed 16th*** Fine hay weather. ***Thu 17th*** At Meeting in the morning. About hay after. ***Fri 18th*** Wet in the fore part of the day. Fine hay day after. Went to Cockermouth to meet Jonathan Hudson junior who is going to Philadelphia shortly. Agreed to allow him 50£ in part of his promisary note on account of his father's affairs. He to take goods for the remainder of his demand on the old company &c. His ballance for th[rea]d is this day settled at £71 16s 6½d and George Bell to pay me the £50 out of the new company's effects so soon as convenient in lieu thereof. And I am to credit the said Jonathan Hudson's account as I receive the cash from G.B. to answer the said £50 in lieu of part payment of his said promisary note. ***Sat 19th*** Got 22 cart loads of hay out of Undergarth & Corn Close meadows. Fine weather.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Eaglesfield after with wife & two sons. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Spent the 2s 6d sent by George Peile. With his brothers, Edward Jones, William Park &c. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting: very thin on account of the fine hay day. Signed John Fisher's denial. ***Wed 23rd*** Nothing remarkable. About the hay. ***Fri 25th*** About the hay. ***Sat 26th*** Went to Whitehaven. About William Hudson's burgage with Sir James [*Lowther*] &c.

Sun 27th At Whitehaven. With Captain Robinson and Sir James about William Hudson's burgage. They both promised it should be compleated so soon as Sir James return'd from the Assizes and the whole affairs relating to the bourough should be finished at or before Christmas next. N.B. William Gill was at Whitehaven along with me about this affair. Very showery day. Came home in afternoon. ***Mon 28th*** John Casson here. Went to Cockermouth with wife in the afternoon. With John Robinson, John Fletcher. ***Tue 29th*** A hard gale of wind yesterday afternoon & this day pretty fare. About hay. ***Wed 30th*** P. Nicholson here. Came over about Jonathan Hudson affairs. Shew'd him the oppinion. ***Thu 31st*** Peter Nicholson here about Jonathan Hudson affairs. Went with him to Graysouthen. Examined the books and compared them with the lists taken. Jonathan Hudson gone to Liverpool on his way to Philadelphia with a cargo of goods and to return in the spring. He has left his sister Hannah, Peter Hudson & Thomas Simpson a power of attorney to receive & pay for him during his absence. P.N. proposes to come again in about a month time to try if anything further can be done in the affair &c. Went to Cockermouth after. With G.B. [*George Bell*] & Joseph Whin[n]ey.

August 1766

Fri 1st Weather showry. About the hay. Mowing in High Whinney. ***Sat 2nd*** A very wet day. About moowing [*sic*] hay &c.

Sun 3rd Sett forward to Carlisle with William Gill. Lodged at Upperby, John Dockray's. Got from William Gill half an ounce of Arnott's *Bulbocastanum Bunium* or earth nutt, a sort of dying stuff used for to colour cheese a fine orange colour. A

small quantity will do. I suppose an ounce will serve a year. It has neither smell nor taste in the milk or cheese. It gives the cheese a fine bright orange colour and a small quantity put in a rag & strained into the milk before the steep put in will do. ***Mon 4th*** At Upperby. Went to Carlisle. Attended the Assizes; heard several causes. Lodged at William Nicholson's. ***Tue 5th*** At Carlisle. Heard Harrison's, Irving's & Watson's tryals: all gained. Came to Wigton after & lodged there. ***Wed 6th*** At Wigton. Came away about 1 p.m.; dined at Cock Bridge and got home about 7. Hot sultry weather. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Meeting in forenoon. About leading peats in afternoon. Elihu Robinson here at Pardshowhall. ***Fri 8th*** About leading hay out of Near High Whiney: pretty full of grass. Hot sultry weather. ***Sat 9th*** Mowing in Whinney. Hot & sultry.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Edward Jones & wife, Thomas Abbott & wife &c. here in afternoon. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Fletcher, Matthew Black & W. Gill about business. Hot sultry weather. Bought of John Dixon 1 loaf of sugar 36¼ lb. @ 8d: £1 4s 2d. To pay when convenient. ***Tue 12th*** About the hay in Low Near Whinney. Tabitha Candler here: came on 1st day. Warm weather. ***Wed 13th*** Man at Workington markett. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting: silent. About Whinney hay; begun with Pasture. ***Fri 15th*** Going through books to fix P.N. [*Peter Nicholson's*] account. Joseph Robinson &c. here. ***Sat 16th*** About P.N. account. It appears to be considerable in my favour.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Richard Dearman here afternoon. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Hudson, Peter Pearson &c. Thomas Mirehouse here. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. To take the final answer of those Friends who have proceeded at law. To prepare a minute against next month for that purpose. ***Wed 20th*** About Pasture hay. William Hudson here. Got him to sign & agree to his account. I also signed the same, errors excepted. The original in my hands; to give him a copy some opportunity. ***Thu 21st*** Parson Mirehouse here from Peterborough in Northamptonshire.[122] ***Fri 22nd*** Shearing barley in Low Orchard. 19½ shocks. ***Sat 23rd*** About the Pasture; making it ready for the stack.

Sun 24th Betty, Mally and Jane Pearson here. Stormy. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman about the Chancery cause. Dixon's writt of enquiry &c. To meet Dr. Gill, William Hudson &c. on 5th day morning about the 9 hour at Gillerthwaite, A. Tyson's. ***Tue 26th*** Unwell. Finished the stack of hay in Pasture & got 2 loads barley. ***Wed 27th*** Man gone to Workington market. A showry day. Thrashing barley for bread. Early potatoes sold until this day amount to £2 6s 0d. ***Thu 28th*** Did not get to Meeting. Jackson here about buying beasts. Did not agree. A windy day. ***Fri 29th*** Two taylors here to mend our cloths. Rag man here. Very stormy. ***Sat 30th*** Shearing and getting potatoes for markett. Taylors here.[123]

Sun 31st At Meeting. Read John Fisher's paper of denial. Henry Bowman & wife here.

September 1766

Mon 1st A wet, blowy day. Did not get to Cockermouth. Man there with potatoes. Got from John Messenger 3 salmon fish, weight 91 lb. Seems to be very good. To pay him next week. They come to 15s 2d @ 2d per lb. ***Tue 2nd*** Wet in the morning. Shearing after in the Croft. Pretty good barley but full of weed. ***Wed 3rd*** Man gone to Workington market with potatoes & butter. Shearing in afternoon. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather. ***Fri 5th*** Shearing in Croft. Showry.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Wrote Richard Dearman & sent by man. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth in afternoon. With Blenerhassett, G. Bell &c. Very wet. ***Tue 9th*** Looking over Robert Harris' letter from his friend against a part of R. Barclay.[124] ***Wed 10th*** Consulting Lock upon the subject & comparing them together. ***Thu 11th*** Unwell of a disorder in my bowels. Did not get to Meeting. Very showry weather. ***Fri 12th*** Shearing in Croft. Came showers in forenoon. Got little done. ***Sat 13th*** Begun to write an answer to Robert Harris' letter against a part of R. Barclay.

Sun 14th At Meeting. George Hayworth & James Jackson from Yorkshire here. Select Meeting after. ***Mon 15th*** Man gone to Cockermouth. Went there with wife after. With Blen[erhassett], H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. ***Tue 16th*** H.B. here compairing the answers with bill & exceptions. Took all this day. ***Wed 17th*** Henry Bowman here two nights. We got through our remarks on their exceptions to our answers & seem to incline to argue the exceptions with them as we think that our answers are upon the whole very full & answer all their int[e]rog[atorie]s in bill. But as our agent Blenerhassett intends to be at my house on 2nd day evening the 29th current & to stay a few days, shall then fix the whole & come to a final determination about answering or not their exeptions. H.B. went away this morning about 10 a clock. Peter gone to market & James [Fisher] to coals. ***Thu 18th*** Finished my draft of answer to a letter against a part of R. Barclay's "Apology". ***Fri 19th*** At Select Monthly Meeting, but thin. None from Whitehaven nor Issell. P.H. [*Peter Hudson*] again spoke to by order of Quarterly Meeting. ***Sat 20th*** Throng about the harvest. A wet, late season.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting held after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Ramsey &c. about John Dodgson; shew'd a bill on me. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Samuel Fothergill and Isaac Wilson here. Agreed to give the complainants a 2nd hearing. ***Wed 24th*** Went to Graysouthen to Meeting. S.F.[*Samuel Fothergill*] & I.W. [*Isaac Wilson*], also James Backhouse & William Chapman, there. ***Thu 25th*** Attended the Quarterly Meeting. Our Friends all there. The law case refferred to a large committee. This afternoon at 3 the committee met at meeting house. The 4 Friends and George Swan were made a part of the same.[125] The party complaining against the judgement of Quarterly Meeting appeared & were desired to give their reasons why said judgement should not be confirmed, as no satisfaction was given for their breach of the rules of discipline &c. But they had very little to say in their deffence, we answering & explaining every thing to the

satisfaction of the said committee. They therefore unanimously confirmed the former judgement & all signed the report. ***Fri 26th*** At Cockermouth. Select Meeting begun at 7½ & public meeting at 10 a.m. All ended well. The adjourn'd meeting after. ***Sat 27th*** Very fine weather. Very throng with the harvest: got all the Corn Close oats cutt down.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Mary Jenkinson & two daughters dined with me. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Got in upwards of 500 shocks of oats last night and this morning. ***Tue 30th*** William Blenerhassett and Henry Bowman came here with me last night. Examined their exceptions to our answers in Chancery & find we have answered very fully. Where one has not answered any part, that is fully answered by another. Therefore have agreed to argue [*'to argue' repeated*] the same before a master & not put in any further answer, except we are required so to do by the court.

October 1766

Wed 1st William Skyrin, John Nixon & Peter Pearson here about the Chancery affair, but they [*sic*] attorneys gone. Agreed to argue the exeptions. We finished our remarks yesterday. So dined & went to Workington after. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting. Got all the corn shorn yesterday & all of it into the house this day and very well.

Wed 8th Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon to draw out accounts for W.S. [*William Skyrin*]. ***Fri 10th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair, which was very large. Beasts & horses very dear. ***Sat 11th*** Ploughing for wheat. Very fine weather.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Stormy day. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. R. Dearman here. To meet at Whitehaven tomorrow. ***Tue 14th*** Went to the court at Egremont and to Whitehaven after. Lodged at W.S.'s [*William Skyrin's*]. ***Wed 15th*** At Whitehaven. Looking over our accounts. To settle the same as soon as we can. ***Thu 16th*** At Whitehaven. Wrote to Jonathan Dixon. ***Fri 17th*** Went with wife & John & Billy to Cragg End. Sally there. Came home after. ***Sat 18th*** Rolling the wheat. A cold, blowing day. James gone to the coals.

Sun 19th At Meeting. Very rainy after. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Whinfell people & Wilson Pearson &c. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. The Quarterly Meeting committee's report about the law suit entered. Friends apointed to take their answers. Went to Brandlingill. Wrote the conditions of the sale: term 4 years; farmer to pay all taxes and incumberances & do all offices &c. Brandlingill estate was struck to John Slack for Jane Head for the yearly rent of £38 10s; and Moorside estate to John Jefferson for the yearly rent of £16 upon the same conditions with the other estate. Leases to be executed as soon as I can get them made ready. ***Thu 23rd*** Settled with Anthony Richardson for rent, workmen's victuals, labour &c. Went to Gillbrow with John Usher. ***Fri 24th*** Went to sale of Nicholson's land at Hill. It was struck to George Clark for the yearly rent of £32. Lease to be executed next week. ***Sat 25th*** A very wet stormy day. Men threshing. Jane Pearson here: came on 5th day last.

Sun 26th At Meeting. Very thin on account of the stormy day. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. A stormy day. Marketts continue pretty high. ***Tue 28th*** Two miners, viz. Thomas Winn and J. Greenup, came this day. Showry. At mill. ***Wed 29th*** Wrote Henry Bowman. Man gone to Workington markett. Stormy. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting. Gave notice of Joseph Oxley & John Roper to be at our Meeting on 1st day. Showry. ***Fri 31st*** At Workington. Went with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. to Mary Port. Dined & lodged at the King's Arms, Jonathan Thompson's. Met John Brisco & Thomas Robinson about the case between Elizabeth Twentyman, widow of Benjamin Twentyman, deceased, and Joseph Twentyman, brother to said Benjamin, about some promissary notes which said Benjamin had indorsed to one James Gambel &c. without any value received for for [*sic*] them, but only to defeat or defraud the widow, they having quarelled and parted. After hearing several evidences on both sides we had the matter compromised: the widow to have £38 & release the administration & each to pay half charges of arbitration.

November 1766

Sun 2nd At Meeting. The Friends there. Said but little to us but hit the state of meeting well. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Lancelot Wilson about will. To draw the same to be signed this day week. Sold to Thomas Bowman 10 bushels barley at 11s per bushel. To be sent in tomorrow. ***Tue 4th*** Miners here. Left the old pitt & to begin at Browfoot. Fine weather. Sent in the barley according to agreement. ***Wed 5th*** Taking up the potatoes; but thin. Wrote draft of a letter to John Wilson. Sent it to W. Skyrin. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. Finished potatoes: in all near 30 bushels and very good. Fine dry day; wind easterly. ***Fri 7th*** Ploughing the potato ground. Sew about ½ bushel of rye upon it. ***Sat 8th*** Schoolmaster came this afternoon. Agreed to open the school on 2nd day.

Sun 9th At Meeting at Eaglesfield. Joseph Hudson buried there this day. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. Martinmas fair; servants pretty moderate. A very fine day. Schoolmaster Jonathan Wilson opened the school at Pardshowhall. He is hired by Thomas Wood, John Fawcett, Richard Fletcher and self for £14 a year and we are to each keep him one quarter which answers one year's board. The master is to keep account of the scholars' entry, receive their quarter wage & render an account at the year's end, & if there be any deficiency in the sum we are to make it up to him, only R.F. says that he will not answer any deficiency in the sallery but will find a quarter meat & pay the common price for schooling his children. ***Tue 11th*** Miners came again this day. Driving a drift under the road. Got some pieces of ore. Settled with Matthew Black & paid him the ballance, viz. 3s 10d, in full of all accounts between us, save some weeks grass for the scotty which I am to take out in work. ***Wed 12th*** Very wett, showry weather. About Lancelot Wilson's will. ***Thu 13th*** At Meeting. Weather very unsettled. ***Fri 14th*** Considering the enquirer's answer to my letter in vindication of R.B. [*Robert Barclay*]. ***Sat 15th*** Writing some remarks on said letter. Miners here.

Sun 16th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. National collection. Received of Elihu Robinson Pardshow Meeting's collection for the national stock, £7 6s 6d, & I

am to receive the remainder from the Monthly Meeting at Pardshowhall on the 2nd of next month, the meeting being adjourned until that day. ***Mon 17th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Settled with Joseph Hutchinson & paid him the ballance. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting: few men & no women on account of the great storm of wind & a flood. Adjourn'd this day 2 weeks. ***Wed 19th*** Settling Martha Nicholson's account. A rainy day. ***Thu 20th*** Henry Bowman here. Settled with him & paid his account in full per bill & receipt.[126] ***Fri 21st*** Wrights here felling a tree for wheel timber &c. Lancelot Wilson here about will altering. ***Sat 22nd*** John Casson & Captain Rothery here last night. Went away about 10 a clock a.m.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Elihu Robinson here after. Entered P. Hudson's certificate. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with Jacob Winder and paid his bill in full. ***Tue 25th*** Miners & three wrights here. A pretty moderate day. ***Wed 26th*** About the letter respecting silence. The miners and two wrights here. ***Thu 27th*** Edward Jones here. Killed the cow. She proved pretty well. Fine day; frosty. ***Fri 28th*** Man went to Cockermouth with skin & tallow, near 5 stone. Moderate weather. ***Sat 29th*** Drew over again Lancelot Wilson's will. Settled with miners & paid in full {£1 14s.}

Sun 30th At Meeting. William Robinson here from Dublin.

December 1766

Mon 1st Unwell. Did not go to Cockermouth: wife there. Fine moderate weather. ***Tue 2nd*** Attended the adjourn'd Monthly Meeting. The person under dealing gave no further satisfaction.[127] Collections, viz: Pardshow: £7 6s 6d; ditto: 3s 0d; Broughton: £1 7s 6d; Cockermouth: £2 8s 6d; Issell: 17s 6d; Whitehaven: £2 13s 0d. [Total:] £14 16s 0d. ***Wed 3rd*** Arther Elliot, the surveyor, here.[128] With him. Took a station upon the hill & took several places. ***Thu 4th*** Two wrights and miners here. Wrote & executed Margaret Scott's will yesterday. ***Fri 5th*** Killed the cow yesterday. She proved very well: had near 5 stone fatt. This an error: see the same last week. ***Sat 6th*** Nothing remarkable. Very fine weather.

Sun 7th At Meeting. With wife at Pardshow after. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. To draw an indemnity bond for Fisher & Winder. ***Tue 9th*** At Mossergate with miners. Found several sparr veins in the Gill very likely for lead ore.[129] ***Wed 10th*** Miners here. The black stone yet continues mix'd with veins of sparr. At Brandlingill with wife after. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. Met after about the denial. Agreed to a paper, save E.R. [*Elihu Robinson?*] & J.W. [*John Wilson? or Jonathan Wilkinson?*] who thought it too severe. ***Fri 12th*** A heavy easterly storm & flood, so could not get the Moss surveyed as we proposed. ***Sat 13th*** Drew an indorsement & bond for Fisher & Winder. Sum now £25; due 2nd January next.

Sun 14th At Meeting. The Preparative Select Meeting after. P. Hudson made acknowledgement for by-steps &c. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed to

pay up Peile's money on the 25 of March next. Got J.F.'s [*John Fisher's*] bond & indorsement signed. ***Tue 16th*** Jonathan Robinson & James Graham came and made distress of 2 bushels of barley for small tithes. Barley: £1 2s 0d. Received: 5s 1d; costs: 10s 0d. ***Wed 17th*** Fine moderate weather. ***Fri 19th*** At Select Monthly Meeting. James Graham & William Crow there visiting county. ***Sat 20th*** Drawing the lease [*of Brandlingill estate*] between Jane Head & Jonathan Scott; rent £43.

Sun 21st Preparative Meeting after. Fine weather. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Received a letter from John Willgoose &c. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. T. Wilson & P. Hudson submitted to the meeting they had done wrong in proceeding at law &c. ***Wed 24th*** Sett forward to the Quarter Meeting at Wigton. Got there in the evening. ***Thu 25th*** At Wigton. Attended the Meeting for Business which was pretty well conducted. ***Fri 26th*** At Meeting for Worship this forenoon. All ended pretty well. ***Sat 27th*** Fin[i]shed Brandlingill lease and bond and got them executed.

Sun 28th At Hannah Hind funeral meeting at Eaglesfield. Sharp frost. ***Mon 29th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very cold weather. Settled this book. ***Tue 30th*** Miners came again this morning. Brought some samples of lead ore from Thornthwaite. ***Wed 31st*** Fine winter weather inclinable to frost. Mercury in barometer 30.6. I am to remitt to one of our correspondents in London £42 being the collection money for this county and have received that sum from the monthly meetings.

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January 1767

Thu 1st At Meeting. Moderate weather, inclinable to frost. Miners here. ***Fri 2nd*** A very cold strong NE wind. A great snow in the night. ***Sat 3rd*** Cold weather; frost and snow. At Kirby in the evening. Paid wallers in full for work {at Gillbrow: £4 16s 5d. To ditto in full for work at Underwood & fell-hedge: £1 12s 2d}.[130]

Sun 4th At Meeting. But thin on account of the snow. ***Mon 5th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the snow. Peter Nicholson here. ***Tue 6th*** Sharp frost and snow continues. Threshing barley. ***Wed 7th*** Matthew Black here. Killed the swine. It proved pretty well; about 11 stone a side. ***Thu 8th*** Did not get to the Meeting. The snow still is upon the ground. ***Fri 9th*** Very sharp frost and likely to continue. ***Sat 10th*** Lowswater froze over. Several gone there this day to skeet.

Sun 11th A very great snow last night so that no Meeting kept. ***Mon 12th*** Snow still continues to fall so that it is above a yard deep. ***Tue 13th*** No going out of the house, the snow lyeth so very thick. ***Wed 14th*** A very strong NE wind which blows the snow into very great drifts. ***Thu 15th*** Young broad head calved yesterday. The calf came the wrong end before; pull'd it away. ***Fri 16th*** Snow the same; the wind a little more moderate. Severe frost. ***Sat 17th*** Snow and frost continue. We keep the calf: a very fine one.

Sun 18th Could not get to the Meeting for the deep snow. ***Mon 19th*** Could not get to Cockermouth for the deep snow. Miners came again. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. But 10 men & one woman, so could not go thro' the business but continued the minutes. It appears by the account received from different places of this neighbourhood that there will be a very great loss among the sheep, a great number being already taken out dead from under the mountainous drifts of snow which will be yet some weeks in being thawed away. ***Wed 21st*** Wind south. It thaws pretty fast this morning but froze pretty keen again before night. ***Thu 22nd*** Wind south. It rains pretty fast & seems as if the thaw would continue but very moderate. ***Fri 23rd*** Wind put about again northerly in the night & it froze very hard. ***Sat 24th*** A great deal of the snow gone on the plain fields but the drifts still fill the lanes &c.

Sun 25th A strong southerly wind and rain. A flood. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 26th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the drifts of snow not melted out of the roads. Showry; wind southerly. ***Tue 27th*** Wind southerly with heavy showers of rain most of the day. Snow goes fast off. ***Wed 28th*** A moderate day. Pruning my fruit trees in low garden. Several broke to pieces by the snow. ***Thu 29th*** Went to Cockermouth for the 1st time since the snow. A fine day. ***Fri 30th*** Showry weather.

February 1767

Sun 1st At Meeting. Went to Pardshaw after with wife & lads to see John Robinson. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Settled with Jacob Winder & paid in part. Mary Harris of Whitekeld buried at Pardshowhall aged about 80 years. ***Tue 3rd*** Miners here. Found a string vane of metal yesterday. A very fine day. ***Thu 5th*** No Meeting this day on account of the funeral on 2nd day. ***Fri 6th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn. Lodged at William Skyrin's. ***Sat 7th*** At Whitehaven. With W.E. [*William Eccleston*], W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*]. Concluded that W.S. go with W.E. to sell land.

Sun 8th At Meeting. John Robinson & William went of for Dublin this afternoon. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife & son Isaac. With sundries about business. ***Tue 10th*** Wrote John Beeby's paper of denial and also Charles Graham & wife's & sent to George Bell.[131] ***Wed 11th*** At Mosser about the moss measuring and dividing. Agreed to go forward with it tomorrow. Wrote again to Joseph Reay & Daniel Coates about T. Burnyeat's demanding the money of us in pursuance of our joint bond & requested again their speedy answer. This on account Jonathan Harris & John Gill affairs. ***Thu 12th*** John Wildgose here viewing the mine. He has but little oppinion of our success. At Kirby. ***Fri 13th*** Showry weather. John Greenup not here this week. ***Sat 14th*** A cold & rainy day. Could do nothing about measuring moss.

Sun 15th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. John Robinson's folk & Suse Gill here afternoon. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*], B. Backhouse &c. A stormy day. ***Tue 17th*** At Monthly Meeting. Signed two papers of denial &c. Collection this month. ***Wed 18th*** With John Robinson & others about surveying of Mosser Moss. Cold weather with some showers. ***Thu 19th*** About Moss. Got the whole gone over & cast up: about 51 acres. Fine day; a cold SE wind. ***Fri 20th*** A storm of wind & rain so could not go out to lay off the shares in the Moss. ***Sat 21st*** A pretty moderate day. Wind SW. At Cockermouth in the afternoon. J. Wardsworth gone to Penrith &c.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Blenerhassett again about John Fawcett affair. Drayners here & miners. ***Tue 24th*** William Twadall here about the mine. He has a pretty good opinion of it. Very stormy in aforenoon. ***Wed 25th*** Weather still very unsettled. Casting the hedge in Whinney land and Pasture. ***Thu 26th*** About the lease of Moor-side land to John Jefferson. Yearly rent £16 at two payments. ***Fri 27th*** Finished the lease. To be executed on 2nd day by the parties. ***Sat 28th*** Settled with the miners and paid them in full {17s 0d}. Cold showry weather.

March 1767

Sun 1st At the Meeting. William Thompson here after. Fine day. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Christian Wilkinson & sent my receipt for £2 15s which I

am to receive from W. Thompson. Attended this evening the sale of the land at Granger Houses. It was struck in publick sale to Thomas Benson for £169 to be paid at the first odit, which will be about Michaelmas next. John Fearon & self enter'd into article to the purchase to procure the necessary parties to joyn in the conveyance of said premisses at the expence of the estate, said purchaser to be at the charge in putting the widow Granger out of possession of houses and we are to give possession of the land on the 25th of March next. Sale at the Globe Inn; John Danson cryer. Got home a little before two in the morning. ***Tue 3rd*** Settled with the hedgers & paid in full as on the other side. {To Alexander Payton in full £1 4s}. Wrote Jonathan Dixon and sent by Captain Ealbeck. ***Wed 4th*** Killed the swine yesterday & Peter is gone this morning with it to Crakeplace Hall. Went to Cockermouth after. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Miners & hedgers here. Showry weather.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Joseph Saul & Nicholas Beeby there. A fine day. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. With J.F. & J. Rudd about H. Casson's bond. ***Tue 10th*** Robert Harrison, miner, came yesterday. Begun to plough in the Braken Hill. ***Wed 11th*** Ploughing in Bankheads. Had M.B. [*Matthew Black*] & horse helping us. Fine weather. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Elihu Robinson here after about Mary Harris' testimony. ***Sat 14th*** Finished ploughing on Bankheads. Snow in afternoon.

Sun 15th At Meeting. The snow pretty thick; very cold weather. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. A very stormy day. Came home late. ***Wed 18th*** Went to Workington. Dined at R.D.'s [*Richard Dearman's*]. Very wett. ***Fri 20th*** At Select Monthly Meeting; but small.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the collection: it fell short. Read John Beeby's paper of denial. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Joseph Peile for J.H. [*John Harrison*] principal and interest {£51 14s 6d}. Dr. Gill under an arrest & keeps out of way. ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. Entered the paper of denial in the book against John Fearon & others. Signed [*Peter*] Pearson's deeds.[132] ***Wed 25th*** Henry Bowman here. Took bond and warrant of attorney for 171£ and an assignment from W.G. [*William Gill*] to H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. ***Thu 26th*** Could not get to the Quarter Meeting. About going through Dr. Gill's affairs. ***Fri 27th*** Examining the books & drawing out bills &c. ***Sat 28th*** Made out a list of book debts, total about 108£. H. Bowman here. He has lock'd up the shop.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Dr. Gill went away this morning before 2 a clock for Edenburgh. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman about Dr. Gill affairs. Sold his horse and recieved sundry debts.

April 1767

Wed 1st Wet day. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting. H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & G. Bewley dined here. About collecting Dr. Gill's book debts: affairs appear very bad. ***Fri 3rd*** Sowing Whinney ley. Took near eight bushel. Sew about 3 pecks on Braken hill on

2nd day. ***Sat 4th*** About ploughing fallows in High Whinney. Miners to leave off for a time. Very fine weather.

Sun 5th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Fine weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. The executors are arguing & we are likely to have to answer some things more full. ***Tue 7th*** Alexander Payton and two men came this day about making the new road to Whinneys. ***Wed 8th*** About the road and ploughing. Fine weather. ***Thu 9th*** Did not get to the Meeting. Making the conduit for the water under the road. ***Fri 10th*** Gardeners came this morning. About diging the ground for the peas and beans. ***Sat 11th*** Drainers and gardeners here. Finished the road. About Jackson's lease.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Hannah Gill & Suse here afternoon. Very fine weather. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with William Hayton. He is intended to proceed further in his affair. ***Tue 14th*** Finished John Jackson's lease. Ploughing in the Pasture. ***Wed 15th*** Leading lime out of Whinney into the Pasture. A very fine seed time. Weather dry. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting. About leading the lime and soil upon the Bank heads. ***Fri 17th*** About ditto. Adam Thompson here. ***Sat 18th*** Got the Bankhead done and sowed with oats.

Sun 19th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received account of William Hudson's being come to Whitehaven this morning. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. William Hudson & George Miller here after. Very cold day. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Whitehaven in the afternoon. Stop'd at Dessington. With William Lawson about W. Nicholson's affair. ***Thu 23rd*** At Whitehaven. Breakfasted at Sarah Piper's; dined at William Skyrin's. Sett to go again to Whitehaven on 3rd day. ***Fri 24th*** About setting potatoes in High Whinney. Leading manure up the new road. ***Sat 25th*** Finished the potatoes. Sett about four bushels in Whinney & six pecks below.

Sun 26th At Meeting. William Lawson & William Nicholson & a miner here. A very fine day. N.B. Egremont court to be on Wednesday the 13th of May. ***Mon 27th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Leading manure to High Whinney. Old Adam hedging. Dry weather but cold. ***Tue 28th*** Went to Whitehaven to consult about what was best to be done in arguing the executors &c. ***Wed 29th*** At Whitehaven. Came home in the evening with Richard Dearman. Called at William Lawson's: agreed with him. ***Thu 30th*** Went to Cockermouth to meet H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & William Hudson about Dr. Gill's affairs. Came home after.

May 1767

Fri 1st About the manure leading out to Far Whinney. Very dry weather. ***Sat 2nd*** Matthew Black here clearing out the rubidge from old housestead for manure.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Mary & Jane Pearson here all night. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. With George Bell, Richard Dearman &c. Cold dry

weather. ***Tue 5th*** Ploughing for barley in the High Whinney. A very cold day. ***Wed 6th*** About the barley sowing. ***Thu 7th*** Gardner came this morning. ***Fri 8th*** The weather begun to be very showry this day. ***Sat 9th*** Showry. Gardner here. Sew the faugh'd ground in Whinney.

Sun 10th Unwell. Did not get to Meeting. Heavy showers. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Peile, H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] &c. Marketts very dear. Cold weather. ***Tue 12th*** About prepairing the ground for barley in High Whinney. ***Wed 13th*** Went to Egremont court: pretty well attended. Called at Low Leyes after. ***Thu 14th*** Man gone to Whitehaven markett. A strong SE wind. ***Fri 15th*** Ploughing in the Pasture. Went to Pardshow with wife in afternoon. Sister Mary poorly. ***Sat 16th*** Liming the Pasture ground and sew it with barley after.

Sun 17th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Collected upon Montreal brief £1 4s 4d. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wardsworth not at home. The apothecaries decline taking Dr. Gill's shop. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. Dr. Gill's paper of denial signed. William Skyrin & John Nixon here after. Collected upon Montreal fire brief £1 5s 6d which I sent by Isaac Bell to George Bell to pay to the Comissary on the 22nd at Cockermouth & to get me a receipt. ***Wed 20th*** About the conveyance from William Eccleston to William Skyrin of Cornal Row estate; consideration £1400. ***Thu 21st*** Finished the conveyances. Lease & release to be sign'd tomorrow at Seaton. ***Fri 22nd*** Went to Seaton Works. Met W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & W.E. [*William Eccleston*] and Nathaniel Weaver. Got the deeds executed and also a bond. Agreed to be at Whitehaven on 2nd day evening & go forward with William Skyrin to Lancashire about the mortgage on William Eccleston's estate. And to draw a declaration of uses from W.S. to W.E. [*William Eccleston*], R.D. [*Richard Dearman*], J.N. [*John Nixon*] and I.F. [*Isaac Fletcher*] setting forth for what uses the conveyance & bond from W.E. & Nathaniel Weaver is to be paid and applyed &c. ***Sat 23rd*** Drainers here about Ulva gutter. Finished the same this evening. Dry weather.

Sun 24th At Meeting. John Ellwood there about Jonathan Hudson affairs &c. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] and others about business. Wrote W.S. [*William Skyrin*]: agreed to be at Whitehaven on 5 day evening. ***Tue 26th*** Wrote to John Robinson, Appleby, and Joseph Reay. A wet showry day. Drainers here. ***Wed 27th*** Wife, man & son gone to Cockermouth to bring up W. Hudson & Hannah Gill goods. A showry day. ***Thu 28th*** Showry & cold.

Sun 31st At Meeting; the General Meeting. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & W. Hudson dined here after.

June 1767

Mon 1st Writing out copies of a paper called "The Adventures of Christopher &c" for W.S. [*William Skyrin*]. Made two copies. ***Tue 2nd*** Went forward for

Whitehaven. Stop'd at Dessington. With William Lawson about William Nicholson affair. ***Wed 3rd*** At Whitehaven. Came forward with R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] and got to Cockermouth a little past twelve. Beast fair: cattle very dear. Met the trustees & Robert Baynes about the bond given them for Jonathan Harris. Agreed the interest in arrear, which will be about 40£, is to be paid on the 18 August next, & J.H. to pay the interest of the remaining principal for the future if they continue it longer. Joseph Reay to be here in two weeks. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Cold showry weather. ***Fri 5th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon to G. Bell with John Casson's order. ***Sat 6th*** Making a draft of a power of attorney from William Nicholson to Joh. [*Joshua?*] Robinson, London.

Sun 7th At Meeting. At home after. Ingrossing the power of attorney. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. Servants very dear. Dined at the Globe with Sir James Lowther. ***Tue 9th*** About drafting the conveyance from John Wilson to John Nixon of yard &c. ***Wed 10th*** Finished said draft ready for J.N.'s [*John Nixon's*] perusal. ***Thu 11th*** Man gone to Whitehaven. Sent the drafts to J.N. Return'd them back again with orders to ingross. ***Fri 12th*** About ingrossing the lease and release for J.N. to go to Virginia. ***Sat 13th*** Finished the release: very large. Adam [*Thompson*] here two days about peats.

Sun 14th Select Preparative Meeting. At home after. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Wardsworth: William Hudson's deeds to be ready for execution on 5 day evening. ***Tue 16th*** Drew W.H. [*William Hudson's*] power of attorney and also one from George Bell of Norfolk, marriner, to Alexander Payton. ***Wed 17th*** At Whitehaven. Wrote to John Wilson, Jonathan Dixon, John & William Gill and David Briggs. Sent with William Hudson. ***Thu 18th*** Wrote Joseph Reay &c. Went to Cockermouth after. Met William Hudson. Sett Wordsworth forward about deeds. ***Fri 19th*** W.H. called here this evening and left the deeds & sett forwards for Whitehaven after. At Select Monthly Meeting which was held this day. Nothing remarkable. But thinly attended. ***Sat 20th*** The cold dry weather yet continue[s]. The grass and corn look bad and thinn.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and Dr. Walker about the sale of W. Hudson's house. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. John Walker gave in an appeal to said meeting against the judgement given against them.[133] ***Wed 24th*** Wrote John Todhunter & Mary Cockbane marriage certificate and copied out the minutes. ***Thu 25th*** Went to the Quarter Meeting at Coldbeck. Betty Holmes there. The meeting was pretty large. Lodged at I. Scott's. ***Fri 26th*** At Coldbeck. The meeting ended this day about half past one p.m. Came home after. Weather favourable. ***Sat 27th*** Leading lime from the kiln. Showry weather.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Corn, cattle &c. still continue very dear. ***Tue 30th*** Met at Mosser Mains in afternoon. Agreed about the division & signed articles.

July 1767

Wed 1st Prepared the marriage certificate for William Allason and Mary Robinson. ***Thu 2nd*** Attended the marriage with wife and sons. Read and executed the certificate. Whole well conducted.[134] ***Fri 3rd*** Recorded the marriage certificate in the book for that purpose. ***Sat 4th*** Leading lime from the killn. Settling papers, books &c.

Sun 5th At Meeting: very thin on account of General Meeting at Cockermouth. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. To prepare a bond for Dean parish for a bastard child. ***Tue 7th*** Prepared the bond. John Casson here in the p.m. At Kirby after. ***Wed 8th*** Settling this book. Man gone to Edge for coals. Showry. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting. A wet stormy day. Man gone to Whitehaven markett. Sew turnups yesterday. ***Fri 10th*** About leading the remainder of the lime from the killn: in all 282 bushels @ 1½d is £1 15s 3d for burning. ***Sat 11th*** Alexander here about the Bank road. Went with lads to clipping at Mosser-gate. Sheep in good order.

Sun 12th At Meeting. George Bell & wife & daughter here after. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Agreed to go to Holme on 4th day come a week. ***Tue 14th*** Fine weather. Begun to mow in Braken hill yesterday. Meadows but thin this year. ***Wed 15th*** Fine weather. Throng about the hay. Begun clipping the hedges &c. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting. Elihu & wife, William Allason & wife and Betty Jones dined here. Stay'd the afternoon. ***Fri 17th*** Isaac stay'd at home this day about the hay. To continue at home till the throng of hay is over. ***Sat 18th*** About clipping the hedges &c. Weather showry.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting held after. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Dan Glaister: could not be at there Monthly Meeting &c. About Henry Casson's affair. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Mirriam Bowen & Mary Robinson there: to be at our meeting on 1st day. Got 6 carts hay. ***Wed 22nd*** To go to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Unwell: did not go to Cockermouth as intended.

Sun 26th At Meeting. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven. At Eaglesfield afternoon. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Spoke to J. Rudd again about H.C. [*Henry Casson's*] bond. To pay at or before Assizes. ***Tue 28th*** Rainy weather. ***Thu 30th*** Unwell. Did not got to the Meeting. Joseph Wilson here about their com[missio]n. ***Fri 31st*** About writing a further reply to the enquiror's 3rd letter about R.B. [*Robert Barclay*].

August 1767

Sat 1st Finished my letter. A fine hay day. Got 4 cart loads.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Very thin on account of General Meeting. At Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with Jacob Winder. ***Tue 4th***

Soft weather. Mowing hay most of day. Had Matthew Black. ***Wed 5th*** Peter is mowing in Corn Close leys: pretty well grown. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. A very fine day. Housing hay out of Corn Close meadow. ***Fri 7th*** Slow hay weather. ***Sat 8th*** Schoolmaster came here this evening & begun his quarter meat per contract.

Sun 9th At Meeting. A child of Richard Dearman's buried at Pardshowhall. It was still born. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With P. Pearson and sundries about business. Bought Locke's "Works" 3 vols, folio. ***Tue 11th*** About mowing hay. Had Matthew Black. ***Wed 12th*** About drafting a conveyance for Pardshowhall meeting house & yard in trust. ***Thu 13th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Fri 14th*** Very soft showry weather. Got in the barley, 3 shocks. ***Sat 15th*** At the burial of Esther Allason of Mossergate. Showry.

Sun 16th At Meeting. W. Skyrin & P. Pearson here in p.m. Got a subpoena for the Assizes. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Reay. We paid Robert Baynes 30£ being the interest of Harris & Gill's bond in arrear to this time. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. General Meeting to be at Broughton 1st day come a week. Much thunder & heavy showers this afternoon. ***Wed 19th*** Peter gone to Workington market. Weather still showry & unsettled. ***Thu 20th*** A fine day. Throng about the hay. ***Fri 21st*** Transcribing the cases for the opinion of counsel. ***Sat 22nd*** Drawing out two fair lists of Mosser land tax for John Pearson of 27¾ & 1/16 purveys.

Sun 23rd Sett forward to Carlisle. Dined at Cock Bridge & lodged at the King's Head, Carlisle. ***Mon 24th & Tue 25th*** At Carlisle. The ejectment cause P. Nicholson against J. Gee about Frizington farm a non-suit. Gee recover'd against Brockbank, the attorney, and got a verdict for 360£ and costs of suit. Seaton Furnace Company got their cause against Neather Hall Furnace Company. ***Wed 26th*** At Uperby, John Dockray's. The old man far gone in a dropsy. Heard Millam cause after. Carlisle fare this day: very full town. ***Thu 27th*** At Mabraw Coat, Dan Glaister's. Consulting about William Hayton's case & how to manage the arbitration. ***Fri 28th*** At home. A fine day. Throng with the Pasture hay & got all the hay below the hill. ***Sat 29th*** A very fine day. Got more of the Pasture hay.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Very thin on account of the General Meeting at Broughton. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joshua Scott. Took instructions for articles about the exchange of Hugh Tickell lands.

September 1767

Tue 1st A very showry day. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting. Transcribing my letter to James Moor about silence &c. ***Fri 4th*** Finished the letter. Showry day. ***Sat 5th*** A fine day. Got all the hay out of the Pasture.

Sun 6th At Meeting. At home after. [School]master very ill. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. Like to be a hot contest about the election for members of

Parliament. ***Tue 8th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met the assignees of Jonathan Hudson. Agreed to advertize in Gazette.[135] ***Wed 9th*** John Wordsworth & Richard Fletcher here. Went to Kirby in the evening: a considerable company. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting. Sent Blindbothel letters with John Mirehouse. At Kirby after with J.W. [*John Wordsworth*] &c. ***Fri 11th*** Shearing the wheat. ***Sat 12th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined & sup'd at Flatt. Went about with Sir James thro' a part of Whitehaven.[136]

Sun 13th Sett forward with William Skyrin & John Drape for Carlisle &c. Dined at Cock Bridge; lodged at Carlisle. ***Mon 14th*** At Carlisle. Went with William Skyrin, John Drape & Thomas Bewley to Scaleby. Thomas Simpson of Scaleby and John Scaiff of Old Wall went with us thro' this parish. The freeholds here are mostly engaged in Dacre & Graham's interest. Got some. ***Tue 15th*** At Sykeside, William Graham's. Lodged there, & W.S. [*William Skyrin*] came to Carlisle in the morning. Went thro' the low part of Brough Barronry. Dined at the manor house in Kirkbrough; stop'd at Easton, John Hodgson's, & lodged at Bowness. ***Wed 16th*** At Bowness. Went to Cardurnock. Engaged some freeholds there. Cross'd the sands to Skinberness. Stop'd there with Joseph Wyse. Called at Mawbray, Dub Mill and Allonby & so to Cockermouth. Sir James not come, so came home. ***Thu 17th*** Throng with the harvest. Weather showry and unsettled. ***Fri 18th*** Shearing the remainder of Croft wheat. A good crop but suffered with weather. At Meeting. ***Sat 19th*** Housing the wheat & ry: got it all in. Got most of Whinney barley shorn. Fine day.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. William Nicholson & wife here. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Throng about solliciting for Sir James Lowther and Major Senhouse. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Isaac Wilson & wife here from Kendall. Fearon & Walker sent notice of appeal. ***Wed 23rd*** Went thro' a part of Dean parish with Sir James Lowther & Major Senhouse upon the canvass for votes. ***Thu 24th*** Went to Cockermouth, Quarter Meeting. I. Wilson & wife there & had good service. No appeal produced. ***Fri 25th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. All the candidates &c. at meeting behaved very well. Meeting to satisfaction. At Kirby in the evening. Sir James did not get, being engaged at Lorton, but to be there on 2nd day evening first. ***Sat 26th*** Shearing in Whinney. This day showry in the morning.

Sun 27th Stormy. Did not get to the Meeting. Was unwell. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. The chief conversation is upon the candidates for the ensuing election. Gave orders to John Carter for the needfull repair of William Hudson's houses at Cockermouth under the inspection of G.B. [*George Bell*] and I am to pay him his bills for same. ***Tue 29th*** At Kirby last night. Sir James Lowther & Major Senhouse came upon the canvass. In general good encouragement. Most of the neighbouring towns came in & made a large appearance. Some would not declare; others would divide & give one each way, & sundry plumpers for Sir James & the Major.

October 1767

Thu 1st At the Meeting in the forenoon. Sir James & the Major gone to Millum. ***Fri 2nd*** Wrote to James Moor of Sarum in Wiltshire & inclosed my answer to the enquirer's 3rd letter in vindication of Barclay. ***Sat 3rd*** Throng with the harvest. An uncommon wet season. About shearing the barley on the far end of Whiney: not long but pretty good.

Sun 4th At Meeting. But thin: Graysouthen people did not come. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. To write Jeremy Barwise & Dan Glaister. With William Skyrin &c. ***Tue 6th*** At the burial of Priscilla Hudson, wife of Peter Hudson of Eaglesfield. She died of a dropsy. ***Wed 7th*** Man gone to Workington markett. A very wett day but very little wind. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Weather seems to settle. ***Fri 9th*** Wrote Jeremy Barwise about William Hayton's affair. Also gave him an account of Fearon's conduct.

N.B. John Fearon of Deanscales indorsed William Skyrin's promisary note, payable to said Fearon, to John Assbridge of Eaglesfield Cragg in order that said Assbridge might sue him for the money which was £124 10s, which said note was put into the hands of Thomas Benson, attorney at law, who made a demand of said Skyrin for the money. W.S. was very sure that he ow'd neither Assbridge nor Fearon any money. Upon enquirey found the said note was given to the said Fearon at Whitehaven on the 7th of September 1764 on account of a parcel of land said Fearon had bought late John Gill's for the like sum. Said Fearon refus'd payment on account that some of the assignees of How was out of town and would not then sign the deeds. So W.S. gave said note as a counter security untill he got them to sign which he did in a few days after & sent said Fearon the deeds executed but forgot to take up said note at same time, not doubting said Fearon's honesty in the affair, nor hearing further about it until the 25th of last month at the Quarter Meeting at Cockermouth, when said Benson made a demand of the money in the name of the said Assbridge, who confess'd on the 30th ult. to Richard Fletcher of Highdyke that he paid no value for said note but said Fearon desired him to take it & to sue the said W.S. as aforesaid, pretending it would be a means for him to get that money in lieu of a debt which the late Christopher Wilson owed the late Ann Fearon of Calvey. But said Assbridge refused to put the law in execution without a proper indemnity from said Fearon which was accordingly given him before he put said note into the hands of the said Benson, the attorney. The said Fearon also owned to the said Assbridge the indorsee the note was satisfied by the said W.S. & that no money was due upon it, for he had the land in his possession & occupation and also had his deeds duely executed by all the parties as he desired. This is one grand sample of the said Fearon's villany, treachery & dishonesty and shews the great vileness, wickedness & perfidy of the man as well in principle as practice. What can one say more, but from the power of such a horrid monster, good Lord deliver us.

Sat 10th Went to Cockermouth, Michaelmas fair. But very thin on account of harvest. Beasts a little lower.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Moderate weather. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Account of Duke of York's death at Monacoa in Italy of a malignant fevour.

Tue 13th Shearing in the Pasture. Shak'd much on the top of Banks; rest pretty good. ***Wed 14th*** Got all shorn this day. Weather moderate & mercury very low. ***Thu 15th*** Throng with housing corn from High Whinneys. Stormy in the afternoon. ***Fri 16th*** About engrossing deed for meeting house burying yard &c. at Pardshowhall. ***Sat 17th*** Finished the deed. Very large. Weather still continues very wet.

Sun 18th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. John Harris very ill. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. At the sale of T. Abbatt's houses in the night. Sold for £324 5s to J[onathan] Wilkinson. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. A collection for the county to be this month. Got inn all the corn yesterday. ***Wed 21st*** Isaac gone to coals & Peter to Workington markett. ***Thu 22nd*** Went to Graysouthen. Met Peter Nicholson, John Ellwood and John Falcon and Richard Dearman about accounts. ***Fri 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Met the creditors of Hudson & Wilson, & Hudson agreed to John Walker to settle the accounts & to referr all disputes & controversies to John Dixon, John Watts, John Ponsonby & James Postlethwaite.

Sun 25th At Meeting. Henry Casson and Jonathan Harris here. ***Mon 26th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Stormy day. Weather yet very unsettled. ***Tue 27th*** Ploughing in the Croft for wheat. ***Wed 28th*** Ploughing in ditto. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting. Ploughing in ditto. Settled with John Johnson {on account of Jonathan Hudson} & received ballance.

November 1767

Sun 1st At Meeting. At Pardshow with wife & lads: William Robinson come home. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Sir James Lowther about Carlisle & the low part of county. Expected here soon. ***Tue 3rd*** Stormy weather; great winds & floods. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Begun the draft of articles between the trustees of Hugh Tickell's charity lands at Millbeck in Underskidow. ***Sat 7th*** About the said draft. Got it ready for perusal. Got upp potatoes.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for county. A stranger on 4th day. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. With W. Skyrin, Bowman &c. about the note given Fearon. He did not give it up. This day Joseph Hutchinson presented me with Jonathan Dixon's draft on me for £250 at 30 days sight in favour of Daniel Wester, merchant in Philadelphia. I told him that I could not accept it without allowance from Jonathan Dixon senior, the drawer's father, for I had no effects of the drawer's in my hand to pay it with but would see the old man & give him an answer in a week's time. ***Tue 10th*** Stormy day. ***Wed 11th*** At Meeting. David Duckett there; preached well upon the necessity of slaying self, how destructive it was to religion &c. ***Thu 12th*** Very stormy in the fore part of the day. Pretty moderate after. ***Fri 13th*** About taking up potatoes in far High Whinney Close: but thin, but pretty good. A cold blowing day. ***Sat 14th*** A stormy day. Lads did not get to school.

Sun 15th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Very thin on account of the weather. Snow. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With sundries about

business. Cold day; ground cover'd with snow & hail. ***Tue 17th*** At Monthly Meeting. A collection for the use of Monthly Meeting to be next month. Wrote Joseph Jefferson of Wigton about the audit. Desired him to attend on 7th day the 28[th] current about surrendering the estate at Granger Houses to the purchaser according to the award. Went with Joseph Hutchinson to Jonathan Dixon's. Found him in the field. He refused to advance the money for his son by way of mortgage on his estate as proposed by the son. So I could not accept his draft, but on second consideration desired it might not be returned until 5th day evening; then he would give him his final answer about it. ***Wed 18th*** Killed the cow yesterday. She had near four stone of fatt and very good beef. Got upp all the potatoes. ***Thu 19th*** Man gone to Whitehaven market. A very great flood: water came over the bridges &c. Jonathan Dixon senior would not advance the money without my bond for the same until a further power could be got from his son, so did not accept. ***Fri 20th*** Last night got a box of candles and one ditto of soap from John Nixon. A moderate day. ***Sat 21st*** Begun sowing wheat in the Croft. Sew it on the top & harrowed it well in. Could not plough it in. Fine day.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. William Robinson & Isaac, Suse & Mally dined here & stay'd till bedtime. ***Mon 23rd*** Did not get to Cockermouth. Throng about sowing the wheat. Wrote Robert Baynes & sent the draft with Captain William Robinson. ***Sat 28th*** Went to Cockermouth to the audit about Jefferson affair. Agreed to meet on 2nd day three weeks to sign deeds.

Sun 29th At Meeting. ***Mon 30th*** Went to the funeral of old Ann Lancaster of Deanscales aged 81 years.

December 1767

Sat 5th Joseph Black & J. Ritson here each 5 days this week and James Caux one day last week.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Mon 7th Went to Cockermouth. Jonathan Dixon paid this day his son's draft on me for £250 to Joseph Hutchinson. ***Tue 8th*** 4 wrights here yesterday. Two miners here last week & one this. At Cockermouth on W.S. [*William Skyrin*] account. Sold to Alexander Spittle of Whitehaven all the wheat I had to spare. To have 17s a bushel & to carry it to Morresby mill as I can get it ready, leting him know a few days before, for ready money. ***Wed 9th*** Yesterday got Skyrin's note given in. They could not find any fault with his accounts. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 11th*** At mill with swine corn &c. At Sosgill in the afternoon with Jacob Nicholson. ***Sat 12th*** Sent 8 bushels of barley to Jonathan Wood for malt, 6 for ourselves and 2 bushels for sale.

Sun 13th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting. Very few on account of the stormy morning. ***Mon 14th*** Very wet. Did not go to Cockermouth. George Lee, a miner, here this day along with R.H. [*Robert Harrison*].[137] ***Tue 15th*** Miners now driving up the hill. Adam here switching wheat. ***Wed 16th*** Switching wheat.

Moderate weather. ***Thu 17th*** Wife gone to Meeting. A cold day; wind SE. Ditto. ***Fri 18th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. But badly attended. At Kirby after with Wardsworth about ret[urn]s. ***Sat 19th*** With John Wardsworth at Kirby, Dean and Branthwaite Hall.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. With Richard Dearman and others about business. Wrote John Walker at Burns. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. ***Wed 23rd*** Sent 10 bushels of wheat to Moresby Mill for Alexander Spitle. He would not take it; mixed with grown corn. ***Thu 24th*** Went to Moresby mill. The miller, James Law, to sell the wheat for me. Very badly dress'd. ***Fri 25th*** Very hard frost & a thin covering of snow. ***Sat 26th*** Went with Wardsworth to Dean, Branthwaite & Graysouthen.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Sharp frost and snow. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth on foot with Isaac and Matthew Black about Jefferson affairs. John Fearon & Benson abroad. ***Tue 29th*** Settled with Musgrave Walker & gave him all his deeds & papers. ***Wed 30th*** Sett forward to Wigton to the Quarter Meeting with John Fawcett, Jonah Dixon and others. ***Thu 31st*** At Wigton. Attended the meeting. But thinn on account of the sharp frost and snow. John Walker's appeal came on this day before a committee appointed by the meeting. They came to no resolution but requested that it might be suspended until the next Quarter Meeting when they would have the assistance of the other counties at the Yearly Meeting, which is to be held at Carlisle on the 5th [of] 4[th] month next.

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January 1768

Fri 1st At Wigton. Attended the Quarter Meeting and adjournment. All very well. Came home after. Severe frost & snow. ***Sat 2nd*** Very cold weather; the frost seems to continue. Miners here. George gone to Whitehaven.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. John Robinson here in afternoon. Sharp frost. ***Mon 4th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Weather very severe frost. Lads gone to Lowswater Broadwater. ***Tue 5th*** Lads gone again to Lowswater. Man at coals. Went to Pardshow with wife in afternoon. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 8th*** Went to Pardshow. Made old Thomas Robinson's will. ***Sat 9th*** Frost & snow still continues.

Sun 10th At Meeting. ***Mon 11th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the severe frost and snow. ***Tue 12th*** Frost broke last night. A very stormy day; the snow mostly gone. ***Wed 13th*** The Sessions. Very unwell; did not get this day. Very stormy. ***Thu 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. A throng Sessions: not ended this day. About Jefferson's affair; signed the deed. ***Fri 15th*** A very fine day. Wrote a power of attorney & letter for Jonathan Dixon junior.[138] ***Sat 16th*** Went to Mockerkin. Made Sarah Watson's will. Sent by Matthew Black the power of attorney for Jonathan Dixon to Whitehaven. He sent it by William Steel per the *Industry*, Captain Thomas Cragg, for Philadelphia. Also a box of books late C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] to William Skyrin.

Sun 17th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Old Jonathan Sergeant buried this day. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Showry weather. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. Signed Sarah Miller's paper of denial.[139] At Kirby after with W.S. [*William Skyrin*] and P. Pearson. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Sosgill. Made Jacob Nicholson's will. Miners here. Wife gone to Pardshow.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Frost & snow. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote to Joseph Reay, John Walker & H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. With John Wordsworth in the evening. Agreed to meet at Broughton upon the arbitration between Jacob Winder & John Messenger on 7th day the 20 of next month. The arbitrators are Thomas Pearson, Isaac Fearon & myself. The bonds give time to the 1st of March. ***Tue 26th*** At Kirby in the evening with J. Fearon. Settled the accounts & made a division of the cash: £15 11s 3d a piece. ***Wed 27th*** Stormy day. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting. ***Sat 30th*** Miners yet here & Jonathan [Robinson].

Sun 31st At Meeting.

February 1768

Mon 1st Did not go to Cockermouth. Unwell: got a bad cold. ***Tue 2nd*** Wrote W.S. [*William Skyrin*] and J.N. [*John Nixon*]. Sent for 6 lb. more collier candles by M. Black. Sent to R. Hill for cash. ***Wed 3rd*** M.B. [*Matthew Black*] here in the evening. He got no cash from Hill. To send it to Cockermouth 2nd day. Got the candles. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. After, considering John Fletcher's bill on account of Joseph Watson. ***Fri 5th*** Man hedging in the Pasture. Moderate weather; some frost. ***Sat 6th*** A thick, foggy day.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Moderate day. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth with George Lee. Old Parson Jefferson buried last week. A bad fevour going. ***Tue 9th*** A very snowy day. Lee not come home. Bob at work. Very hard firm rock: think we are near the vain. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 12th*** Killed the swine. Went to Whitehaven on account of W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] affair with P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*].[140] ***Sat 13th*** With sundries. Settled with Richard Hill about the wheat & agreed for the rest.

Sun 14th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Wet weather. ***Mon 15th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. ***Tue 16th*** At Monthly Meeting. Received & read a letter from Baynes & Benson to said meeting on account of John Fearon & Lancelot Airey. Monthly Meeting appointed five Friends to consider said letter and to write or waite upon B. & B. [*Baynes & Benson*] as they judg'd best. ***Thu 18th*** Wrote an answer for the meeting to B. & B.'s letter and also to John Fearon. ***Fri 19th*** Went to Broughton about the arbitration between Jacob Winder and John Messenger. ***Sat 20th*** Went to Lorton. Delivered to Captain Barnes the papers and and [*sic*] letters & cash from J. Wordsworth.[141]

Sun 21st At Meeting. Went to Kirby after. With the agents & some of the freeholders in the afternoon & night. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again about the arbitration: to draw a draft of award. About Sir James business after. ***Tue 23rd*** Went to Brigham, Graysouthen and Eaglesfield & delivered the papers & cash to the agents. ***Wed 24th*** Taking the wood out of the drift and pitt. Giving over the work for this season. ***Thu 25th*** Settled with the miners [*Robert Harrison and George Lee*] & labourer [*Jonathan Robinson*] and paid them in full.[142] At Meeting in forenoon. ***Fri 26th*** A very stormy forenoon. At Scale, Dean & Branthwaite after. Gave the papers and cash to the agents. ***Sat 27th*** About drawing a draft of the award. Showry weather.

Sun 28th At Meeting. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. William Hayton gave H. Bowman orders to bring ejectments and paid him 6£ in hand.

March 1768

Tue 1st Signed the award last night between Winder and Messenger. Moderate day. ***Wed 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth about Sir James' affairs. Curwen's steward there

ordering houses against the election. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting. Gave P.H. my opinion about T. Tiffin's will. He has a live's estate by the courtesy. ***Fri 4th*** Very cold weather. Sharp frost. ***Sat 5th*** Master at school again yesterday: he has been unwell. Cold day.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Dean schoolmaster here in afternoon. Went to Pardshow with him to [*sic, for 'and'*] wife. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Parliament is said to break upon the 10 current; the elections then in 50 days after. ***Tue 8th*** Cloudy cold weather; wind easterly. Threshing barley. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 11th*** On the canvass with Major Senhouse at Mockerkin, Ullock & Dean. Went to Whitehaven after. ***Sat 12th*** At Whitehaven. Sett forward for the Assizes at Lancaster on account of W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & Gee. Lodged at Ulverstone.

Sun 13th At Ulverstone. Got to Lancaster about two a clock and lodged there at the Sun. ***Mon 14th*** At Lancaster, attending the Assizes. Judge Bathurst there. ***Tue 15th*** At ditto. This town is gre[a]tly hurt by mobs; the windows & doors are generally broke. ***Wed 16th*** At ditto. Referred the causes to order. Abraham Rawlinson & Isaac Wilson chosen. Sett forward home. ***Thu 17th*** At Ulverstone. Came home in the evening much fatigued. Not much rain. ***Fri 18th*** Ploughing ley in Low Whinney. At Select Monthly Meeting. ***Sat 19th*** Ploughing. At John Pearson's in the evening. Treat'd with tea, punch &c. Good success.

Sun 20th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Treating sundry freeholds. Order'd liquor to be brought me to drink with them. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Another attorney letter handed in by Isaac Fearon. To answer it in writing. ***Wed 23rd*** At Pardshow last night, treating with tea & punch. At Jonathan Dixon's this evening about ditto. ***Thu 24th*** Transcribed the lists ready for sending in. ***Sat 26th*** Went to Whitehaven. Delivered the lists to James Speding.

Sun 27th At Meeting. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries, treating about votes for Lowther & Senhouse. ***Tue 29th*** Prepairing for the election at Cockermouth. Met Sir James at Wordsworth's office. Received instructions. ***Wed 30th*** Gave notice to the freeholders to come in & give their votes; the election begun. ***Thu 31st*** At Cockermouth. The town crouded with people. Polled off a part of my district this day. Lodged at G.B.'s [*George Bell's*].

April 1768

Fri 1st At ditto. Going on with the poll. Getting the tallies in our ward filled up to be polled off. ***Sat 2nd*** At ditto. At the booth. Great appearance on both sides: the Blues got ahead.[143]

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Very dry weather. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Polled myself. Dined at Globe Inn. Went to Carlisle after to the Yearly Meeting. ***Tue 5th*** At Carlisle. Attended the Meeting for Ministers and Elders which begun at 10 a.m.

S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*] much favoured: a good meeting. Quarter Meeting in afternoon: I was appointed clerk. ***Wed 6th*** At ditto. Attended the Meetings for Worship at the meeting house which [began] at 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. Both well conducted and to great satisfaction. Meetings much crouded.[144] ***Thu 7th*** At ditto. The Meeting of Conferrence begun at 8 a.m. The Yearly Meeting Queries read & answered to by the counties. Sundry good advices given by S. Fothergill &c. A good meeting. ***Fri 8th*** At ditto. The parting meeting yesterday afternoon was very memorable and remarkablely favour'd. S.F. [*Samuel Fothergill*] had the chief service in all the meetings. Came to Cockermouth after, to the election. ***Sat 9th*** At Cockermouth. Curwen & Fletcher yet ahead very considerably. Hope the other will yet come up with them. A great number yet to poll off.

Sun 10th At home. At the Meeting. At Pardshow after. Some uneasiness about Suse Pearson going to marry &c. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. The ellection still going on: a great scrutiny. ***Tue 12th*** Went to ditto. The Blues yet ahead but think they are near over. ***Wed 13th*** Went to ditto. They are still ahead. We have several yet to poll. Hope to come up with them soon. ***Thu 14th*** A very wet day. Did not go to the ellection: to go tomorrow. ***Fri 15th*** Went to Cockermouth to the ellection. The Blues still keep ahead. ***Sat 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. The ellection still going on.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Showry weather. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. The ellection still continues; the Blues are still ahead. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting: pretty full. Esther Tuke from York there: a pretty good preacher. At Cockermouth after. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. The ellection yet holds out. The polling over this evening. Court adjourn'd to 7th day. ***Thu 21st*** Thomas Pearson came & carried Suse home. Paid her her wages to this time. Weather very showry. ***Fri 22nd*** Did not go to Cockermouth this day. The Sheriff to settle the books. ***Sat 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth this day. The Sheriff declared Sir James Lowther & Henry Curwen Esqr. duly elected.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Hired John Ottlay for a servant next ½ year for £4 10s. ***Mon 25th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Showry weather. ***Tue 26th*** Still showery. Man hedging. ***Wed 27th*** Wind sett in about east. Very cold and sharp weather. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting. Leading manure to near High Whinney. Very cold. ***Fri 29th*** Leading manure. Very cold. ***Sat 30th*** Sett the early potatoes in Brakenhill; about about [*sic*] 11 pecks.

May 1768

Sun 1st At Meeting. A strong easterly wind & cold. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Bowman, Ramsey &c. Cold weather. ***Tue 3rd*** Richard Ramsey here about the mare. He thinks she will mend fast. Sew some barley in Whiney. ***Wed 4th*** Went to the beast fair. Sold two beasts to Robert Sewell of Border. Very dry weather. ***Thu 5th*** Leading manure into Whinney. Did not get to the Meeting. Very hot weather. ***Fri 6th*** Went to Whitehaven. Neither Gale nor

William Tate at home, so brought the interest money back again. ***Sat 7th*** Ploughing for barley. A fine rain last night: the grass & corn rise very fast.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Wife went to Pardshow in afternoon: sister Mary [*Robinson*] very poorly. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and sundries about business. Wrote to Joseph Robinson and James Speding. ***Tue 10th*** Leading manure. Had Matthew Black & his horse and coop leading these two days. Very hot. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Showry. ***Fri 13th*** Sew all the barley; about 3½ bushels. ***Sat 14th*** Leading manure & sett the remainder of potatoes; about 3 bushels more.

Sun 15th At Meeting. Fine weather. At a little past four a clock this afternoon was felt here a small shock of an earthquake. It made all the windows in the house to quiver greatly as if there had been a strong gust of wind but it was quite calm and the air pretty serene and clear; the weather warm. It has been felt in many places of this country but more strongly to the western part of the land. I have heard of no damage in any part of this island that hath been sustained thereby.[145] ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got notice from Benson to pay in my share of the money on this day week. ***Tue 17th*** About drafting Jonathan Wilkinson's deeds. Cold showry weather. Settled with John Mirehouse & paid his bill in full on Sir James' account, viz. £2 4s 8d. Also settled with Henry Lancaster & Pen Hutchinson, the under agents, & received from H.L. 9s 9d the ballance of their accounts and placed the same to account with Sir James.[146] ***Wed 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. The beast fair: cattle considerably lower. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Paid John Johnson's bill on me for sundries bought of him on Sir James' account, viz. £1 1s 7½d. ***Sat 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Borrow'd 40 guineas of John Wordsworth.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. He gave me Loveday Stanley's receipt for interest of £50. Joseph Reay here. We paid to Thomas Benson Harris & Gill's bond on account of the trustees of John Fearon in full for the remainder of the principal & interest due thereon. He is to pay said money to said trustees so soon as he can and get us an assignment of the bond in order to recover it again from Harris & Gill. The said assignment is to be made to George Bell for our use. ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. A marriage after.

Sun 29th At Meeting. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. To make Robinson's & Graham's deed against 7th day. ***Tue 31st*** Very dry & hot weather.

June 1768

Wed 1st Went to beast fair. Sold three beasts: a pretty sharp fair. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting. ***Sat 4th*** Went afishing with John Robinson of Dublin & sons. At Kirby after. {To expenses at Kirby with agents, taking their accounts & about bad votes: 2s 8d.}

Sun 5th At Meeting. General Meeting. Hot weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 7th*** About mending the roads. Hot sultry weather. ***Wed 8th*** Finish'd the roads this day. Had Alexander Payton 3 days. ***Thu 9th*** A fine rain last night & this day. Did not get to Meeting. Throng writing [*deeds: see below, 13th June*]. ***Fri 10th*** Man & son gone to the highways for the 1st time. Made John Head's will in the afternoon. ***Sat 11th*** Man & son at highways.

Sun 12th At Meeting; Select Preparative Meeting after. Two women Friends there from Shropshire. A good, satisfactory meeting. Went to Pardshow after. Showry in the evening. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Executed [Jonathan] Peill and [Joseph] Nicholson's deeds and [Jonathan] Wilkinson's assignment {of Abbatt's houses}. A fine day. ***Tue 14th*** A showry day. Man & son at the highways. ***Wed 15th*** Showry weather and very cold. ***Thu 16th*** Unwell. Did not get to Meeting. ***Fri 17th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting: very badly attended. ***Sat 18th*** Went to Whitehaven. With Lewthwaite and Gale. Gave the letter & show'd Abraham's assignment to Isaac Robinson of wife's annuity.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow in the evening: John not gone. Mary Woodvill, daughter of William & Hannah Woodvill of Whitekeld was buried at Pardshowhall. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with sundries as on the other side.[147] Son John begun with the measles. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Son John very sick; measles come out not very full. ***Wed 22nd*** Fine moderate weather. Man leading coals from Edge for lime. ***Thu 23rd*** Warm day. ***Fri 24th*** Went with H. Lancaster to Mossergate. About the roads &c. ***Sat 25th*** About clipping the hedges. Rainy in the evening and cold.

Sun 26th At Meeting. Showry weather. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received two letters from William Hudson from Liverpool. He is going again to West Indies. ***Tue 28th*** Begun at the lime kiln this day. Got Alexander Payton to burn it for 1½d per load. Showry day. ***Wed 29th*** Still showry. About the lime kiln which is much out of order & wants mending. ***Thu 30th*** Sett forward to the Quarter Meeting at Heskett. Got there about half past nine. Meeting pretty large & well.

July 1768

Fri 1st At Heskett. At Meeting: house very full. A very hot day. Ralph Banebridge and Benjamin Marsh from Durham & two women from Shropshire. ***Sat 2nd*** At home. A fine day. Man leading lime. Matthew Black here in the afternoon.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Son William in the measles. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got notice of the Conviction; to be on the sixth day at Ann Peill's in Cockermouth. ***Tue 5th*** Very showry weather. Throng with the lime. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Conviction; the justices Lucock and Brownrigg. Pretty moderate costs 6s. ***Fri 8th*** Went to Mossergate with lads to John Carlisle's cliping. Isaac begun with the measles. ***Sat 9th*** Wrote Elizabeth Fletcher's will. At the lime kiln after. Agreed with A.P. [*Alexander Payton*] for 10s per week.

Sun 10th At Meeting. A wet day. Isaac ill in the measles. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes about William Jefferson's tryal. Concluded to proceed. Begun to mow this day in Corn Close medow. Not very full. ***Tue 12th*** A very wet day. Henry Bowman here in the afternoon. Sett to go to Holme on the 22nd inst. Agreed to meet Henry Bowman at Jefferson's in Allonby on 6th day come a week being the 22nd inst about 10 a.m. ***Wed 13th*** Rainy in the morning. Leading lime. Very slow hay weather. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Showry weather: get little forward with the hay. ***Fri 15th*** Settled with Alexander Payton for lime burning. ***Sat 16th*** Drawing James Fletcher's account about election. Sum £321 17s 6d.

Sun 17th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Thunder & heavy showers. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. To make a fair copy of James Fletcher's account &c. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. George Bell & wife here after. Went in the evening to Kirby. Met John Fearon. ***Wed 20th*** Showry weather. Got only about 4 carts of hay. At Mosser: executed Penny's [*Pennington Hutchinson's*] deed. ***Thu 21st*** Went to Whitehaven upon a message from W.S. [*William Skyrin*]. He informs me that Wilson & Fell of London are failed. ***Fri 22nd*** Copied James Fletcher's account & two marriage certificates. A very wet day. ***Sat 23rd*** Man gone to the coals. Thunder & rain in the afternoon. No hay weather.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Sultry weather. Thunder & great showers. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Baynes. Jefferson's cause to be try'd. ***Tue 26th*** A pretty good hay day. Weather very hot and sultry. ***Wed 27th*** Went to Graysouthen in afternoon. Met H. Bowman about Hayton's cause. Settled the brieff &c. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting. Samuel Neal & companion at my house last night & at meeting this day. Meeting small. ***Fri 29th*** Weather very hot & sultry. Very loud thunder in the night. ***Sat 30th*** Man mowing in forenoon. Very wet after. At Mosser in the evening. Thomas Robinson's pay night. Paid him in full {17s}.

Sun 31st At Meeting. General Meeting is at Whitehaven. Strangers there.

August 1768

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. Wrote H. Bowman about Hayton's case. Got a subpoena from Baynes. ***Tue 2nd*** Throng about the hay. Man wowing [*sic, for 'mowing'*] in Corn Close. Showry weather. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. At Dean, Branthwaite and Cockermouth after about Sir James' business. A fine hay day. ***Fri 5th*** Sent for Pen Hutchinson this morning. He is to go with me to the Assizes by order of John Wordsworth.

Sun 7th At Meeting. The two strangers there. A very throng meeting and well conducted. Went to Carlisle after. ***Mon 8th*** At Carlisle, the Assizes. About 20 causes on the file. A pretty throng town. Roe against Hayton ejectment cause came on this evening. Evidences examined; debated very candidly by counsell. Held about 4 hours. Jury found Glaister mark upon the will and gave a verdict in favour of the

defendant with costs. ***Tue 9th*** At ditto. Senhouse against Jefferson action of debt upon a promisary note. John Fearon & self were the representatives of Senhouse. Defendant produced a receipt for payment of said note to Thomas Jefferson. Myself & some others were evidences in the cause proving his promises of payment at different times. There appeard very great marks of fraud & forgery in setting up the receipt so late after, some years from the death of Thomas Jefferson. We got a verdict for plaintiff for £91 and costs of suit. ***Wed 10th*** At ditto. Came home this evening. Several causes yet to come on. Three fellons: one condemned; the rest acquitted. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. Throng with the hay. Fine weather. ***Fri 12th*** Fine hay weather.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Went to Whitekeld and dined there. Came home with wife in the evening. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 16th*** About the hay. Very slow weather. ***Thu 18th*** At Meeting.

Sun 21st At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Joseph Peile as on the other side {his principal money in full: £50}. He to bring his bond this day week. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Peter Hudson made too early proceedure in marriage but made satisfaction, so meeting gave liberty. ***Wed 24th*** About ingrossing Portinscale deeds of exchange of Hugh Tickell's lands. ***Thu 25th*** At Meeting. About ditto. ***Sat 27th*** Got Shortlands hay: eight carts. A fine day.

Sun 28th At Meeting. At Pardshow in the evening: sister Mary [*Robinson*] very weak. John Fletcher dined with me and stay'd the afternoon. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Joseph Peile in full & got in my bond. ***Tue 30th*** Throng shearing barley in Near High Whiney. It is pretty good. ***Wed 31st*** About ditto. Old Adam [*Thompson*] here.

September 1768

Thu 1st Finished Portinscale deeds. Shearing wheat in Croft. ***Sat 3rd*** Went to Keswick. Got the articles of exchange executed.

Sun 4th At Meeting. ***Mon 5th*** Went not to Cockermouth. Wet day. Sent man. ***Tue 6th*** Throng with the harvest. ***Wed 7th*** Went to Whitehaven. Sent for by W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*]. Met R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] there. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. Sister Mary Robinson died yesterday morning & old John Pattinson this morning. ***Fri 9th*** Attended the burial of sister Mary Robinson which was pretty large. A fine day. ***Sat 10th*** Attended the burial of John Pattinson from Bridgefoot to Eaglesfield.

Sun 11th Attended the burial of Mary Allason, wife of William Allason of Mossergate. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] and H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about the answer to the Chancery affair. To meet soon. ***Tue 13th*** Shearing barley. ***Thu 15th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 16th*** At the Select Monthly

Meeting. John Wilson & Isaac Hall representatives to Quarterly Meeting. ***Sat 17th*** Very wet day.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Rainy day. ***Mon 19th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very wet day and unwell. Sorting the wheat. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Benjamin Marsh and William Hewitson there. ***Wed 21st*** Shearing. ***Fri 23rd*** Shearing oats. Fine weather. ***Sat 24th*** Ditto. Housed all the barley.

Sun 25th At Meeting. John Woodvill & wife, William Woodvill & wife, Elihu Robinson & wife dined here. Collected upon the following brieffs, viz. hail storm in com. Warwick 3s 1½d; Walkington fire 2s 9d; Bramhope ditto 2s 6d. Total: 8s 4½d. ***Mon 26th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Showry weather. ***Tue 27th*** Throng shearing. ***Wed 28th*** About ditto. Fine weather. ***Thu 29th*** Got all the corn cutt this day. At Quarter Meeting. ***Fri 30th*** At Meeting. Marsh & Hewitson there. In general pretty well.

October 1768

Sat 1st About housing the corn.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. At Eaglesfield with wife and son. Came home by Pardshow. Jane Robinson ill: a broken vessill about lungs. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. About housing corn: got 19 carts in this day. ***Tue 4th*** Got all the corn in this day. The last part good weather. ***Wed 5th*** About switching wheat for sead. ***Thu 6th*** Ploughing for wheat. Heavy showers of rain. ***Fri 7th*** Showry. At Cockermouth in afternoon. Head Court day. ***Sat 8th*** Picking & switching wheat.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Weather seems to settle again. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair pretty throng. Horses & beasts sold pretty high if in good condition. ***Tue 11th*** Ploughing in Whinney for wheat. Had Matthew Black. ***Wed 12th*** Ploughing in ditto. Fine day. ***Thu 13th*** Ploughing. Elizabeth Robinson at meeting. ***Fri 14th*** Went to Egremont court. Nothing to be remarked. ***Sat 15th*** Sew about 7 pecks of Sicilian or velvet wheat in Whinneys and at home.

Sun 16th At Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Collected upon the following briefs: Oxfordshire fires 2s 8½d; inundations in Yorkshire 4s 8d. [Total:]: 7s 4½d. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Conviction to be tomorrow. Showry weather. Hired George Crouders for £9 15s per annum. He is to come on 5th day next after the 11th of November. Each party to be at liberty at the end of the first half year by giving to the other reasonable notice. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. Betty Robinson there from Wensindale, Yorkshire. Did not go to Conviction. ***Wed 19th*** Liming the ground for wheat. The weather still showry & unsettled. ***Thu 20th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Comissary Court. Paid James Collinson £1 2s 2d brief money in full to this time. John Littledale took out administration for John Smithson, a minor, and also a tuition which cost £1 4s; administration £2 1s 6d.

Total £3 5s 6d. He administred to the effects of the late Robert Smithson left unadministred by Joseph Littledale who died January 20th 1766. John Fisher was wanting to administer as principal creditor and went to Whitehaven on said account but was prevented. ***Fri 21st*** Prepairing the remainder of the seed wheat &c. ***Sat 22nd*** Sew about six pecks more wheat. A fine day.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Wordsworth &c. Agreed with Jonathan Harris about the mortgage. ***Tue 25th*** Thomas Webster here about W. Hudson's shop. Agreed to go to Cockermouth on 5th day. Filled arbitration bond. ***Wed 26th*** About taking up potatoes. Pretty good but thinn. Gave Wilson the arbitration bonds. ***Thu 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Shifted Dr. Gill's goods into the lofts out of the shop. Had Jonathan Scott &c. Agreed with Thomas Webster for his brother James for William Hudson's great shop from Martinmas to Whitsuntide next being half a year for the rent of £2 2s. He to take the shop in the condition now in & to have the use of the counters, shelves &c. during the time. ***Fri 28th*** Got up the potatoes yesterday. Ploughing the ground for wheat. ***Sat 29th*** Sew the remainder of the wheat in Whinney, in all about 3½ bushels. Also sew near a peck at home.

Sun 30th At Meeting. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the difference settled between Messenger & Tinnin. Messenger tendered 4 guineas and Tinnin return'd half a guinea.

November 1768

Tue 1st Showry day. ***Thu 3rd*** Went to Lowswater court. Got John Iredale's deed executed by notice. George Twentyman steward.[148] Agreed to meet Henry Bowman & Dr. Bunting 2nd day the 7th inst. at Cockermouth to take a fresh inventory or schedule of Dr. Gill's goods upon hand. ***Fri 4th*** Showry day. ***Sat 5th*** About taking up potatoes in forenoon. Very rainy after. Man threshing.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Cold showry weather. Mercury very low at 5 by rising. [*sic*] ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Henry Bowman & Dr. Bunting. Took a view of the goods. He to help us in the sale. ***Tue 8th*** About extracting Dr. Warburton "Divine Legation" from the Critical Review. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting. About ditto after. ***Fri 11th*** Taking up potatoes in Brackenhill. The early kind very rank & good; the other thinn. ***Sat 12th*** Finished the potatoes. Extracting Dr. Baxter's "Enquirey into the Nature of the Human Soul." Strainers, viz. Jonathan Robinson, warden, & James Graham came the 12th current & took from me 6 bushels of oats @ 4s; 1¼ bushels rye @ 6s; 0½ ditto wheat @ 16s; 2 cheeses, 20lb. @ 2d. Value £2 5s 10d. Recovered 9s 7d; recovered 13s 4d; costs 6s 0d; costs 6s 0d [*sic*].

Sun 13th At Meeting. Went with wife & sons to Pardshow to see William Robinson. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth with Isaac to the fair. Pretty throng. Servants not very dear. ***Tue 15th*** Extracting Baxter's "Enquirey". A hard gale of wind and stormy weather. Settled with Matthew Black as on the other side & there remains

due to me six shillings.[149] ***Wed 16th*** The gale hardens & the storm grows more violent. ***Thu 17th*** At Meeting.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative ditto. ***Mon 21st*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very wet stormy weather. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Agreed to give Jonathan Harris liberty to sitt in meetings for business. Thomas Abbatt excluded ditto. ***Sat 26th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met John Ellwood about the callender. Agreed about it & received as per account.

Sun 27th At Meeting. ***Mon 28th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. A very stormy day. ***Tue 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Beef dear: good at 3d per lb. ***Wed 30th*** Went to Whitehaven with William Robinson. Settled with John Casson.

December 1768

Thu 1st At Meeting. ***Sat 3rd*** Hedging this week at Bankheads top. The wind has blown most of it over.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Unsettled weather & much rain with high winds. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth to ingross the article for William Wilson. Wrote to H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & Peter Fearon about Peel land. ***Tue 6th*** Went to Mockerkin about the difference between H. Benn & John Wilson. Left the papers. ***Wed 7th*** Hedging at Bankheads. Adam here. A very fine day; mercury at 7. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting.

Sun 11th At Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. No account yet about the ellection from London. ***Thu 15th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met John Littledale about Robert Smithson's affairs. Also with John Fisher. N.B. Could not attend the Monthly Select Meeting on account of my engagement to go to Cockermouth.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. News about Sir James Lowther losing the ellection on account of the duplicates.[150] ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Thomas Goodwin from America here. Came over from Ireland where he landed. ***Wed 21st*** Very stormy and unsettled weather. Scholars broke up.

Sun 25th At Meeting. Thomas Goodwin there. Very stormy; a great flood. ***Tue 27th*** Went to Dessington with John Wilson. Settled the difference between him & Henry Benn. ***Wed 28th*** Sett forward to Wigton to the Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cock Bridge and lodged at Johnson's. ***Thu 29th*** At Wigton. The meeting very small on account of the stormy weather. Thomas Goodwin there. A pretty good meeting. ***Fri 30th*** At ditto. The meeting ended near 1 p.m. In general pretty well. Came home after. Very stormy. ***Sat 31st*** Weather continues wett & unsettled.

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January 1769

Sun 1st Went to Meeting. Weather showry & unsettled. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 3rd*** Frosty weather, but moderate & little wind. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Hard frost.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Man gone to Whitehaven with Tabitha Candler. She has been here about 10 days. ***Mon 9th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. A rainy day. Lads gone again to the school. ***Tue 10th*** Man & Isaac gone to Whitehaven this morning for wood with two carts. Showers in afternoon. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Sessions pretty throng. A good deal of business: indictments of roads, settlements &c. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Showry weather. ***Fri 13th*** About drafting the conveyance for the burying place, meeting house &c. at Eaglesfield.

Sun 15th At Meeting. A very stormy day. ***Mon 16th*** Went not to Cockermouth this day. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 17th*** Weather showry & unsettled. ***Wed 18th*** About drafting the conveyance for Eaglesfield meeting house. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting. Very thinn. ***Fri 20th*** About the conveyance. ***Sat 21st*** Finished the draft.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The draft of the conveyance approved. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed to meet John Littledale on 6th day about R.S. [*Robert Smithson's*] affairs, books &c. ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. Our collection larger from the new method of taking lists of the members & what each collects. ***Thu 26th*** Addam [*Thompson*] here about filling up the pitts &c. ***Fri 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met John Littledale. Examined the books, papers &c. ***Sat 28th*** Finished the filling the pitts this day.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Sharp frost. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth on foot. Very severe frost & a strong N wind. ***Tue 31st*** Adam here rudding Whinney hedge. Hard frost.

February 1769

Wed 1st About rudding the hedge. ***Thu 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. About enquiring for money for Wordsworth with G.B. [*George Bell*]; J. Fletcher. Got none. ***Fri 3rd*** About the hedge. Adam here. ***Sat 4th*** George & Isaac gone to Cockermouth with the barley to the brewry. 12 bushels.

Sun 5th At Meeting. William Dawson, son-in-law to James Law, Moresby millar, about the swine. To carry it when ready. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With

William Skyrin, Richard Dearman &c. Agreed to be at Whitehaven on 3rd day come a week. Jane Black came here this day. Agreed till Whitsuntide to continue as a servant. Wages not fixed. If she answer expectation to give her as I have given others before. ***Tue 7th*** Came on a storm of snow with lightening, which continued until near 10 last night. Came home after. The ground cover'd with snow now. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting.

Sun 12th At Meeting. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman & others about business. ***Tue 14th*** Examining some letters and papers about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs & also W. & H. [*Wilson & Hudson*] accounts. ***Wed 15th*** Went to Whitehaven about C.W. & Wilson & Hudson affairs. Going through the books & papers &c. ***Thu 16th*** At Whitehaven. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] very unwell. About prepairing a power of attorney &c. to send over about Pleasent affairs.[151] ***Fri 17th*** At ditto. Agreed to impower John Nixon junior and John Fawcett to settle accounts &c. with the Pleasents & also J. Robinson. ***Sat 18th*** Came home this day. To meet again at Cockermouth on 2nd day to get burrough seal to accounts & power.

Sun 19th At Meeting. Preparative Meeting; the Sufferings mostly brought in. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the bourgh seal for power [of] attorney and accounts for America. W.H. [*sic, for 'W.S.' (William Skyrin)*], R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & John Nixon here. Wrote & executed William Skyrin's will. Attested by Joseph Dixon, John Bacon & William Eccleston. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Sufferings come in. Got them to transcribe. P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] here with a complaint against Meeting for an entry &c.[152] ***Wed 22nd*** Man gone with seven bushels wheat to Moresby mill, sold to Richard Hill for 17s per bushel. Snow & hail showers. ***Thu 23rd*** Snowy day; ground cover'd. Very sharp frost in the night. Bought of John Blenkin two swine for £1 19s 6d. Met him at Dean Scale. ***Fri 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Sent for Joseph Whinney about the old accounts with Thomas Webster, Thomas Bowman &c. Got of George Bell 6 quire of writing paper for lads. N.B. To send G.B. [*George Bell*] a copy of the minute in our Monthly Meeting book respecting Jonathan Harris's liberty in sitting in meetings for business. ***Sat 25th*** Isaac unwell in sore throat. Got 2 coop lode of lime from John Carlisle. Sent 15 bushel oats to mill.

Sun 26th At Meeting. Isaac continues very ill. John Robinson here in afternoon. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather. ***Tue 28th*** Showry. Adam here threshing & cutting wood.

March 1769

Wed 1st Wrote draft of a petition to Sir James for the innholders of Cockermouth.[153] ***Thu 2nd*** Jonathan Robinson here. Sett the early peas & a part of the other. Adam here. Got Hill dike done. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Whinney examining & settling the old accounts. ***Sat 4th*** Adam here. Wet in the forenoon; hedging in Pasture after.

Sun 5th At Meeting. William Robinson not yet got away. ***Mon 6th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Clearing the Bank for ploughing. A fine day. ***Tue 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Joseph Whinney about settling the old company accounts. ***Wed 8th*** Jonathan Robinson here planting peas &c. Showry but warm moderate weather. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting. Jonathan here again planting beans and some berry trees. ***Fri 10th*** Went to Whitehaven. Called at Moresby mill about the wheat & settled for swine, 20 stone at 3d per lb. Agreed with Richard Hill about the wheat. He is to take it & allow me the best price he can; about 16s per bushel. ***Sat 11th*** At Whitehaven. Lodg'd at William Skyrin's. Consulting about sundry affairs.

Sun 12th At Meeting; Select Preparative Meeting held after. Read the Queries. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & Dr. Airey here. Went to see the remainder of Dr. Gill's drugs. Not worth above £5. ***Tue 14th*** Begun to ingross the deeds about Eaglesfield meeting house.[154] ***Wed 15th*** About ditto. Showry weather. ***Fri 17th*** At Monthly Select Meeting. But badly attended. ***Sat 18th*** Finished the deeds. Showry weather. Mercury very low (5).

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Election for the burrough of Cockermouth to be on 4th day. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Thomas Grear from Ireland here. ***Wed 22nd*** Wallers and Adam here. Throng ploughing in Uper Bank. Very troublesome. ***Thu 23rd*** Wallers here. Adam & Jonathan Robinson also here. A very fine day. ***Fri 24th*** Ploughing. Fine dry weather. Wallers here. ***Sat 25th*** Wallers here. Got the little house to the height. Ploughing.

Sun 26th At Meeting. John Robinson here in the afternoon. Fine dry weather. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Easter fair: but small. A very fine day. ***Tue 28th*** Finished the Sufferings. Wallers here. Ploughing. ***Wed 29th*** Sett forward to Carlisle to the Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cock Bridge & lodged at the King's Head, Carlisle. ***Thu 30th*** At Carlisle. Attended the Quarter Meeting. Thomas Grear from Ireland and Rachel Wigham from Allondale there. The meeting but thin but pretty well conducted. P. Nicholson there about his appeal against our Monthly Meeting. P.N.'s complaint against the Monthly Meeting of Pardshow left upon this issue, that the arbitrators satisfy us under their hands that W.S. [*William Skyrin*] had no cause for complaint and that P.N. was not indebted to him in any sum or ballance at the time when said complaint was made. If this be made appear, we agree to make a minute in our book to the above purpose.

April 1769

Sat 1st Very cold season: frost in the nights; snow on the hills. Sew the Banks: took 8 bushel.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Weather still very cold. Easterly winds continue. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Webster about Fisher's complaint against me: he can't support his claim. ***Thu 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. About the stocking

business: it has cleared us since last settlement £169. ***Fri 7th*** Slighted up the Banks oats & harrowing Croft [*altered from 'Corn'*] Close big land. Fine weather. ***Sat 8th*** Throng with ploughing.

Sun 9th At Meeting. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Nothing this day to be remarked. ***Wed 12th*** About ditto [*drafting a deed*]. Went to Whitehaven after. With Richard Dearman. ***Thu 13th*** At Whitehaven. About drafting an assignment of Thomas Simpson's bond, ballance £850, from W.S. [*William Skyrin*] to Joseph Wimpey. ***Fri 14th*** Ingrossed the assignment & also a declaration of uses between W.S. & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & mutual bonds.

12th–14th At Whitehaven. Sent for to settle some affairs between W.S. [*William Skyrin*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*]. Assigned Simpson's bond to Joseph Wimpey of London. W.S. is very ill. The disorder is turned to a dropsy. He is to be tapped in a few days. The doctor seems not to have much hopes of his recovery. He thinks if he gets well over the operation he may put on some time.

Sat 15th Fatigued and unwell. Very cold, showry weather.

Sun 16th At Meeting. At home after. Richard Dearman here. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Jonathan Harris about mortgage. He is to procure the money in a week's time. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. Mally Pearson here after. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] hath undergone the operation & seems to do well. ***Wed 19th*** Jonathan Robinson here setting the cabbage &c. A showry day. ***Thu 20th*** J.R. here setting the remainder of the peas. Sew some spinage, lettice, radish. Agreed with Jonathan Robinson to keep all my gardens in good order for the year, to commence from this day. He is to dig, dung, plant & sow what I may want to have done & give him orders accordingly. He is to clip the hedges and weed, only my lasses to help him in weeding. He is to have what recklesses I can spare & in lieu to find me the common garden seeds &c. In consideration of which I am to bring him six coups of coals or 18 loads & to plough for him one day's work in the year. ***Fri 21st*** Came on very wet in the afternoon. ***Sat 22nd*** Sew the remainder of the oats & some grass seeds in Croft.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Samuel Russell junior here in the afternoon from Dublin. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Jonathan Harris. Received from him £250 in part of mortgage. ***Tue 25th*** Egremont court: did not go. Went to Whitehaven. Paid John Watts {for P. Gale} £522 in full & got in my mortgage deed. ***Wed 26th*** At Whitehaven. W.S. [*William Skyrin*] continues very ill: no prospect of recovery. He paid P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] the 40£ which was awarded him to pay. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting. Sew the remainder of the grass seeds & rowled the ground. Dry weather. ***Fri 28th*** Wrote the mortgage deed to J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] of Underwood land; consideration £550 for 1 year; interest £22 18s. 4d. ***Sat 29th*** About setting the potatoes in Whinney. Went to Pardshow after and executed the mortgage deed to J.H.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Jonah Dixon & John Wilkinson here after. To make a lease & power of attorney against 5 day.

May 1769

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth, the Commissary Court. Proved Joseph Falder's will. Paid for a court copy of Michael Johnson's will. ***Tue 2nd*** Very warm dry weather. Ploughing for barley in Croft. ***Wed 3rd*** Drawing the lease from Jonah Dixon to William Hodgson of Todal land, rent £15 for four years from 25 March. ***Thu 4th*** Finish'd lease and also power of attorney to John Wilkinson and got them both executed. ***Fri 5th*** Sew the Croft barley & the remainder of the grass seeds. Got some seeds of Joseph Black. ***Sat 6th*** Ploughing in Brakenhill. Sew about a bushel of barley on it.

Sun 7th At Meeting. At home after. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Norman[155] about selling the remainder of Dr. Gill's goods on hand. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Thomas Norman. Sold him the remainder of William Gill's shop. Came to £17 6s.

Sun 14th At Meeting. William Skyrin died a little before 8 a clock this evening of a dropsy. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got instructions for Joseph Robinson's conveyance. With sundries. ***Tue 16th*** Went to Whitehaven to prepare & consult about the funeral of William Skyrin. ***Wed 17th*** Attended the funeral to Pardshowhall. A pretty full meeting; several from Whitehaven. ***Thu 18th*** At Whitehaven. Copied the will and got the same proved before Thomas Spedding, Surrogate. Got a very curious dial from Tabitha Candler. It is stone and had been broke. I had the same mended and sent it home by George. It is of a new construction and was made by William Williamson of Frizington. ***Fri 19th*** At ditto. Taking a schedule of the goods and going through the houshold goods. ***Sat 20th*** Finished the schedules & agreed to begin the sales on 3rd day next.

Sun 21st At home. At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. This day put my mare to Tininswood's horse. She was very shy but took him at last. To try her again on beast fair. I am to pay 11s 6d for trying her out. He comes on beast fairs & on 2nd days between. ***Tue 23rd*** Went to Whitehaven. Attended the sale of W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] goods which begun this day. ***Wed 24th*** At Whitehaven. Had two sales this day. The goods sell at high prices. ***Thu 25th*** At ditto. One sale this day in the afternoon, it being market day. ***Fri 26th*** At ditto. Had sales in forenoon & afternoon of this day. Wet in the afternoon. ***Sat 27th*** At ditto. Had a sale this afternoon which ended about 8 a clock. Very good sales through the whole.

Sun 28th At home. Came from Whitehaven this day about 11 a clock. Showry day. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed with Richard and John Ewert for William Hudson's houses for one year; rent £12 10s. ***Tue 30th*** Dry weather. ***Wed 31st*** Went to Whitehaven about W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] affairs. Took Captain Gun with a writt and had him in custody this night.

June 1769

Thu 1st At Whitehaven. Captain Gun's bond for debt and costs. Gave William Weatherald an authority to act when absent. ***Fri 2nd*** About mending the roads by order of surveyor. In Whinney lane this day & yesterday. ***Sat 3rd*** About the roads; in same place the 3rd day. Very fine weather.

Sun 4th At Meeting. May Drumond there. She lodges at John Walker's, Dean, and is not properly in unity with the Society. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Hayton and Henry Bowman. Paid Benson's bill of costs in full £58. ***Wed 7th*** Man & son at highways again: the 4th day statute work. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. Man at Whitehaven markett. ***Fri 9th*** About abstracting the "Essay on Miracles".[155A]

Sun 11th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Finished the abstract. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth this day. Weather still very cold for the season. Showers of hail. ***Tue 13th*** Fallowing for wheat. ***Wed 14th*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair. Cattle sold pretty well. Try'd my mare again: she would not take horse. ***Thu 15th*** Man gone to Whitehaven. Wrote to James Tarrar, London, for Jonathan Hudson. ***Fri 16th*** At Monthly Select Meeting. John Pearson and Elihu Robinson representatives. Sent my answers to letter by J. Wilkinson.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Showry weather. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Norman about a mortar which was brok[e] in the botom. To make allowance. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting: pretty full. Storm in afternoon. ***Wed 21st*** About burning lime. John Storry here. To give him 9d a day and meat. He came on 6th day last. ***Thu 22nd*** About burning lime. Very wett weather. ***Sat 24th*** About ditto. 3 wrights here.

Sun 25th At Meeting. Very rainy weather. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Joseph Reay about the stocking business. Signed Daniel Marston's indentures to George Bell for 7 years. ***Tue 27th*** Weather still continues wet. Burning lime. ***Wed 28th*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair. They continue to sell high. Try'd my mare again last time & paid Tinniswood for ditto. ***Thu 29th*** Went to Heskett to Quarter Meeting. Samuel Parrott, Rachel Wigham and May Drummond there. A large meeting. ***Fri 30th*** At Heskett at Meeting. In general well conducted & to satisfaction. Came home after. Fine warm weather.

July 1769

Sat 1st About burning lime.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Hot, sultry weather. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Throng with the lime. John Storry left us: gone to mow. 13 days. ***Tue 4th*** About lime. Cliping hedges. Extreem hot weather. Isaac leading lime. ***Wed 5th*** About ditto and hedges &c. Weather same. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. Jane Black unwell. Went home on 2nd day: afraid of a fevour. Weather same. ***Fri 7th*** Went to Keswick.

Survey'd Gallabarrow fields; about four acres. Extream hot weather. ***Sat 8th*** At Keswick. Finish'd the survey. With Joshua Scott. To draw a duplicate of ditto for the trustees.

Sun 9th Sent for to make Thomas Wood's will. Got it executed in the evening. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman. Received a letter from William Hudson from Liverpool. To answer it speedily. ***Tue 11th*** At Mossergate, John Carlisle cliping. Sheep in midling order. Showry. ***Wed 12th*** Began to wow [*sic, for 'mow'*]. Got Adam to the limekiln. Hot weather. ***Thu 13th*** At Meeting. Thomas Wood very ill & delirious. Not expected to live. Wrote William Hudson in answer to his from Liverpool and requested a speedy reply. Settled with Ruth about wages and she is owing me upon ballance of account 1s 5d to be allowed next payment. See the account. N.B. Got from Edge grove 75 load of coals @ 3d. To allow one at each score is 72 load to pay; amount 18s. ***Fri 14th*** Thomas Wood died last night about ten a clock & is to be buried on 1st day. Warm weather. ***Sat 15th*** Isaac gone to the coals. Throng about the hay. Hot sultry weather.

Sun 16th At Meeting. Attended the funeral of Thomas Wood after. A pretty large funeral. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable. Hot weather. ***Tue 18th*** Wrights here about laying the barn floors & making hay loft doors. ***Wed 19th*** Ditto. Wallers here. ***Thu 20th*** Son Isaac begun with the fever. Complains of his head & great heat. ***Sat 22nd*** Wrights finished this day. Self & wife both begun with the fever.

Sun 23rd A violent pain in my head and a very great heat. Wife much the same. ***Mon 24th*** The fever increase fast upon us. Very ill. ***Thu 27th*** Sent for Dr. Dixon. He ordered 10 oz. blood to be taken from each. ***Fri 28th*** Dr. Walker bled us last night and brought us some physick. ***Sat 29th*** Both of us unsensible. Dr. Wilson very ill in the fever.

Sun 30th Continue very ill. Sweat much & are now very delirious.

On account page for week beginning 17th July:
Could proceed no further in this book. The fever & the insensibility still increased for several weeks. Wife was more severe holden in it: she continued about a month. A very great lax I believe help'd to carry hers off sooner. Son Isaac was also pretty sharply handled for a time but got well over & without physick. My fever turned at last intermitting and the delireum continued for eleven or twelve weeks. It then left me in a state of ideotism or childhood without memory or almost any knowledge of past actions, but my memory & understanding came again by degrees; & lastly it settled in my limbs & joints like a rhumetism. Son John also had the fever but moderate.

December 1769

Fri 8th Sale this evening. Sold three parcels of land, about six acres, for £358 15s. To enter & pay on 25th March.[156]

On memorandum page at end of year:
The fever settled in my limbs so that I can't get anything out almost. Am mostly since the fever left me very costive so am obliged to take physick pretty constantly to keep my body open. My legs swell pretty much towards the evenings & keep a constant pricking like an obstructed circulation. But hope it will wear off when the weather grows warmer. Have frequent cold fitts like gronings in the ague.[157]

1770

The volume for 1770 contains no diary entries before 28 September.

September 1770

Fri 28th Set forward this afternoon with John Gill to Keswick with a parcel of black lead.[158] ***Sat 29th*** At Keswick. Met Charles Bowman & John Youdall there about the lead. Shew'd it to sundries. Did not sell.

Sun 30th At home. Fatigued with the journey. The lead is to be sorted & dressed before it is fitt to be shew'd for sale.

October 1770

Mon 15th Weather still very wet. Did not go to Cockermouth. ***Tue 16th*** Had a great number shearers. Wet in the afternoon. Peter Pearson & Dr. Jackson here. ***Wed 17th*** William Lawson here helping to shear. Got all the corn shorn this day. Showry unsettled weather. ***Thu 18th*** Rainy weather. Most of the harvest out and in bad condition. ***Fri 19th*** About corn. Got a cart of oats. Weather unsettled. ***Sat 20th*** Went to Crag End with wife in the afternoon. Sister Alice died yesterday afternoon about 5 a clock.

Sun 21st Went to the funeral of sister Alice Allason: a large funeral & pretty well conducted. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Cousin Mary Fearon died last night about 11 a clock. ***Tue 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Attended the funeral of couzin Mary Fearon. Joseph Saul there. Pretty well conducted. ***Fri 26th*** Very rainy weather. The corn in a very bad condition and much of it yet in the field. ***Sat 27th*** Went with John Gill to Keswick. Much corn out on the road. Did not get the black lead sold. Charles Bowman there & his son Henry, about there bill in Chancery. Could not get it sold. We understand they have a large quantity by them, about 700£ value, to dispose of, got privately by stealth from the mine at Borrowdale.[159]

Sun 28th Did not get to the Meeting: a very wet day. Corn likely to be lost, weather so very bad. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Unwell. With John Ritson from Workington about business. ***Tue 30th*** About the corn.

November 1770

Thu 1st About the corn. ***Fri 2nd*** Got all the corn in this day. But wet & in bad condition. ***Sat 3rd*** Attended John Robinson's sale. Wrote. The amount of sale £42 13s & the parcels land £31 15s. 6d.

Sun 4th Did not go to Meeting. Fatigued last night about the sale. Showry. ***Mon 5th*** A very wet day. Did not get to Cockermouth. Finished sale bill &c. ***Tue 6th*** John Gill went away this morning for Whitehaven intended for Dublin & from thence to America. John Mirehouse here. ***Wed 7th*** Showry weather. Man at Workington market. ***Thu 8th*** Begun my answer to P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] charges.[160] ***Fri 9th*** About ditto. Very wet. Joseph Wood & James Graham here making distress for tithes. They took 2½ bushels of barley & ½ peck of oatmeal worth £1 2s 0d. Recover'd 9s 7d. Costs 6s 0d. Church tax this year about 4 purveys and Underwood pays 5¼d to each purvey – 1s 9d. And they usually charge about 1d at the shilling for their trouble – say 1s 6d, which makes the whole demand 18s 10d.

Mon 12th About my answer to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*]. ***Wed 14th*** Killed the cow this day. Got John Jackson to kill her. Edward Jones did not come, so bad a day. ***Thu 15th*** Went to Cockermouth with skin & tallow. Isaac with me. Cow proved pretty well. Had about 3½ stone fatt. ***Fri 16th*** About my answer to ditto. ***Sat 17th*** About ditto. Taking up the potatoes: a pretty good crop.

Sun 18th Frost came on this night. ***Mon 19th*** About answering P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] printed paper against our Monthly Meeting &c.[160] ***Tue 20th*** Monthly Meeting this day. Could not get to it. Very lame & one leg swells much & painfull. ***Wed 21st*** About the answer. Very hard frost. ***Thu 22nd*** About ditto. Frost very hard: looks like change. Lawrance Hunter & his boy here. Made me a flannel waistcoat; mending &c. ***Fri 23rd*** Settling this book. Frost over; a rainy day. Men threshing. Lawrance Witted here this week, helping to take up the potatoes, mending meadow road, threshing &c. ***Sat 24th*** About the answer. Taking potatoes; but thinn, a little frosted.

Sun 25th Jonathan Dixon & Jonah coming home this winter, as by a letter to their father dated 10 month 12th 1770. ***Mon 26th*** About the answer to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*]. About potatoes. ***Tue 27th*** About ditto. Finished the potatoes in Middle Close. ***Thu 29th*** Lawrance & man threshing. Got the potatoes in Bank, p.m. A thin crop but good. ***Fri 30th*** Lawrance & man taking up plumb trees on the back of low garden. Fine day.

December 1770

Sat 1st About ditto. Stormy weather.

Sun 2nd Went to the Meeting. John Robinson here after. Re[a]d him over my answer to P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] paper. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Jonathan Harris about raising 40£ in two weeks. ***Tue 4th*** Lawrence Witted here about planting plumb trees. Showry weather. ***Thu 6th*** About writing a character of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*].[161] ***Fri 7th*** About ditto. L.W. [*Lawrence Witted*] working in the garden. ***Sat 8th*** About ditto. L.W. about ditto.

Sun 9th Frosty day. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 10th*** Sharp frost. Adam

[*Thompson*] & man hedging. Thomas Winn here about a place for sinking at pitt. ***Tue 11th*** About hedging in the Pasture. Rain in afternoon. ***Wed 12th*** Man threshing wheat. Thomas Winn sinking. Begun the pitt. ***Thu 13th*** T.W. here about sinking. This day agreed with Thomas Winn for sinking a pitt at 8s per fathom. He is to find all but tools & sharping & wood. He is to pay for victuals, candles, powder &c. and to get who he pleaseth to help him & to pay his wages. N.B. I am to pay him when done sinking or sooner if he want it. Lawrence Witted here. ***Fri 14th*** T.W. sinking. He has got John Steel to help him. Lawrence & Adam here. Agreed with Adam Thompson to rudd & digg the NW side of Whinney hedge and make it fitt for ploughing. He is to do it as soon as he can and the weather will permitt, at 3d per rood. He to find his own meat. Showry weather. ***Sat 15th*** Winn & Steel begun wooding the pitt. Put in 3 framings; put up the row rope &c. Fine day; cold. Richard Hill here two days this week.

Sun 16th Ill in my head; could not get to Meeting. William Robinson come home last 5th day. Cold & showry. ***Mon 17th*** Miners here sinking. In a very hard bed of white stone. William Robinson & his father here p.m. ***Tue 18th*** Sinking. The hard stone continue[s]; begun to blast it this day. It over most of the pitt. Wett. ***Wed 19th*** Sinking. At Brandlingill met Wilson about the trees in dispute. As they claimed no soil of the lane, nor repaired the road, we thought the trees belong'd to Joshua Ritson to whom the soil &c. belonged.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Went to Pardshow with wife after to see William Robinson. Suse in the pett: did not see her. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. A very snowy day. Corn pretty high: oats about 6s; barley 9s; wheat from 13 to 18s. ***Tue 25th*** Sinking. The white stone still continue very hard. Cold weather & hard frost. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Brandlingill. Settled the affairs among them. Mary to have Moorside & Blenket Ingg. ***Thu 27th*** About making Margaret Scott's will. Showry uncertain weather. ***Fri 28th*** Finish'd M.S. will. Went to Pardshow & made Dinah Head's will. She is very unwell. Showry. ***Sat 29th*** Jac [*John Steel*] not at work this day. Went away yesterday afternoon. Cold and showery weather.

Sun 30th Tabitha here this week. Cold & showry. ***Mon 31st*** Begun to copy the custom of the Province of York. Weather ditto.

1771

January 1771

Tue 1st At home, this being New Year's Day. Very wet & stormy. Miners here. ***Thu 3rd*** Weather unsettled. ***Fri 4th*** Weather seems to settle a little. Frost this night. ***Sat 5th*** Miners here. Weather frosty.

Sun 6th Sharp frost. ***Tue 8th*** Ditto. At Brandlingill. Attended the sale of the wood; it was struck to John Mirehouse for £185. ***Wed 9th*** Ditto. Stiff with walking yesterday to and from Brandlingill. ***Thu 10th*** Ditto. Nothing remarkable. At Meeting this day. ***Fri 11th*** Ditto. Two wrights here. ***Sat 12th*** Ditto. Copied the conditions of sale for J.M. [*John Mirehouse*] & also copied the survey of Brandlingill & Moorside estates.

Sun 13th Frost yet continues and a small cover of snow upon the ground. Did not get to Meeting. ***Mon 14th*** Yesterday received from William Allason Dan Glaister's book, 1st volume Newton on the Prophecies. To keep it until further orders from D.G. ***Tue 15th*** Ditto. About going through Joseph Glaister's manuscript book called "The Harmony of the Prophets ratified in Christ". It requires much alteration & correction. ***Wed 16th*** Frost still continues but very moderate weather. Margaret Scott here in the afternoon. Executed her will. ***Thu 17th*** Weather the same. At Meeting this forenoon: very small and badly attended. Miners got down about 6 fathoms. ***Fri 18th*** Ditto. About J.G.'s [*Joseph Glaister's*] manuscript.

Sun 20th Went to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Frost. ***Mon 21st*** Severe frost. Wrights here these two days. About J.G.'s [*Joseph Glaister's*] manuscript. ***Tue 22nd*** Weather ditto. At Monthly Meeting. Richard Dearman here after. ***Wed 23rd*** It begun to thaw last night; wind southerly. Sent my answer to P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] charges with William Robinson to Dublin to get printed &c. ***Thu 24th*** About J.G.'s manuscript. Moderate weather.

Sun 27th A cold frosty day. Did not get to the Meeting. Ann Fox here about an assignment of Joseph Wood's mortgage; consideration £30. ***Mon 28th*** Hard frost & snow. Did not go to Cockermouth as I intended. ***Tue 29th*** Went to Pardshow to Peter Head's. Met Jeremy Head about taking an inventry & valuation of the late Dinah Head's goods. Agreed to a sale. ***Thu 31st*** About ditto. A very hard gale of wind from the south & heavy showers.

February 1771

Sun 3rd Went to Meeting. William Robinson put in again. Intends to go to Whitehaven again tomorrow for a passage. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. With

Thomas Webster: gave him instructions for the fine. Received of J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] 45£ on my note. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting. Weather pretty moderate, inclining to frost. Sat 9th Miners sinking. Got down about 11 fathoms. Hard rock: the[y] blast it. Frosty weather.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Took instructions for John Jenkinson's will from E.R. [*Elihu Robinson*] ***Mon 11th*** About drafting the will. ***Tue 12th*** Ingross'd the will. A long one: wrote on large paper. ***Thu 14th*** Elihu Robinson took John Jenkinson's will and got it executed.

Sun 17th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Benjamin Wilson's bill {£4 13s}. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. ***Fri 22nd*** Miners got down about 12 fathoms. Begun to drive this afternoon. Very hard rock & seems of sparr. ***Sat 23rd*** The rock very hard & bad to work. Obliged to blast much of it.

Sun 24th Went to Meeting. Jonathan Stainton here after. Paid him Henry Bowman's draft on me for £11 4s.[162] ***Mon 25th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Showry day and cold. Miners driving: got more water. Very hard rock. ***Wed 27th*** Killed both the swine yesterday; one of them would not feed. Sold the hinder quarters to Matthew Black: 11st. 11lb. @ 3¼d. A very fine day. ***Thu 28th*** Man at lime kiln. Begun burning yesterday; got coals from the Edge pitt. Got a parcel of nails from Thomas Abbott of Cockermouth.

March 1771

Fri 1st A strong SE wind; a fine drying day. Man at lime kiln. Isaac gone to the Edge, coals & leading lime. Entering the Quarter Meeting minutes. ***Sat 2nd*** Transcribing the Quarter Meeting minutes into the book. Got two swine from Joseph Wood. Jonathan & Jonah Dixon come home from Philadelphia. Here this evening, & well. Brought letters.

Sun 3rd A very cold day & a strong NE wind. Did no[t] get to the Meeting. Reading Gilbert West on the Resurection of Jesus &c. ***Mon 4th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. A very cold day. Burning lime. Isaac gone to Edge, coals, the 5th time for the lime kiln. He brings 5 bushels. ***Tue 5th*** At ditto. Isaac gone to the coals the 6th time, which makes 30 load @ 3d, is 7s 6d, which I am to pay John Fearon first opportunity.[163] ***Wed 6th*** Finished the lime burning. Paid to Jonathan Harrison 9 load & John Carlisle 6 load, which make 15 loads which we borrowed of them some time before. ***Thu 7th*** Went with wife to the marriage of Jonathan Harris & Esther Saul. Came home in the evening. Very cold weather & sharp frost. ***Fri 8th*** About recording the Quarter Meeting minutes. The[y] are near 6 years behind & will take much time in transcribing. ***Sat 9th*** About ditto. A very sharp frost which stops ploughing.

Sun 10th Went to the Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. Pretty well attended. Weather cold & frosty. ***Mon 11th*** The miners have cutt a vein of water

in a joint of the rock runing across their drift which makes about 7 vatts an hour which is very troublesome. ***Tue 12th*** Went in the afternoon to Branthwaite & executed Ann Fox's assignment.[164] A hard gale of wind from the SSW and great showers of rain. ***Wed 13th*** A stormy day. About transcribing the Sufferings. The water in the pitt abates very little better than 6 vatts an hour. ***Thu 14th*** Finished the Sufferings. Weather grown more mild and favourable. Jonathan & Jonah Dixon & John Nixon junior here this afternoon. ***Fri 15th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. But badly attended: none from three meetings. Adjourned to Whitehaven on 1st day come a week. ***Sat 16th*** Got Brandlingill deeds executed yesterday p.m. Jac Steel gone a journey this morning.[165] This day carried 6 bushels of barley to John Jenkinson, Lamplugh, to be made into malt for our own use.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Wife gone to the burial of Sarah Little, daughter of William Bowman of Ullock. She died in childbed aged 19 years & has left a son. ***Mon 18th*** Begun to plough leigh in the Corn Close. A very fine day but frosty in the nights. Jonathan Thompson here thrashing oats for seed. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Took the book again this day.[166] Killed the cow in the afternoon. She proved pretty well: good beef. Jonathan Thompson here. ***Wed 20th*** Jonathan Thompson here helping about winding water &c. Cutt the saughs. Made up a bundel for Dr. Dixon. Gave John Robinson three of the best sorts of them. N.B. Jac Steel came home this evening. ***Thu 21st*** Sent Isaac yesterday afternoon with skin & tallow to Cockermouth & he is gone this day to Whitehaven with a side of beef and sent the saughs to Dr. Dixon. ***Fri 22nd*** Yesterday received a half barrel of porter from John Skyrin. Jonathan Thompson here about cutting & planting the saughs. Ploughing. ***Sat 23rd*** Sent the Select Meeting book to Elihu by Isaac. Weather [*sic*], so could dare not venter to go to Whitehaven. J.T. [*Jonathan Thompson*] here.

Sun 24th Did not go to Meeting. Weather so very cold; a severe frost. Stopt ploughing latter end of the week on that account. ***Mon 25th*** Did not go to Cockermouth, the frost & cold so severe. Jonathan Thompson here. ***Tue 26th*** Sent the Sufferings with Isaac to Peter Pearson, Lowswater, to take to the Quarter Meeting. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon to see Hannah. ***Wed 27th*** A great snow came on yesterday evening. Isaac gone to Whitehaven with a cart load of goods for Hannah Robinson. Sarah Bell buried this day. ***Thu 28th*** Quarter Meeting at Carlisle. Did not get, on account of the weather being so cold & very sharp frost. ***Sat 30th*** N.B. A great increase of water in the pitt, near 12 vatts an hour, which is very troublesome. They have drove near seven yards, some open joints in the rock which edges towards the vein and runs a great quantity of water.

Sun 31st Went to the Meeting. Joseph Todhunter & Hannah Robinson &c. here in the afternoon. To prepare their marriage certificate.

April 1771

Mon 1st Pitt near full of water, about 3½ yards from the top – brock thro' the clay &c. Sent the carts to the Edge for clay. Got Isaac Ritson this night to help about

water. ***Tue 2nd*** They got all the water out of the pitt this morning before 3 a clock. About tempering the clay, wool &c. for stoping the water and the drift. Begun to sow oats in Corn Close. ***Wed 3rd*** Made an attempt to stop the water, but in vain. It broke through all, so gave it over & let the pitt fill with water. Drew the marriage certificate. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Attended the marriage. Read the certificate & got it duely executed. All well conducted. They went to Whitehaven in the evening. Miners begun at little Gillfoot. ***Fri 5th*** Prepairing for the sale at Peter Head's. The cattle sold this day: a pretty good sale, tho' late of begining. P.H. took the horses at 24£, John Danson's valuation. ***Sat 6th*** Attended the sale which begun after 3 a clock p.m. The houshold goods &c. sold very well. Finished the Corn Close ley this day. It took about 10¼ bushels of oats. Fine weather but hard frost in the nights.

Sun 7th At Meeting. E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson?*] there. 1st exhorted us to a due attendance of of [*sic*] weekday meetings, from the 1st comandment; 2nd an exhortation to the youth. Sarah Ostel &c. here in the afternoon. ***Mon 8th*** Unwell. Did not get to Cockermouth. Ploughing fallows in Far Whinney. Got the malt home this morning, about 6½ bushels, from John Jenkinson, Millgillhead. ***Tue 9th*** Very unwell in the cold. It effects the head and breast much the same as the fever & is pretty general. Ploughing. Very dry weather; wind northerly. ***Wed 10th*** About settling the sale bills & drawing out the bills for Peter Head & others. Ploughing. Jonathan Thompson hedging. ***Thu 11th*** Isaac gone to the coals. Man cleaning corn for seed. Jonathan hedging. Charles Bowman here dressing the black lead for sale. It is better than expected. ***Fri 12th*** About drawing Brandlingill lease. Very dry weather; wind northerly. Ploughing big stuble in the Bank. ***Sat 13th*** Ploughing in the Bank. Agreed with Jonathan Thompson for 4 days a week for the next half year at 9d per day. He to find his own 1st day meat & washing. Hired Ruth again at the same wage for next half year.

Sun 14th Did not get to the Meeting. Bad in a cold. Weather cold & sharp frost. ***Mon 15th*** Snow & very hard frost. Was sent for to Cockermouth on account of the fine for Brandlingill & Moorside estates, being one of the commissioners. Came home in the night. ***Tue 16th*** The frost continues. It stops ploughing. Resolved to take the water out of the pitt & to take out the wood. ***Wed 17th*** Weather a little more favourable. Got again to ploughing. ***Thu 18th*** About taking the water out of the pitt. Jonathan Dixon & son here. Advised him to settle here. He agrees to consider it &c. ***Fri 19th*** Yesterday stripped the pitt of what wood we could get & filled it up. Very dangerous work. Wilson Pearson & Jonah Dixon here. ***Sat 20th*** Miners got to work again in the Gill. Went to Dean & Branthwaite Hall in the afternoon. Got ½ bushel of French barley. John Fearon would not sign the deeds.

Sun 21st Went to Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Hannah at home; Joseph gone to Dublin. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Paid John Harris[167] & sundry others per accounts. Got peas, beans & garden seeds. ***Tue 23rd*** At the Monthly Meeting. G. Bell & wife here. ***Wed 24th*** About Brandlingill lease. Sew all the oats. Prepairing for the potatoes. Dry weather. ***Thu 25th*** Lawrance Wited the gardner here. Planted 3 quarts of runcipal peas; 2 quarts marrow fatts and 1 quart Charleton & 2 quarts beans. Soil in good condition. ***Fri 26th*** Gardener here. About diging

the ground & sowing the seeds. A fine season. About planting potatoes. ***Sat 27th*** A showry day but pretty warm. J.T. [*Jonathan Thompson*] here 4 days this week.

Sun 28th At Meeting. General Meeting to be here this day week. Weather warm & moderate in forenoon but cold after. Wind northerly. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Holme people about a differance between John Saul & others about a road. Went with J.S. [*John Saul*] to Thomas Benson. ***Tue 30th*** Leading lime & soil out of loning to Middle Close. Roads dry. Wind northerly.

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Wed 1st About ditto. Wind & weather the same. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting. Drew Peter Nicholson's case with the Monthly Meeting of Pardshow and the Quarter Meeting of Cumberland.[168] ***Fri 3rd*** Very dry weather; wind southerly. Leading manure these two days into Low Whinney. Ways very good. ***Sat 4th*** Copied P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] case to go to London with John Harris. Begun to sow barley this day. Sow'd half bushel Frensh barley &c.

Sun 5th Went to Meeting. General Meeting: very large. Weather dry; wind easterly. ***Mon 6th*** Sew the bushel of Scotch bigg in Middle Close. The grain was very small & badly dress'd. Leading manure. Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 7th*** About leading manure into Far Whinney. Wind easterly with some showers & warm. At Jonathan Dixon's in the afternoon. ***Wed 8th*** Slighting up the barley & Scotch bigg. Leading with three coops. Got J.R.'s horse. Showry in afternoon. ***Thu 9th*** Leading manure into Far Whinney with 3 coops. Fine weather; wind southerly. ***Fri 10th*** Ploughing for barley. Fine weather. ***Sat 11th*** Finished the ploughing this [day] & sew all the barley; in all about 5½ bushels. Gardener here these two days.

Sun 12th At Meeting. John Harris sett forward for London on 6th day last. Joseph Saul, Isaac Hall & Richard Dearman also gone; representatives. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Agreed with Robert Barns for William Hudson's houses[169] for 3 years, to comence at Whitsuntide 1772. Yearly rent £10 10s. He to pay the window tax & I to allow the remainder. ***Tue 14th*** My answers to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] come to Whitehaven. Got one of them. They are pretty well printed by Isaac Jackson, Dublin. They have made some little alteration & have left some little out. ***Wed 15th*** Ploughing a headland in Middle Close for potatoes. It proved hard ground; so sew it with barley. Sent J. [*Jane*] Pearson interest. ***Thu 16th*** Did not get to Meeting. Gardner & Jonathan Thompson here. A fine rain last night & very sultry hot this day. Barley finely come up. Clearing fields of the wood. ***Fri 17th*** Went to see the hedge in dispute in back of wood and Whinney Gill. Jonathan Harris to come on third day to settle them. ***Sat 18th*** Went to Workington to meet James Fletcher. Proved his mother's will before the Surrogate. With Captain Harrison about Mary Harrison affair. Could get no cash from him. He pretends she is to take a share of the new ship he is about building in lieu thereof.

Sun 19th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A subscription for Maryport meeting house. I subscribed 5s towards it. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair. Servants pretty dear. Corn high: wheat from 17 to 19s, barley about 13s & oats 6s 6d. A very full fair. A fine day. Tabitha here. ***Tue 21st*** Went to Monthly Meeting. Pretty well attended. Dispersed some of my answers to P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] to Cockermouth, Whitehaven &c. Jonathan Harris & William Allason here. Settled the hedges in dispute. ***Wed 22nd*** Thomas Dixon & Jonathan Harris here in the evening. Drew an indorsement & bond for them. J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] is to pay or allow me 6s for the same. We are to settle tomorrow week our affairs. ***Thu 23rd*** Making up a part of the disputed hedge. I got about 4 yards and W.A. [*William Allason*] about 8 yards of Back of Wood hedge and all the hedge in Whinney Gill in in [*sic*] dispute. A showry day & cold. ***Fri 24th*** Begun the draft of article between Jonathan Dixon the elder & J.D. younger. He assigns his live's estate in Water End land &c. ***Sat 25th*** About ditto. Showry cold weather.

Sun 26th A great flood. Did not go to Meeting. Tabitha here; could not get home, the weather so very bad. ***Mon 27th*** Rainy & very cold in the forenoon. Isaac went with Tabitha in the afternoon. Pretty fair but cold & windy weather. ***Tue 28th*** A very great wind. It withers the leaves of the trees and damages the young shouts in the hedges much, as well as the grass. ***Wed 29th*** Writing letters to Philadelphia, viz. to Daniel Offley, Mary Harrison & John Wilson. The high wind yet continue. The like seldom known at this time of the year. ***Thu 30th*** Wrote to George Perry, Liverpool, & Joseph Robinson, London, about the black lead. Isaac gone with the letters to the post this evening, to be in time for the packet. ***Fri 31st*** About drafting the articles between the two Jonathan Dixons. Very wet in the afternoon. Isaac & Thomas [*Winn?*] gone afishing.

June 1771

Sat 1st Weather seems to be settling again and more moderate at present.

Sun 2nd A wet day; did not go to Meeting. Faired a little in the afternoon. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and two younger sons. Agreed to go to Workington on 6th day to meet J.F. [*James Fletcher*] at Bridgefoot. ***Tue 4th*** About threshing wheat. Weather still showry and unsettled. ***Thu 6th*** Jonathan prepairing sticks for the peas. Weather showry and cold. ***Fri 7th*** Went to Workington. Met James Fletcher at the place & time appointed. Got the will & copy from Addison. Agreed to go to Lancaster with J.F. on 4th day. To be at Keswick that evening & to proceed forward next morning. Settled with Joseph Harrison & received the last year's rent for Mary Harrison.[170] N.B. a very hot day; wind southerly.

Sun 9th Went to Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting. J.W. [*Jonathan Wilkinson*] there wanting to complain against me about something contain'd in my answer to P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] charges. Got nothing forward. ***Mon 10th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Isaac gone to coals. Sent him to Cockermouth after. Very hot weather. ***Tue 11th*** Isaac gone with two carts for Matthew Black to

Workington. About drafting Henry Lancaster's will. Gardner here. Very hot. ***Wed 12th*** Set forward to Lancaster about James Fletcher's business. Met him at Lorton about 2 p.m. Took chaise at Keswick and went to Ambleside that night. ***Thu 13th*** At Ambleside. Sett forward about 5 a.m. Breakfasted at Kendal; baited at Burton & got to Lancaster about 2 p.m. & dined & lodged there. Got the will proved. Hot weather. ***Fri 14th*** At Lancaster. Came away about 8 a.m. Breakfasted at Burton; dined at Ambleside & got to Cockermouth about 10 p.m. Came home after, which is seventy miles. A pleasant journey. N.B. I paid no expences in this journey to Lancaster but went along with James Fletcher to get his mother's will proved, to prevent any accident that might happen by the post. ***Sat 15th*** Christian Wilkinson here. Wrote her eight sale notes for Back of Beck land in Ullock, which is to be sold on Friday the 28 inst. Isaac brought the black lead home from Allonby this day & paid the charges.[171]

Sun 16th Did not get to the Meeting, the day being so very wet. Sent the Queries with Matthew Black, it being the Preparative Meeting day. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about administring to the effects of the late Jonathan Hudson, deceased. Peter Peile of Cockermouth is going to administer. ***Tue 18th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Very large on account of a stranger there come to visit the families in our meeting. He proposes to get through before the Quarterly Meeting. ***Wed 19th*** Went to Richard Dearman's & lodged there. About W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] affairs with H.B. Gave him orders to write to Lancaster & Richmond in order to put in a caveat against P. Peile's administration. ***Thu 20th*** At Seaton Works. Dined there. Went after with R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] to Whitehaven. Lodged at John Skyrin's. See his books. Not satisfyed with his proceedings: he is gone much into foreign trade & the bill trade. ***Fri 21st*** At Whitehaven. Gave orders to R.D. to get J.S. [*John Skyrin's*] accounts settled & endeavour by prudent means to get him out of the American and bill trade. Got John Nixon to go with us to Seaton Works. ***Sat 22nd*** At Seaton Works. Dined there and came home after. Very hot weather.

Sun 23rd Went to Meeting. William Sowerby there. A pretty large meeting. John Nixon & wife came with me and dined & lodged at my house. Had some conversation on affairs. ***Mon 24th*** J.N. [*John Nixon*] & wife here. Went away this forenoon. Unwell. Did not get to Cockermouth as intended. Weather very hot. ***Tue 25th*** Drew out Penny's [*Pennington Hutchinson's*] account with John Wordsworth, agent to Sir James Lowther. Total above £7. Very hot weather. ***Wed 26th*** Wrote a letter for Pen Hutchinson to James Spedding, Whitehaven, about the action brought against him by John Wordsworth. ***Thu 27th*** Wrote the conditions of sale for Christian Wilkinson and copied the will in order to shew the title to the purchasers. ***Fri 28th*** Attended the sale at Ullock after. Land was not sold. It only came to 700£ in the sale. N.B. Isaac got a hurt this evening at Ullock by a great stone falling across his thigh.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Richard Dearman & wife & Deborah Lighton dined here and stay'd until the evening. Jacob Winder & John Fisher here. Hot day.

July 1771

Mon 1st Did not go to Cockermouth. Wrote Jacob Winder about his & John Fisher's business & sent by John. Writing the conveyances from David Smith to Christian Wilkinson. ***Tue 2nd*** Finished the conveyances. Wrights here yesterday. Got a pair cart shelvings & some staps. To begin a new account from this day. Very warm dry weather. ***Wed 3rd*** About ingrossing the articles from Jonathan Dixon senior to Jonathan Dixon junior; consideration £100 on demand; penalty £500 for breach of covenant. ***Thu 4th*** Finished the articles and got the same executed this evening at Sosgill. Wife with me there. Very dry weather, but looks like change. N.B. Lost a 3 year old heffer in Todall Pasture in the red water. No account of her ailing anything until she was dead. Sent the skin to Isaac Robinson, tanner. ***Fri 5th*** A very wet day & warm. Begun my letter to Samuel Fothergill in answer to his about P.N. [*Peter Nicholson*] suing him for reading paper of denial against him.[172] ***Sat 6th*** Went with wife and Jonathan Dixon & wife to Low Leyes in Lamplugh. Very kindly received. Weather fair and a warm day.

Sun 7th Went to Meeting: very thin on account of the General Meeting at Whitehaven this day. Copied my letter to Samuel Fothergill this afternoon. ***Mon 8th*** Drew Henry Lancaster's will on a sheet of strong paper. Isaac gone to Edge coals, being the 6th time for the lime kiln. Jonathan Thompson manages the kiln. Showry weather. ***Tue 9th*** Isaac leading lime. Begun again entering the Quarterly Meeting minutes. ***Wed 10th*** About entering the minutes. Showry weather. ***Thu 11th*** Finished the minutes this day. In all 22 quarters & there wants 3 quarters' minutes to compleat the same to this time. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Richard Dearman's, by express sent me to meet John Skyrin & John Nixon about William & John Skyrin's partnership in the hardware business at Whitehaven. ***Sat 13th*** At Seaton Works. J.S. [*John Skyrin*] & J.N. [*John Nixon*] came about 12 a clock this day. Agreed to meet again at Whitehaven on 6th day come two weeks. J.S. to settle his books against that time for our inspection.

Sun 14th Went to Meeting. At home in the afternoon. A warm day. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Paid Thomas Webster in full for cash lent. Wrights here. Begun to mow this day. ***Tue 16th*** Jonathan mowing in the Braken-hill meadow. Very thin. Very hot weather. Two wrights here. At Brandlingill executed the lease and bond for performance of covenants. ***Wed 17th*** Begun a small extract out of the "Observations on the Conversion & Apostleship of St. Paul" on Enthusiasm by George Littleton Esq. ***Thu 18th*** At Meeting. Came on a very wet day. Got wet in coming home. Finished the extract on Enthusiasm after. Stormy. ***Fri 19th*** About answering Isaac Wilson's letter of the 11th current. Went to Kirby in the evening. Met the schoolmaster [*Jonathan Wilson*] & paid him in full. He is going to Russland Chapel in Lancashire. ***Sat 20th*** John Mirehouse here about setting gate stulps & the dial. Thomas Winn helped us. Slow hay weather. Showry in the afternoon.

Sun 21st Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. William Thompson here. Took instructions for his will. Showry weather. ***Mon 22nd*** Did not go to

Cockermouth. Jane Pearson here. Came yesterday evening. Mowing in Corn Close meadow. Fine grass & pretty grown. ***Tue 23rd*** Very slow hay weather: got some out of Braken-hill meadow. At Monthly Meeting: nothing remarkable. ***Wed 24th*** Wrote William Thompson's will. Got it signed this evening. Showry weather. ***Thu 25th*** About setting the dial in the low garden. Stormy weather. ***Fri 26th*** Made Jacob Winder's will. To be executed so soon as convenient. Still showry and very slow hay weather. ***Sat 27th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Executed Jacob Winder's will. Got more time for payment of the money.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Two strangers from America there. The meeting was very large but they said very little to us and much disappointed the audience. ***Mon 29th*** Did not go to Cockermouth: sent son Isaac. About writing a letter to Isaac Wilson in answer to his respecting my reply to P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] charges against me and others. ***Tue 30th*** Joseph Robinson from Dublin & Joseph Todhunter dined here and stay'd the afternoon. I am to send J.R. some of the black lead to Dublin. Very showry weather. ***Wed 31st*** Did not get to the Conviction at John Meals's at Cockermouth this day. Got the great dial fix'd in the low garden.

August 1771

Thu 1st At Meeting: very thinn on account of a fine hay day. At Sosgill in the afternoon examining Jonathan Dixon's writings. Got 4 carts of hay out of Brakenhill meadow. ***Fri 2nd*** Miners left of sinking yesterday at noon, being again bett out with water. Only got down about six fathom. The joints of the rock are all tinged green. A hot day. ***Sat 3rd*** John Steel left us on August 1st immediately after dinner & we concluded that Thomas Winn should help us about the hay & the harvest & Isaac to help him about sinking a new pitt when he could have spare time.[173]

Sun 4th Did not go to the Meeting on account of a great pain in my back, proceeding I suppose from cold. General Meeting this day at Broughton. A fine day. ***Mon 5th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very throng about the hay. The weather very slow; still showry. Little hay got & season far advanced. ***Tue 6th*** About entering the Quarterly Meeting minutes. John Robinson, Dublin, here in the afternoon; stay'd supper. He is going away tomorrow. He took my mare to Whitehaven. {To John Robinson, Dublin, for searching the Patent Office, London, for Bennin Goose Patent for making black lead crucibles. It is for 21 years. A copy would have cost a guinea and an extract 10s 6d & he paid for reading it over: 3s 6d.} ***Wed 7th*** Finished the Quarter Meeting book. Entered all the denials; about entering the marriage certificates. A very showry day; no hay day. ***Thu 8th*** Mowing the Croft leys: pretty well grown. Finished the marriage certificates come in. John Sumpton here this day & made a demand per warrant for 9s 5d recovered & 6s costs.[174] ***Fri 9th*** Got 4 cart load of hay in the afternoon. Very slow hay weather. About Joseph Glaister's manuscript. It will take much time & require many corrections & alterations. ***Sat 10th*** Showry weather and a strong westerly wind. Got little done at the hay this day. About J.G.'s manuscript.

Sun 11th Went to Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Showry weather. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote to John Lawrance, Manchester, in answer to his. Joseph Reay came. Appointed to meet on 4th day about the stocking factory business at my house. ***Tue 13th*** About the hay. Got some in the afternoon. Still showery uncertain weather. ***Wed 14th*** Joseph Reay, Joseph Whinney and George Bell about the factory. Agreed to take out our interest & to take in G. Bell partner at the year's end. ***Thu 15th*** Wet in the forenoon. Did not go to the Meeting as intended. Finished mowing the leys this forenoon. A great storm & flood in the night. ***Fri 16th*** A showry day with a strong SW wind. About Glaister's manuscript. ***Sat 17th*** A pretty moderate day. Got some hay this day.

Sun 18th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. Agreed to go to Whitehaven on 6th day morning. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth: a very thin markett; people throng with the hay. Very late this year. Showry in the afternoon. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Got some of the ley hay this day. ***Wed 21st*** George Bell & wife here yesterday afternoon. Throng with the Croft hay. Weather still showry and very uncertain. Lawrence came this day. ***Thu 22nd*** Got some more of the Croft hay. Went in the afternoon to Buttermire about the black lead. C.B. [*Charles Bowman*] to call next week about it. ***Fri 23rd*** Very wet in the forenoon. ***Sat 24th*** Still showry. Got some more of the Croft hay.

Sun 25th Went to Meeting. Showry. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. The comission between the lord & tenants of the manor of Issell about a general fine to Sir John Mordant, the leasee of the said manor. ***Tue 27th*** William Betham here in the afternoon. Agreed to send him John next week to learn to write and also to say lessons in the Greek Testament. ***Wed 28th*** Schoolmaster here discoursing on sundry subjects. A very rainy day; he therefore stay'd with me att night again. ***Thu 29th*** W.B. [*William Betham*] sett forward to Workington this morning to the races & so to Whitehaven. Got all the Croft hay. ***Fri 30th*** Gardener here about the banks &c. ***Sat 31st*** At John Jenkinson's funeral of Waterend. He died suddenly: supposed to be an inward mortification.

September 1771

Sun 1st Did not to to the Meeting. Very rainy. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon. John Robinson's son from Dublin over. ***Mon 2nd*** Paid Thomas Swainson's bill in full. Thomas Winn begun the new pitt at the Brow foot this day. Isaac gone to Cockermouth for fish. Got 4 salmon fish weight 8st. 10lb. To pay Messanger for them. ***Tue 3rd*** Went to Buttermire with John to the school to William Betham. He is to stay at Charles Bowman's & get his meat & lodging there. ***Wed 4th*** About Glaister's manuscript. Gardener came again yesterday. Cloudy, close weather. Mowed the pieces among the corn. ***Thu 5th*** Wife gone to Meeting. A very fine day. About the hay; got it into great cock. ***Fri 6th*** Showry weather. Gardner here diging and cleaning low garden. ***Sat 7th*** Went with William Allason to Brayton. Surrendered Broad Ing Close to him. Went to Dan Glaister's after & lodged there.

Sun 8th At Dan Glaister's. A very wet day. Could not get to Meeting. Stay'd all night again on account of the weather. Supp'd at Jacob Ostell's. ***Mon 9th*** Sett forward with William Allason. Came to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Paid [John] Messenger for the fish ¦122 lbs. @ 1¼d¦ &c. Got a new hat for myself from Thomas Dixon. To pay him so soon as is convenient. A fine day. ***Tue 10th*** Lawrance Hunter, the taylor, here, making some clothes for Isaac & mending. Wrights here. Charles Bowman here about the wad. ***Wed 11th*** C.B. finished the wad dressing. Mostly of the bad sort. Some more come to Whitehaven for me. A very stormy day. Taylor here. ***Thu 12th*** Did not get to the Meeting. John Harris dined here & informed me about a complaint intended to be laid against me for my publication.[175] ***Fri 13th*** Went to the Select Monthly Meeting. Had a conferrence with some Friends about the publication. They wanted to accuse me of breach of order but could get nothing done to satisfaction. ***Sat 14th*** Begun to sheer the barley in Low Whinney and the Scotch bigg. Both pretty good. Weather still showry & unsettled.

Sun 15th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Subscriptions brought in for Maryport meeting house, amounting to £7 16s 0d. No complaint brought in against me; the[y] durst not face it. ***Mon 16th*** A wet morning. Did not go to Cockermouth: sent Isaac & Thomas. Went with John to Buttermire Hause. This is the third week. ***Tue 17th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Nothing yet brought against me. Two very remarkable sermons from John Simpson. He pronounced woes against the inhabiters of the earth and seas and also compared us to dogs or the nature of dogs who again bite & devour. This is the very height of Enthusiasm and madness & also to serve an occasion. ***Thu 19th*** Copied John Jenkinson's will for the trustees. Shearing the Scotch bigg in the Middle Close. A fine day. ***Fri 20th*** Shearing ditto. Sarah Black here. A blowey day; wind about SSE & some flying showers. Very wet. Thomas Pearson here. ***Sat 21st*** Corn very wet, so did not shear any this day. Isaac Hall here. Brought me the minutes back and he requests us to take a counsel's opinion upon the case & to prolong the bonds a month longer on said account. N.B. Wrote down the minutes of our agreement between Jonathan Serjeant & Mary Hunter & sent them to J.S. [*Jonathan Serjeant*] with T.P. [*Thomas Pearson*]

Sun 22nd At the Meeting; but thinn on account of the weather. At home in the afternoon. Weather seems to settle a little. ***Mon 23rd*** Account brought of sister Ann's death. She died this morning and is to be buried on 4th day. At Cockermouth with sundries about business. Agreed to take a counsel's oppinion in J.S. [*Jonathan Serjeant's*] case. ***Tue 24th*** Throng shearing the barley: a very fine crop. At Brandlingill in the afternoon with wife on foot. ***Wed 25th*** Attended the funeral of sister Ann Wilkinson. Not very large on account of the fine day & throng harvest. ***Thu 26th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Quarter Meeting. Three American strangers there, but said little to us. Fine weather. Select Meeting after. ***Fri 27th*** Went to Cockermouth to Meeting with wife & Jane Glaister who lodged here last night. A very low, poor meeting. A Presbaterian priest, one Ord,[176] stood up & preached a considerable time. William Hunt,[177] one of the Americans, after the conclusion of the Quarter Meeting attacked me in a very brisk & violent manner about my late

answer to P. Nicholson's paper, respecting that part about E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*] & went very great lengths against me. I defended myself in the best manner I could, as he could make out no breach of the rules of the Discipline &c., so he could get nothing done against me to answer his purpose. He is a super-rational bigot and red hot Enthusiast and seems to think that he has Heaven & Hell, rewards & punishments at his disposal & is strongly attached to that party here, & would go any lengths as plainly appears to vindicate their indefensible practices of cursing &c. At Meeting after, which was very long. The first part after a long silence W.H. stood up & gave a pretty long encomium upon himself & of his qualifications of being a true Gospel minister &c. Then expatiated pretty fully & passionately upon the text "Study to be quiet and mind your own business", which was in general pretty affecting & moving to the people, so intend at present to rest it there without further remarks. ***Sat 28th*** Very throng about shearing the barley in Far Low Whinney. It is pretty good.

Sun 29th The Americans and brother John Harris made a visit to me this morning about the publication. W.H. [*William Hunt*] wanted to lay heavey charges against me but without cause. Upon inquirey he knew nothing of the case but had gone by information. ***Mon 30th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very throng with the harvest. Got the barley all cutt & some of the wheat. Got some barley into the house.

October 1771

Tue 1st Lawrence Hunter, the taylor, here. Shearing wheat and housing barley. Isabel Nicholson here. Agreed to write again to Joseph Robinson about her affairs. ***Wed 2nd*** Taylor here. Shearing the French barley and the wheat. A very fine day; wind easterly. A ragg in the night. ***Thu 3rd*** Shearing oats in Low Bank. A fine day. Oats not quite ripe. ***Fri 4th*** Shearing oats in the Corn Close & housing barley out of Low Whinney. Very dry. Got it very well. ***Sat 5th*** Shearing in ditto. Housed the French barley & the remainder of the wheat. Showry in the after part of the day.

Sun 6th Went to Meeting. At home after. A showry day. Weather seems now much unsettled. ***Mon 7th*** A very stormy day so did not go to Cockermouth. Taylor here. Schoolmaster[178] begun at Pardshowhall to teach schooi on the 7th. We hired him for £23 per annum. Eight persons have agreed and hired him as above for two years. The prices for teaching English & writing 3s per quarter; Greek, Latin & Common Arithmetick 4s per quarter; all above Common Arithmetick 5s per quarter; book keeping & navigation 10s 6d each. ***Tue 8th*** A stormy day. Taylor here. Nothing remarkable. Lawrence came this afternoon. ***Wed 9th*** A strong gale of wind from the SSW with showers of rain. Shearing in the Corn Close. Taylor here. Shearing. ***Thu 10th*** Very unwell. Did not go to the fair as intended. Shearing in Corn Close. Wind & weather the same as yesterday. ***Fri 11th*** Shearing in Corn Close. Got it all down this evening. Very fine corn. Hired a woman servant [*Betty Crosthwaite*] this afternoon at Mosser Mains. To give her 38s for the half year. ***Sat 12th*** Very wet last night and a flood, but cleared up again. Shearing in Bank Close. A fine wind & corn dry.

Sun 13th A very stormy day and a very great wind & flood. Did not get to Meeting. Becks much out. ***Mon 14th*** A stormy day so did not go to Cockermouth; sent son. Wrote Richard Dearman & Isaac Wilson in answer to their letters. ***Tue 15th*** Shearing oats in the Bank. Very wett. Weather very unsettled. ***Wed 16th*** Shearing oats. Weather ditto. ***Thu 17th*** A showry day. Did not go to the Meeting. ***Fri 18th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting. Very badly attended. Got all shorn this day and got most of the wheat housed. ***Sat 19th*** A very wet day. Nothing further remarkable.

Sun 20th Went to Meeting. William Sowerby there under pretence of visiting families. Is gone to Lowswater, Lamplugh &c. ***Mon 21st*** Did not go to Cockermouth; sent son John. Not very well. Throng about the corn. Weather still very stormy. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing very remarkable. William Sowerby there but said nothing. To draw a denial against next month. ***Wed 23rd*** Weather still very uncertain. Very high winds, storms of rain and great floods. ***Thu 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Joseph Reay there. Made a valuation of the stocking factory utensils & took in G.B. [*George Bell*] for ¼ share. ***Fri 25th*** A very stormy day & a great flood. Got some oats in this morning. ***Sat 26th*** A fine day; wind northerly. About the corn in the afternoon. Got one cart load. Suse Pearson here.

Sun 27th Went to Meeting. Road very dirty. About righting up the corn in the afternoon. ***Mon 28th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Unwell. Very throng about the corn in Corn Close. William Betham here; John gone with him. ***Tue 29th*** Got all the corn out of the Corn Close yesterday. It came on rain again in the evening. A very wet night & this day until afternoon. The Bank oats yet out. ***Wed 30th*** A fine day. About righting the corn in the Bank. Very wett. Got it top dry a[nd] hooded in the evening. ***Thu 31st*** Cast & loosed most of the Bank oats. A fine drying day. Got a good deal of the corn dry & sett up again the rest.

November 1771

Fri 1st Got all the corn this forenoon. Taking up the potatoes after. They are very good & pretty rank. Elizabeth Wilkinson, the pretended prophetess, was buried at Cockermouth this day. She died of a tympany. She saw not her own approaching desolution tho' she pretended to predict that of others, but [was] like the astrologer who was much busied about the destinies of others & altogether neglected his own until unrelenting fate suddenly called him from the visionary scenes of life to a much unknown futurity &c. ***Sat 2nd*** Taking up the potatoes. About 22 bushels of White Ruffs, & about half that quantity of Sprouts & about six pecks of Duns. Met John & brought him home in the evening.

Sun 3rd Went to Meeting. Roads very dirty & wet, so that it is with difficulty that I can get along. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Robert Barns about William Hudson houses. Agreed that he should come in at any time in the winter he pleased, he paying all incumberances for the time. ***Tue 5th*** Got all the potatoes yesterday.

About examining the corn mows. They are very hot & wet at tops. Fear its keeping well. ***Wed 6th*** Got a letter from R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] by special messenger. To go to Seaton Works tomorrow to meet John Skyrin & John Nixon. ***Thu 7th*** Went to Seaton Works & dined & lodged at R.D.'s. J.N. [*John Nixon*] came in the night but J.S. [*John Skyrin*] did not come: he is unwell. So agreed to go to Whitehaven. ***Fri 8th*** At Seaton Works. Went to Seaton this forenoon. With Samuel Wells, the farmer. Viewed the houses & some of the fields belonging Mary Harrison. Came back and dined. Went to Whitehaven after about J.S. ***Sat 9th*** At Whitehaven. J.S. unwell. Agreed to disolve the partnership by consent on the 1st January next & all signed the agreement. R.D. to write to London accordingly & J.S. to collect the book debts & remitt what he can to London speedily.

Sun 10th A very wet day. Did not go to the Meeting. A good deal fatigued with my journey from Whitehaven in the night. ***Mon 11th*** A very stormy day and a flood, so did not get to Cockermouth, it being Martinmass fair. ***Tue 12th*** A pretty moderate day; wind westerly. It looks like showers. ***Wed 13th*** Thomas Winn and Isaac gone to Workington & Seaton. At Brandlingill this forenoon. Got a quarter mutton. ***Thu 14th*** At mill with 4 bushels oats. Got Hannah to go; a wet day. Sent Isaac for the meal in the afternoon. Over hard dryd. ***Fri 15th*** A very wet stormy day & a flood. Fairs a little in the afternoon. Settled with Jonathan Thompson; paid him in full {for 18 days before Martinmas @ 9d}. ***Sat 16th*** A very stormy day and a very great flood in the night. Waters the hig[h]est they have been for several years.

Sun 17th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Ruth went to Crabtreebeck this afternoon & Betty Crosthwaite came in the evening. Moderate day. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. With sundries about business. Bought a side of beef of John Fisher, Sunderland. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. A collection to be this month. Jonathan Thompson here cutting hedge. A fine winter day. ***Wed 20th*** J.T. [*Jonathan Thompson*] here leading wood to the Bankheads hedge. Fine weather. ***Sat 23rd*** Sett forward this day with H. Bowman for Richmond about stopping the administration to the late J[onathan] Hudson's effects to Peter Peile. Dined at Keswick & lodged at Penrith, 30 miles. Went from Keswick in the chaise, it being wet, to Penrith.

Sun 24th At Penrith. Dined at Apleby, 14 m[iles], and lodged at Brough, 8 m[iles]. Got only 22 m[iles] this day, it being foggy weather. ***Mon 25th*** At Brough. Breakfasted at Bowes, 10 m[iles]; dined at Greta Bridge, 8 m[iles]; to Gaterly Moor, 12 m[iles]; to Richmond, 3 m[iles], through Gillen. ***Tue 26th*** At Richmond. The court begun about 11 a.m. I stated the case to the Archdeacon Blackburn, who is the judge of the court. Agreed to reverse the decree unless P.P. [*Peter Peile*] can prove that he is the principle creditor to J.H. [*Jonathan Hudson*] & has given time to the next court to make out his aligations. The judge was very civil & behaved well. Dined at Richmond. Came away about 3 p.m. Baited at Greta Bridge & took the chaise to Brough. N.B. The bridge is washed down at Greta & it is very difficult to get over the river; as also a part of the house. ***Wed 27th*** At Brough. Breakfasted at Appleby; dined at Penrith and lodged at Keswick. Very fine weather. ***Thu 28th*** At Keswick. Breakfasted there and got home about 2 p.m. A very pleasant journey.

Fri 29th About the highways. J.T. [*Jonathan Thompson*] here. A very fine day. Had one horse & cart & three men at the highways. ***Sat 30th*** J.T. here about the moor hedge. Adam [*Thompson*] about the Bankheads hedge: he has done it very well. A fine day.

December 1771

Sun 1st Went to Cockermouth with wife. Bought a quarter of beef, 10s[t.] 6lb. @ 2½d, of John Fisher. To pay when convenient. At Meeting. Received account by a letter from Joseph Robinson, London, to his father that William Hudson died in his passage home from the East Indeas on board the *Prime*, of the Cape of Good Hope. He has left a will with Joseph Robinson, London, in which he has left J.R. [*Joseph Robinson*] & myself the whole of his effects, real and personal, we paying his debts & a legacy of 10£ to Suse Gill. ***Mon 2nd*** The account about W.H. death got abroad. I am to examine the copy of his will sent down & to write J.R. directly. Fine weather. ***Tue 3rd*** Wrote J.R. with my sentiments upon the will and directed not to prove it for reasons mentioned in letter. ***Wed 4th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon. She put the letters in the Post Office &c. Rainy in the evening & night. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. To make Jonathan Dixon's will so soon as I can. A fine day. Sett 45 cabidge plants from Joseph Whinney. ***Fri 6th*** Thomas Ritson here about the machine. I think it will now answer the purpose very well.[179] Looks like storm. ***Sat 7th*** Adam finished the hedge on the Bankheads and made it very firm. Think it may stand two or three years. Stormy.

Sun 8th Went to Meeting. Roads very dirty. Weather still showry and very uncertain. Lads gone to Pardshow & stay'd all night. ***Mon 9th*** Stormy in the fore part of the day. Did not go to Cockermouth. Lads came home this morning. Very bad in cold. Did not go to the school. ***Tue 10th*** Lads at home. Bad in the cold. Very showry weather. About drawing Jonathan Dixon's will.

Sun 15th Went to the Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Nothing very remarkable. ***Fri 20th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. ***Wed 25th*** Sett forward to Wigton to the Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cockbridge & lodged at the King's Arms, Wigton. ***Thu 26th*** At Wigton. Attended the meetings. All pretty well. Moderate weather. ***Fri 27th*** The meeting ended this day about 12 a clock. The ministry very poor & low. Came home in the afternoon.

Sun 29th At Meeting.

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January 1772

Wed 1st Went with wife to Jonathan Dixon's at Soskell. Stay'd till bed time.

Sun 5th Went to Meeting.

Wed 15th Went to Cockermouth to the Quarter sessions. Very throng and a great deal of business. Received this day at Cockermouth of Captain Joseph Harrison of Workington the sum of £50, viz. 26£ in cash & he paid me before the sum of 24£ which together make the sum of £50, on account of Mary Harrison of Philadelphia. ***Thu 16th*** Sharp frost & excessive cold. Did not go to Sessions. ***Fri 17th*** Frost. Sessions only ended this night. ***Sat 18th*** Hard frost and likely to continue.

Sun 19th Frost. At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 20th*** Went with son Isaac to Cockermouth about Banks' arbitration. Ended ditto. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. A collection for Quarter Meeting. Very hard frost and a covering of snow. ***Wed 22nd*** Frost. ***Thu 23rd*** The frost continue. ***Fri 24th*** Executed Jonathan Dixon's will. Drawing an abstract of my letter to E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*]. ***Sat 25th*** Frost and very cold, sharp weather. Finish'd the abstract.

Sun 26th A snowy day. Did not go to Meeting, the snow about a foot thick. ***Mon 27th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Snow deep and a sharp frost and very cold. ***Tue 28th*** Writing a fair copy of the abstract for G.B. [*George Bell*]. Sharp frost & snow. ***Wed 29th*** Lawrence Hunter, taylor, here mending. Sharp frost. ***Thu 30th*** Taylor here. Frost so slape that I durst not go to Meeting. Very cold; wind southerly. ***Fri 31st*** Was served this day by Brockbank's clerk with the copy of a writ at suit of P. Nicholson.

February 1772

Sat 1st The frost continue & a pretty thick cover of snow.

Sun 2nd Went to Meeting. With wife at Mossergate in the afternoon. The little lad very unwell. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman about P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] suit. To send notice of declaration so soon as it comes. ***Tue 4th*** Went again to Cockermouth about the difference between Jonathan Wilkinson & self. Met at E. Jones's. Got nothing done. ***Wed 5th*** Drafting Joseph Wilson's will. The frost & cold very severe. Hard weather. ***Thu 6th*** Finished the draft of J.W.'s will. Went to Meeting after. A fine thow in the afternoon. ***Sat 8th*** Isaac at coals. Served with notice of declaration about 2 p.m.

Sun 9th Did not go to Meeting. Not very well. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Workington about the suit. Wrote to John Robinson, Dublin, about it. Requested answer. ***Tue 11th*** At Workington, consulting with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] Sent with R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] some samples of wad to Peter Pearson. ***Thu 13th*** At Meeting in the morning. Sharp frost with a thinn cover of snow. ***Fri 14th*** Henry Bowman here. Brought P.N.'s [*Peter Nicholson's*] declaration for a libell. Consulting about a plea. ***Sat 15th*** Sharp frost.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Jonathan Wilkinson's complaint again: I offered to referr. Richard Dearman here. He gave me the declaration &c. I am to meet H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] at Penrith tomorrow evening to go to Lawyer Tatham. ***Mon 17th*** Set forward about 10 a.m. to go to Penrith. Dined at Keswick; lodged at Penrith, the Crown. ***Tue 18th*** At Penrith. Got to Askham about 11 a.m. Dined with the lawyer and advised what to do about a plea. ***Wed 19th*** At Keswick. Came home about 12 a.m. Hard frost & snow. Very cold & bad traveling. ***Thu 20th*** Copied Isaac Hall's declaration about E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*]. To meet again on 4th next month at meeting house, Cockermouth. ***Fri 21st*** Wrote to John Robinson Esqr. about the burgage &c. Met this evening at Jane Burnyeat's, Mosser-mains, and agreed to a division of the Moss Close. I am to have my share on the south side next my own ground. To be sett off imediatly and the hedges to be sett up as soon as they can be done. We are each to have new hedge in proportion to our ground and the hedges are to be sett half of the said hedge & gutter on our own ground & the other half on his neighbour's. ***Sat 22nd*** Copied my letter to J.R. [*John Robinson*]. Snow and sharp frost. About the mine again this week.

Sun 23rd Sharp frost and snow. Did not go to the Meeting. ***Mon 24th*** Henry Bowman here. He stopt me from going to Cockermouth. The demurrer[180] is filed & has taken. ***Thu 27th*** About setting off Mosser Moss. Got my share sett off. Survey'd J. Burnyeat's. ***Fri 28th*** About ditto. Came on rain in the afternoon. Got J.B.'s [*Jane Burnyeat's*] sett off. ***Sat 29th*** In the Moss. Sett off Dixon's share. John Pearson objects to his share.

March 1772

Sun 1st At Whitehaven at couzin Sarah Piper's funeral with wife. Came home after. A fine day. ***Tue 3rd*** Met John Fearon at Kirby this evening about some disturbance hapened about Thomas Jefferson's affairs. He has received a letter from John Senhouse giving account that one Ballantine of London claims a considerable sum from his trustees of whom Thomas Jefferson was one, and has filed a bill in Chancery against them for an account. And wants said Senhouse to come in as an amicable defendant and he will indemnify him against costs, which I advised said J.F. [*John Fearon*] to go to Senhouse & advise him to get said indemnity, as he and myself have given said Senhouse a bond upon receiving his power of attorney to indemnify him against any act to be done by us in the administring the remaining assets of the said testator.[181] ***Wed 4th*** Went to Cockermouth about the arbitration

with Jonathan Wilkinson. Sit late but they did not determine it. ***Thu 5th*** Went with wife to Pardshow. Came to Sossgill in the evening. Executed Joseph Wilson's will. ***Fri 6th*** About Mosser Moss. Got all the shares sett off. A very fine day. ***Sat 7th*** Went to Workington & Whitehaven. Came home after. A very fine day but cold.

Sun 8th Very ill. Could not go to Meeting. Got cold last night; brought on a violent lax and sickness. ***Mon 9th*** Could not go to Cockermouth. Unwell; so sent wife over in the afternoon. A fine day. ***Tue 10th*** Still unwell. I am to go to Workington tomorrow about Jonathan Hudson's administration. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Workington. Gave bond to the Surrogate. Got John Falcon & Henry Bowman to joyn us. ***Thu 12th*** At furnace & Workington. Begun to be very ill of an inflamation of the bladder. Came home after. ***Fri 13th*** Very ill. In great aggony & pain. Want to make water every few minutes. No ease. Jacob Wilson, son of Lydia Wilson of Brambley, was buried at Pardshowhall. A very sober young man & a good schollar in the mathematics. Much lamented by his relations and acquaintance. He did not profess to be a Quaker, tho' he came sometimes to the Meeting. ***Sat 14th*** The inflamation continue. Cold sharp weather.

Sun 15th Can't go out: the disorder the same. Sharp frost. ***Mon 16th*** Very ill of the complaint aforementioned. Sharp frost. ***Tue 17th*** A little better this day. The disorder is going off. Very cold weather. ***Wed 18th*** Sett forward about 7 this morning to Calder Bridge to meet Peter Nicholson. Got there about noon. John Ellwood & Richard Dearman met me at Egremont. We got the difference at last made up and gave mutual receipts. A bad affair, but over. A great snow this morning, in general about ankle deep. Bad riding at first but the snow grew thinner & was quite gone before we got to Calder Bridge. Had very little in coming back. I got home about 10 o' clock, a good deal fatigued with the journey. About 32 miles. ***Fri 20th*** Nothing remarkable. My disorder much increased by the journey. The Monthly Select Meeting was carried contrary to the usual custom & without consent of the meeting to Graysouthen, as was also the Preparative Select Meeting on 1st day. So did not attend either, as they were removed from the usual place by craft & design in order to concert some schemes to answer their vile purposes. ***Sat 21st*** The inflamation still continues. I have great pain in making water.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The London Yearly Meeting &c. Queries read and answerd to. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries, consulting about the affair in hand. A testimony design'd for E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*] ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. A testimony for E.W. offered to the meeting but rejected & left to the Quarter Meeting. ***Wed 25th*** Dan Glaister came yesterday evening. He is much dissatisfi'd about the affair & desired me to stand my ground. ***Thu 26th*** D.G. [*Dan Glaister*] here but went home this afternoon. He is fine company. His advice is to give them battle & fear not. ***Fri 27th*** Begun to plough in the Corn Close yesterday. Son Isaac holds the plough.

Mon 30th Did not go to Cockermouth. Wrote to C. Wilkinson, Joseph Robinson & to P. Nicholson & sent by T. Winn. ***Tue 31st*** Ploughing in the Corn Close. Isaac answers the plough very well.

April 1772

Wed 1st Joseph Mitchel here holding the plough. Isaac working at the pitt. A very cold day. ***Thu 2nd*** Richard Dearman came from Meeting and dined here. Produced a paper as an award between me & Jonathan Wilkinson. I made several alterations in it but think that I shall not agree to it on any account but let it go to the Quarter Meeting so that the whole iniquitous affair may be laid open to the publick. ***Fri 3rd*** Hedgers came here this morning. Got all the hedges sett out & agreed to. A very hard bottom. ***Sat 4th*** Hedgers here: very hard. Begun the lease between Peggy Head & Anthony Richardson; yearly rent £22.[182]

Sun 5th At Meeting. Very few, on account of the funeral of John Wilson at Eaglesfield. C. Bowman here in the evening & a person with him, about the black lead. He is the parson of Borrowdale & supposed for the London Company. Henry Piper here in the afternoon. He claims the money which was found in W.H.'s [*William Hudson's*] desk, which was in a private place in a bagg, sum £8 9s 7d. Which sum was paid him, as he had the same sum in his pocket book & the ticket in the bagg answered said sum. The pieces were five guineas; five half guineas; two half crowns; six shillings; two sixpences & one penny. ***Mon 6th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Hedgers here & Joseph Mitchell ploughing. Begun to sow oats in Midle Close. ***Tue 7th*** Hedgers here. The great drain next Pen Hutchinson's meadow is at least 4 feet deep & will take near the whole water of the Moss, except Causeway hills. Joseph Mitchel at Mosser this day. Showry weather.[183] ***Thu 9th*** Joseph at Mosser helping John Pearson to shift to Hill. A cold north wind with showers of rain. ***Fri 10th*** Hedgers still here. They purpose to finish my share of hedge tomorrow. ***Sat 11th*** Hedgers here. Finished my part this day; about 8.35 [*roods?*]. To go to Jane Burnyeat next week.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Henry Piper & Samuel Russell from Dublin here in the afternoon. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With G.B. [*George Bell*] & J.R. about E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*] affair. They seem to incline to have it ended. I keep at dist[anc]e. ***Tue 14th*** Hedgers in the Moss gone to J.B.'s [*Jane Burnyeat's*]. Signed the lease between J.B. [*Jane Burnyeat?*] & John Bushby. I am to keep it. ***Wed 15th*** About transcribing the Sufferings yesterday and this day. Got the same finished. ***Thu 16th*** Ingrossing the indenture of desolution of partnership between John Skyrin & W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] executors. ***Fri 17th*** Ingrossing the other part of the same. They are to be executed next week. ***Sat 18th*** Drawing a fair copy of the abstract of the case between Jonathan Wilkinson and myself. Cold weather.

Sun 19th At Meeting. William Robinson come over. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Sharp frost. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Whitehaven in the afternoon. Isaac brought horses back. ***Tue 21st*** Lodged at John Casson's. A great number of Friends come to town. J.W. [*Jonathan Wilkinson*] drop'd his prosecution against me about his late wife. And as they could not get a testimony from the Monthly Meeting, they altered their scheme & obtained a testimony from the Quarter Meeting then sitting and those who chose did sign it & the rest would not, knowing that some parts of it were not true & imposed by the ministry & their adherents for

the purpose of flattery & swelling the wide mouth of fame. ***Wed 22nd*** At Whitehaven. Very unwell yesterday of a stranguery complaint. Could not act as the clerk for the meeting. ***Thu 23rd*** At ditto. Meeting of Conference this a.m. Was clerk to said meeting. Made & read the minute. ***Fri 24th*** Much fatigued. My leg very much swell'd. Fine weather. ***Sat 25th*** Throng ploughing. Sow'd all the oats, about 17 bushels. Gardner here about one day & half. Joseph Smith here with a stallion. Agreed with him for 5s in hand & 15s more for a foal for the gray mare &c.

Sun 26th At Meeting. Sarah Taylor from Manchester: a very good preacher. G.B. [*George Bell*] and wife here after. ***Mon 27th*** My leg much swell'd so did not go to Cockermouth. Ploughing &c. ***Tue 28th*** At Monthly Meeting. David Ducket and companion there. A very fine day. ***Wed 29th*** Throng about the setting of potatoes in Middle Close. Dry weather. ***Thu 30th*** About ditto. Cold day; wind northerly. Making up the overseer accounts.

May 1772

Fri 1st About ditto. The township met here this evening. Signed the accounts. Jane Burnyeat overseer. ***Sat 2nd*** Finished setting potatoes, near 7 bushels: 3½ of White Ruffs, 2 bushels of Duns, 1 bushel earlys & sprouts, rest kidneys.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Very dry weather. General Meeting this day week. ***Mon 4th*** Weather still very dry. Rolling the oats in Far Whinney. ***Tue 5th*** Throng leading manure into Corn Close. Weather very dry. ***Wed 6th*** Leading manure into ditto. Warm dry weather; wind westerly. ***Thu 7th*** Two drayners here. Came yesterday morning. Ploughing. Sew about 5 pecks of French barley. ***Fri 8th*** Leading manure. Joseph Smith here again with the horse. Try'd Bess; she took him. ***Sat 9th*** Ploughing for barley. Dry weather.

Sun 10th General Meeting. John Pearson & his sister Jane here from Broughton. ***Mon 11th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Could not get a horse. Sent John for provisions. ***Tue 12th*** Drainers came again this day. About guttering the Moss Close. ***Wed 13th*** Drainers here. Got all the manure out. Very dry weather. Made & executed John Fisher's will. John Fawcett & Joseph Peile trustees. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Settled & paid schoolmaster for the lads' quarter wages for ½ year {4 quarters @ 4s = 16s 0d}. Deliverd to John Robinson of Pardshow Jane Fletcher's will to get executed this day per date, for which I charge 1s. ***Fri 15th*** Sew all the barley yesterday; about 5 bushels. Drainers yet here. ***Sat 16th*** Drainers finished this day. Met at Kirby in the evening & paid them {for 28 days work @ 14d}. A fine rain in the night.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A showery day & warm. ***Mon 18th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. About writing to Dr. William Gill, Antigua. ***Tue 19th*** At Monthly Meeting. General Meeting to be at Cockermouth 1st day come a week. Showry. ***Wed 20th*** Finished the draft of W.G.'s [*William Gill's*] letter. Showry weather. ***Thu 21st*** Drainers here. Could not get the Carrhead gutter

cutt [?] for water, so sett them on Ulvah dike. ***Fri 22nd*** Copying the letter to W.G. Joseph Smith here again with the horse. The mare would not take him. ***Sat 23rd*** Finished my fair copy of letter. To send per post by the first opportunity.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Weather turn'd cold; wind easterly. Cows at grass. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Put my letter to W.G. [*William Gill*] in the post. Very cold. ***Tue 26th*** Lawrence Hunter here, mending cloths & making new cloths for Billy. ***Wed 27th*** Taylor here. Jo gone to Wythop Mill with barley. A fine day. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting; but thin. Went to Kirby yesterday evening but John Fearon did not come. Some mistake. Met the relations of Thomas Jefferson at Kirby this evening & informed them that a bill in Chancery was filed against the trustees of [*sic*] Volentine, Esqr., [*recte Lawson Dykes Ballantine*] of which the said Jefferson was one. The late Sir Wilfrid Lawson & Dr. Brisco were also two other of the trustees of the said Vallentine & as the late Joseph Senhouse was executor of said Jefferson & we having indemnifyed John Senhouse, have agreed to put in an answer to said bill so soon as the same appears; and also to endeavour to get in the remainder of the debts to pay the costs with.[184] ***Fri 29th*** Went to Kirby again last [night]. John Fearon came & some other of the relations of Thomas Jefferson. ***Sat 30th*** Weather showry but cold. Wrote M.H. [*Mary Harrison?*]

Sun 31st Did not go to Meeting. Unwell. Weather ditto.

June 1772

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. ***Tue 2nd*** Showry weather & cold. ***Thu 4th*** Joseph Black here about felling oak wood: a good sap. ***Fri 5th*** James Richardson here felling wood. Cold showers. ***Sat 6th*** Showry weather. Gardner here 5 days.

Sun 7th At Meeting; but thin on account that Graysoothen did not come. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth, Whitsun fair. With Captain Harrison & Samuel Wales. Servants not very dear. ***Tue 9th*** Tabitha here. Came on 1st day. Fine weather. ***Wed 10th*** Joseph hedging. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. Jane Pearson preached. Begun on 1st day for the 1st time. At Cockermouth after. ***Fri 12th*** At Kirby yesterday evening. Met John Fearon and Joseph Dobson about Fellside lease. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Workington. Settled accounts with Captain Harrison. Got copy of ditto & power from T.A.

Sun 14th At Meeting; Select Preparative Meeting after. Hot weather. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. To call upon Joseph Studart this day two weeks. Warm growing weather. ***Tue 16th*** Sent a horse, cart & three hands to the high roads. Very bad in tooth ache. ***Wed 17th*** Begun the lease about Fellside lands, yearly rent £35 10s; term 15 years; farmer to be loose at 7 years' end. ***Thu 18th*** Finished the lease and bond & delivered them to Joseph Dobson the farmer & John Fearon at Kirby. ***Fri 19th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. A motion made to remove the meeting to Graysouthen. Left for consideration. Captain John Benn's children & nurse here this afternoon. Very hot weather.

Sat 20th At highways again yesterday. Thomas there. At John Johnson's, Pardshowhall, with wife this afternoon. William Robinson & Joseph Todhunter sailed the 20th at 4 in the afternoon from Whitehaven for Boston to build two ships.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow in the afternoon. Jane Pearson the[re]. Showry. ***Mon 22nd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very ill in my teeth and head. Wrote to Mary Harrison. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Sent the minutes and answers to Queries with John Harris [*to Quarterly Meeting*]. G.B. [*George Bell*] & wife here after. At Kirby this evening. Met Jonathan Dixon, Joseph Black & Joseph Wood about Akebank land, mill &c. Jo Black took Akebank land & mill & also Mosser land for 12 years, to be loose at the end of the 1st four years by giving 6 months' notice. Yearly rent £32 for the said 4 years & £34 for the eight years after. Conditions much the same as in the old lease. Jo Barwise bound for the rent. Lease & bond to be executed at Kirby on 7th day evening at 5 o'clock, the 4th of next month. ***Wed 24th*** Prepairing for the Quarter Meeting. Taken very ill after dinner. Could not go to the Quarter Meeting. Showry weather. ***Thu 25th*** Jane Pearson here this week. Sarah Ostell & her son, Mary Robinson of Broughton here in the afternoon. ***Fri 26th*** Very ill in my teeth and head. Could go little out this day. Warm, showry growing weather. ***Sat 27th*** Jane Pearson gone to Pardshow this forenoon. Thomas & Isaac gone to Clifton furnace. Showry warm weather.

Sun 28th Very ill: did not get to the Meeting. Warm growing weather. ***Mon 29th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Alexander Patton & man here guttering. Very warm day. ***Tue 30th*** Went to Branthwaite Edge with Peter Danson in the afternoon. Took instructions for a deed of trust.

July 1772

Wed 1st Dykers here. Finished my letter to Daniel Offley and company, Philadelphia. The disorder is turned intermitting. Taking barks. ***Thu 2nd*** Dykers here; finished this day. John Nixon here this morning about 5 o'clock. Brought very bad news. ***Fri 3rd*** About the lease between Jonathan Dixon and Joseph Black. Hot weather. Begun to mow in the Moss. ***Sat 4th*** Finished the lease & bond. Got them executed at Kirby this evening.

Sun 5th At Meeting. Very thin on account of the General Meeting being at Whitehaven. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. A great talk about the failures in London, Whitehaven &c. Hot weather. ***Tue 7th*** Mowing in Bleachyard Back of Orchard. Jane Pearson here about the Moss hay. Isaac gone to coals. ***Wed 8th*** Jane Pearson went home in the afternoon. Throng with the hay. Very hot weather. ***Thu 9th*** Went to Workington. Dined at Henry Bowman's. Went after to [*Seaton*] furnace. Lodged there. ***Fri 10th*** At Seaton works. Betty [*Elizabeth Dearman*] got a letter from Dicky [*Richard Dearman*]: they got to London on 1st day. At Kirby in the evening. ***Sat 11th*** Got no settlement between Fisher and Winder. Got the bill between Senhouse &c. & Ballantine.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Went with wife to Whitekeld in the afternoon. Hot weather. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got a letter from John Nixon. He gives expectation of their getting affairs accomodated. ***Tue 14th*** The disorder in my head & teeth still continue. Taking the barks; it is still intermitting. ***Wed 15th*** Fetched some air boxes yesterday from Flimby pitts. Weather turn'd showry & cold. Puting in boxes. ***Thu 16th*** Very unwell. Pain in my head & teeth. Did not go to Meeting. John Pearson here. A stormy day. Setting up the air boxes in the pitt these two days. There is about 16 fathom. ***Fri 17th*** About Joseph Glaister's manuscript. Left out several in the compairing, it being too tedious & unnecessary. ***Sat 18th*** About ditto. Joseph fin[i]sh'd the gutter at low end of meadow. Wowing [*sic, for 'Mowing'*] in Undergarth. Showry weather.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A fine day. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Received no further account from J.N. [*John Nixon*] & R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] With Richard Bailiff. To go to Whitehaven on 4th day. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle & manuscript containing sundry good advices. Throng about the hay. ***Wed 22nd*** Taylor here yesterday & this day. Prepair'd samples of black lead for R.B. [*Richard Bell*]. Weighed 8s[t.] 10lb. black lead No.3 for Richard Bell, Clifton furnace, @ 6d. 122lb. @ 6d = £3 1s 0d. ***Thu 23rd*** At Whitehaven. Set forward yesterday afternoon. Lodged at John Skyrin's. Little account yet received from London. Came home in the evening. ***Fri 24th*** Went to Clifton furnace to try the white ore or stone. Made several tryals but could get no lead from it. ***Sat 25th*** Showry day. Mowing hay. Killed the calf got of John Fawcett & sent it to Workington market. It took the sought, so kill'd it.

Mon 27th At home. Did not go to Cockermouth. A wet day. Suse Gill went to the market, so sent with her for provisions. ***Tue 28th*** Begun my letter to Daniel Offley & John Gill about the black lead mine, renewing lease. Showry weather. ***Wed 29th*** Finished my letters to D.O. & Dr. Gill. Writing to Christian Wilkinson, Dumfries. ***Thu 30th*** Got a message this morning to go to Lowther; Sir James was come. Sett forward with James Fletcher and John Rudd. ***Fri 31st*** At Penrith. Set forward at 9 this morning. Went to Lowther. Sir James is not come. Went to Askham after & so home. Some showers.

August 1772

Sat 1st Copied my letter to Christian Wilkinson; also wrote to Henry Gatiskell in answer to his about Thomas Winn. Showry.

Sun 2nd Went to Meeting. Very thin on account of General Meeting being at Broughton. Wrote to Ephraim Moses. A stormy afternoon; a hard gale of wind. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. A very stormy day. Very slow hay weather. ***Tue 4th*** A fair day but very gloomy. Got 3 carts hay. About Glaister's manuscripts: a tedious undertaking. ***Wed 5th*** About the manuscripts. Left out several in the comparison. Weather still gloomy & inclined to showers. ***Thu 6th*** Went to Meeting: very thin. Miners cutt the vein. Got some of the white stone or mettle.

Fri 7th Got a considerable quantity of the white mettle. It is about two feet wide & very fine. ***Sat 8th*** The vein continues very strong and a hopeful prospect for the blue ore.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Gave notice of the collection. Isaac Robinson here in p.m. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. John Nixon & Richard Dearman got back this day from London. Both well. ***Tue 11th*** A fine day. Got the hay out of Undergarth & Corn Close meadow. But thin. Isaac at Workington. ***Wed 12th*** Isaac gone with the bark to Cockermouth & so to Flimby for a row & crooks, kibles, picks &c. H. Todhunter here. ***Thu 13th*** A very fine day. Got 4 carts of ley hay out of Croft. Isaac gone to coals. ***Fri 14th*** Two wrights here. To go to Whitehaven tomorrow. Mowing the odd pieces in the Midle Close &c. ***Sat 15th*** Went to Whitehaven. Met the creditors of John Skyrin. They agreed to grant him a letter of licence &c.

Sun 16th At Meeting. Read the Yearly Epistle; the collection after. Preparative Meeting held. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. A very thin markett on account of people not having got all the hay. Wrote John Skyrin. ***Tue 18th*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. John Harris & John Bell appointed to attend the Assizes. Met John Mirehouse on the moor about his going to take in some of our common. We agreed to let him take in about a rood of ground; he paying 10s consideration for the same and to sign a writing importing the acknowledgement. Town to meet about that & some other affairs to be considered. ***Wed 19th*** Got a message to go to Cockermouth this p.m. Went & met Joseph Reay. Gave him some of the white mettle to get assayed. He thinks it good of sort. ***Thu 20th*** Came on very rainy in the afternoon. Wife at Hill with John Jackson's wife. John Robinson gone this day & sailed for Dublin. ***Fri 21st*** Wet in the fore part of the day. To meet at Mosser in the evening. Met at overseer house. Agreed the overseer to make a new contract for the house John Rudd, a pauper, lives in for a longer term at same rent. Also John Mirehouse may take up the ground by his making the said acknowledgement & signing the writing, provided he make up the gate again adjoyning the moor as it was formerly to a cow gate. N.B. The judges come in this day at Carlisle upon their commission &c. ***Sat 22nd*** A showry day. Went down to the bottom of the pitt. Stay'd several hours. Begun the sump.

Sun 23rd Did not go to the Meeting. Very wet and very ill in my teeth and head. ***Mon 24th*** Very ill in my teeth & head. Wife gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon. A windy, showry day. ***Tue 25th*** Conviction to be this day week at John Meals's in Cockermouth. Got notice by John Sumpton, affidavit man. ***Wed 26th*** Begun the sump. The white stone puts up in it in great lumps & very hard.

Sun 30th at Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 31st*** Went not to Cockermouth. Showry weather.

September 1772

Tue 1st Went to Cockermouth to the Conviction. Lucock & Hoskins justices. Costs as usual. ***Wed 2nd*** Thomas & Isaac fetched the large air boxes from Flimby. They are good boxes. About 18 fathoms. ***Thu 3rd*** Puting up the air boxes. Sett forward this afternoon to Seaton Works. Lodged there. Got some of the white stone assay'd.[185] ***Fri 4th*** At Seaton Works. Sett forward to Whitehaven. Found John Skyrin in the same situation. Lodged there. ***Sat 5th*** At Whitehaven. With John Nixon, W.E. [*William Eccleston*] &c. No agreement yet made with the creditors. Dined at John Nixon's. Came home by Jericho. Came home in the night.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Weather showry with thunder and cold rain. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Isaac Sibson. Took instructions for his will. To be executed this day week. ***Tue 8th*** Got in some hay which had stood above two weeks in great cock. Weather moderate. ***Wed 9th*** Lads gone to Andrew Green's for salmon fish. Got 3 large fish, weight 97lb. @ 2d is 16s 2d. Got one fish for Joseph & Suse Gill weight 21lb. @ 2d is 3s 6d. To pay Shadrach Peet for them on 2nd day at Cockermouth. Weight of the fish: 1 fish: 34lb. 1 ditto: 34lb. 1 ditto: 29lb. 1 ditto (for S.G. [*Susanna Gill*]): 21lb. [Total:] 118lb. @ 2d = 19s 8d. ***Thu 10th*** Isaac & John gone to Workington for firr timber. Got 4 pieces, quantity 37½ feet. To pay John Ellwood. Cutt our Scotch bigg this day. Very good; 11 stooks. ***Fri 11th*** Wrote a long letter to Benjamin Scott about the law respecting tithes. Fine weather. ***Sat 12th*** Gardner here all this week & two days of last; in all eight day = 8s. Fine weather.

Sun 13th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting. Gave notice of collection for Quarter Meeting. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Executed Isaac Sibson's will. ***Tue 15th*** Joseph Black here and three hedgers about Moss gutter. Lads gone afishing: got a salmon & sea trout. N.B. Got a salmon fish for Joseph Black, weight 35lb. @ 2d = 5s 10d. ***Wed 16th*** Joseph Black here sawing boards for the pitt. Margaret Head here. Signed the lease between her and Anthony Richardson. Showry. Musgrave Walker called about some writings relating to Moor-side land, but they are not in my keeping. Believe that his wife has them as they took them home with them when executed. I understand by Peggy Head that there has happened a difference between Musgrave and his wife. He chargeth her with being over kind with some other men & under that pretens has used her very unkindly for some considerable time. Believe it is no more than an idle pretension to cover his own iniquitious practices and very likely he wants to threaten her out of her estate in order to get it into his own power, & then after he has got all he can from her to turn her out to her own fend &c. O tempore, O mores. ***Thu 17th*** Wife gone to Meeting. Begun to shear barley this afternoon. We think it not quite ripe. ***Fri 18th*** Lads about sinking a sump. They find great lumps of the white stone. Showry weather. At the Monthly Select Meeting. Isaac Hall and John Pearson representatives to the Quarter Meeting. A motion made again by Isaac Hall for holding the next Select Monthly Meeting at Graysouthen, but no reason was given for the alteration but the ease of one or two Friends thereabouts, so I would not consent to the alteration of the place. I think all the rest submitted to it, so it was left

and no otherwise determined. ***Sat 19th*** Lads still at work. The white stone grows harder and more solid. Weather ditto.

Sun 20th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Catn. [*Captain?*] Robinson here in the afternoon. ***Mon 21st*** Unwell. Sent Joseph Mitchell to Cockermouth. Got the Scotch bigg. 11 stouks. Very good. Sent to Keswick for Charles Bowman, to be left at John Lancaster's to the care of John Harris:

Carrier 57½ lb. black lead
Tare of cask 9½ [lb.]
Neat weight 48 lb. @ 5s – £12 0s 0d.

Tue 22nd Attended the Monthly Meeting. Unwell: pain in head. ***Wed 23rd*** Unwell. Did not go to Quarter Meeting. Sent John with six stone of wad to Buttermire for Charles Bowman, viz. 84lb. black lead @ 5s = £21 0s 0d, in two bags, 3 stone each. Showry. ***Thu 24th*** Joseph Mitchel gone to Whitehaven markett with 2 baskets of plumbs & butter. Showry day. ***Fri 25th*** Thomas Webster here this morning about the difference between Musgrave Walker & wife. Agreed to a separation. To meet them tomorrow. ***Sat 26th*** Went to Workington. Met T. Webster. Dined at Captain Walker's. Agreed to articles of separation. T.W. [*Thomas Webster*] to take Wallas's opinion upon a full state of the case. To bring the same to me on 4th day next & to shew the draft of the articles of separation to Joseph Ferrar. Examined Thomas Yates, the barber, and Lucina Borrowdale.

Sun 27th Went with wife to Buttermire. Met Henry Bowman and wife there. A fine day. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Account of Peter How's death this day. Showry; a fine p.m. ***Tue 29th*** A showry day. Very slow weather & the harvest is late. A great part of barley to shear. ***Wed 30th*** Still showry. Get little don[e] at the harvest. Working at the pitt.

October 1772

Thu 1st Went to Meeting. Very thinn; some gone to Kendal Quarter Meeting. Shearing barley. ***Fri 2nd*** A fine day. Got the barley & some oats cutt this day. French barley not ripe. ***Sat 3rd*** A very wet day and a flood. Weather yet is very unsettled.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Graysouthen and Brigham stay now at their own meeting. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Richard Dearman &c. A fine day & a thin markett. ***Tue 6th*** Rainy in the forenoon; pretty fair after. Corn wet; no shearing. ***Wed 7th*** Shearing oats in Middle Close. Showers in the afternoon. ***Thu 8th*** Did not get to the Meeting this day. Very throng with the harvest. ***Fri 9th*** Weather still broken & very uncertain. Shearing in Whinney. ***Sat 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair kept this day. Very thin on account of back harvest.

Sun 11th Went to Meeting. Two women strangers from America. Pretty full meeting & pretty well. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. My leg is much swell'd. Weather still wet. ***Tue 13th*** Weather still very wet & unsettled. ***Wed 14th***

Weather ditto. Joseph gone to Workington markett with plumbs. ***Thu 15th*** At Meeting. Called to see Pen Hutchinson, is very ill, about will. ***Fri 16th*** John Steel call'd about P.H. [*Pennington Hutchinson's*] will. I did not chose to make any alteration but returned the will. ***Sat 17th*** Throng with the harvest at all opportunities. Weather unsettled.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 19th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent John for provisions. Weather about settling. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Two papers of denial signed.[186] A fine day. ***Wed 21st*** Was obliged to go to Whitehaven this afternoon. With Richard Dearman and John Nixon. N.B. Got all the corn shorn this day. ***Thu 22nd*** At Whitehaven about signing the securities to Jane Davison of Carlisle for 1000£ on mortgage J.N.'s [*John Nixon's*] estate. ***Fri 23rd*** Came from Whitehaven about 11 a.m. to Brandlingill. Signed the counter securities to Musgrave Walker. ***Sat 24th*** This week the weather proved very good. Got all the corn into the house this day & pretty well.

Sun 25th Did not get to the Meeting. My leg continues painfull and much swelled. ***Mon 26th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent John. My leg still bad. Got it bandaged. Weather showry. ***Wed 28th*** Isaac Ritson here these three days. Begun to take up potatoes this afternoon. Great rag in night. The aurore borealis appeared in the north & shut southerly & was very red, yellow & sundry colours. ***Thu 29th*** A very stormy day and a flood. Did not go to Meeting on account of the weather. Much fire and loud thunder this night. ***Fri 30th*** Threshing the corn that was not well got. ***Sat 31st*** Showry, broken weather.

November 1772

Sun 1st My leg very painfull; can walk but little. I use serat, a spiral bandage &c. under Dr. Jackson's perscription. A showry day & a strong gale of wind from the south. ***Mon 2nd*** Could not go out on account of my leg. Am obliged to lay it up. It is much inflamed. ***Tue 3rd*** Confined by my leg. ***Fri 6th*** Ditto. Weather mostly very stormy & great floods so that we can't get up the potatoes.

Sun 8th Ditto. Dr. Jackson here. Dined and gave orders about my leg, to keep it laid up and use his former prescription & bandage. ***Mon 9th*** My leg much the same. Can walk but very little. Weather still wett and unsettled. ***Tue 10th*** Killed the cow this day. She proved pretty well. Near four stone of fatt. Jacob Nicholson, the butcher, came for the old cow. Isaac helped him away with her. He is to fetch the bull on 2nd day come a week. ***Wed 11th*** A stormy day. Could not get to Cockermouth with the cow skin &c. ***Thu 12th*** Wife & Isaac gone to Cockermouth with the skin and tallow. A pretty moderate day. ***Fri 13th*** Stormy weather with much fire, thunder and rain. ***Sat 14th*** Wet weather. Can't get the potatoes.

Sun 15th Can't go to the Meeting on account of my leg. Still keep it up. ***Mon 16th*** Am still confined on account of my leg. The swelling is much gone. Lawrence Witted here helping us to take up the potatoes. They are in general very

good and large but not very rank in the ground. ***Tue 17th*** The Monthly Meeting. Could not go for my leg. Taylors here. Came this day. ***Wed 18th*** About ditto. Taylors & L. Witted here. Showry unsettled weather. ***Thu 19th*** About ditto. Ditto. Ditto. Finished the potatoes this evening. ***Fri 20th*** Taylors only finished this night. William Bowman here about his land sale this night. Did not get away: a storm. N.B. The land at Ullock was struck to John Walker of Dean for £965. ***Sat 21st*** Weather is still very uncertain and inclined to high winds & much rain.

Sun 22nd Did not got to Meeting on account of my leg. The swelling is much gone but am obliged to lay it up. ***Mon 23rd*** A storm and very great flood last night & this morning. Sent the bull away this day. The draft of the answer to Lawson Dykes Ballantine's bill in Chancery was sent me yesterday p.m. by John Fearon by the hands of John Johnson. I made some remarks upon it in the margin but had not time to go thro' it in so deliberate a manner as to make many observations upon it, nor to be very accurate in my observations. Wrote a few lines to John Fearon in the paper cover and sent it to John Johnson by the hands of Ann Mirehouse this afternoon 2 o'clock. ***Tue 24th*** J.H. [*Jonathan Harris*] here. He is going to Cockermouth to seek some cash upon an emergency. I am to procure him what I can at his return. ***Wed 25th*** Paid J.H. as on the other side {£12}[187] last night at his return. Borrow of John Johnson 4 guineas which I am to pay in 2 weeks. ***Thu 26th*** Received an account that Pen Hutchinson of Pardshowhall died last night about 12 of the clock. To be buried tomorrow at Dean. ***Fri 27th*** Wife gone to the funeral. A very cold day. The tythe farmers here: they took three sheep. Recover'd 9s 6½d; costs 6s 0d. Value taken: 3 sheep worth £1 2s 6d. ***Sat 28th*** Weather still very wett and showry so that little business can be done in the fields.

Sun 29th Went to Meeting. My leg much better and in a hopefull way of recovery. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wife came in the afternoon. With Blenerhassett and others about business.

December 1772

Tue 1st J. Fletcher been hunting in this neighbourhood these two days. He brought me a hare. ***Wed 2nd*** Lads begun to work again at the pitt this day. A moderate day and not very cold. Agreed with Adam Thompson this day for repairing the Pasture hedge, the cross hedge. I am to pay him 3d per rood and for the side ditto 6d per rood for setting three sods and spetch at top and he is to prick the same at top and finish it out to my liking. But when the same is done, if the price be too hard upon him which is now fixed, that then I am to allow him 7d per rood for said hedge. I am to lay him the wood wanted upon the spot. ***Thu 3rd*** Went to Whitehaven. With the butchers &c. With H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. Sold Mossergate land to Henry Bowman for William Allason for £1000. To be paid 300£ on 2nd February and 700£ on the 2nd September following and received 5 guineas in hand earnest money. ***Fri 4th*** At Whitehaven. John Skyrin a bankrupt and in custody of a messenger from London. Came home in evening. ***Sat 5th*** 2 wrights here sawing boards for the pitt. Very fine weather.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Unwell. Got the cold now going in the neighbourhood. ***Mon 7th*** Very unwell. Could not go to Cockermouth. Lads working at the pitt. Moderate weather. ***Tue 8th*** A little better this day. Wrote to H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & sent him a copy of the mortgage deed by William Allason. ***Wed 9th*** Some showers last night. A fine day. Working at pitt. ***Fri 11th*** My leg continues better; the swelling is much gone. ***Sat 12th*** Wett showry weather and frequent floods.

Sun 13th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. N.B. They intend to hold the Monthly Meeting at Graysouthen on 6th day. ***Mon 14th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. Met about the affair between Thomas Dixon and Jane Fletcher. Settled the legacy and got her interest, £1 12s 0d. To meet again about the account between Captain Anthony Dixon and the owners of the ship *Happy* on 2nd day next. ***Tue 15th*** Got a bad cold. Weather still wett. Gardener came yesterday. ***Wed 16th*** Lawrence Witted is trenching the ground behind the garden. Showry weather. ***Thu 17th*** Very unwell. Pain in my head and breast. Almost lost my speech. ***Fri 18th*** No better this day so could not go to Whitehaven as intended. The Select Monthly Meeting held at Graysouthen. ***Sat 19th*** Gardener here all this week. Weather seems inclinable to frost.

Sun 20th At the Meeting; Preparative Meeting after. Queries read. Notice taken of a fresh prosecution at law. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth about the difference between Richard Fletcher & Thomas Dixon. With Henry Bowman after. ***Tue 22nd*** At the Monthly Meeting. Queries read and answered unto; in general a good account. Sharp frost. ***Wed 23rd*** Robert Barns here this morning about making an oven in the celler at Cockermouth. Sent him to Pardshow. ***Thu 24th*** Joseph Mitchel had his christning yesterday: his daughter's name is Susannah. Sharp frost. ***Fri 25th*** Frost and a very great ragg.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Weather ditto. William Thompson here in the afternoon about Ullock lands &c. ***Mon 28th*** John Fletcher here in the afternoon discoursing upon various subjects. ***Tue 29th*** Weather close and cloudy. A fine thow. Isaac gone to the coals. ***Wed 30th*** Went with wife to Workington. Signed the deeds & fine to William Allason about Mossergate land. ***Thu 31st*** At Workington. Went with wife & H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and wife to Flimby Hall. Dined & lodged there. Moderate weather.

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January 1773

Fri 1st At Flimby Hall with wife and Henry Bowman and wife. A genteel house and very good furniture. N.B. The estate is lately sold to Sir James for about £6,500.[188] Dined at Workington. ***Sat 2nd*** At Seaton Works. Dined there. Stop'd a little at Workington at John Jenkinson's. Got sundry things for the house use. Came home after. A pleasant journey. Frosty weather.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning: but thinn. Frosty weather. Isaac carried Tabitha Candler home this day. She was here two weeks. ***Mon 4th*** Lads gone to Flimby Hall for a ladder, rope &c. Sharp frost. Got the ladder & rope home. The ladder is about 30 feet long & the rope about 14 fathoms.[189] ***Tue 5th*** Sent Isaac & Thomas to Buttermire to enquire about the sale of the wad from Charles Bowman. He owns he has disposed of what I sent him & wants more. To see him at Sessions. ***Thu 7th*** Showry weather.

Sun 10th Moderate day. At Meeting. Went with wife to Pardshow in the afternoon. Stay'd supper. ***Mon 11th*** Wrote to Christian Wilkinson, Dumfries. Let her know that William Thompson wanted to have his money paid in and that we expected ejectments served daily. ***Tue 12th*** Copied the letter &c. Showry uncertain weather. ***Wed 13th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Quarter Sessions. A. Hoskins chairman & very active in business. Sundry causes about settlements &c. Paid Jacob Winder in full of accounts. ***Thu 14th*** Went to Cockermouth again to Sessions. Not much business; some indictments &c. Settled with James Fletcher & paid him in full. A showry day & cold. ***Fri 15th*** Isaac Ritson here about the row and squaring the wheel timber. A fine day and inclinable to frost. ***Sat 16th*** Isaac gone to coals. A wet, cold day. Joseph threshing.

Sun 17th At Meeting. Joseph Saul there. Read three papers of denial.[190] The Preparative Meeting after. A very great wind & snow on the hills. Mercury 37. ***Mon 18th*** A very windy stormy day. Settled accounts with Matthew Black and paid the ballance. Cutt the long gun barrell & made it about 3½ feet long. ***Tue 19th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. But very thin on account of a very stormy day and a flood. The collection to be next month & a subscription for Solport meeting house. ***Wed 20th*** About writing out some select parts of a work entitled "The Gentleman and Ladies Miscellany", consisting of the usefull parts of the Ladies Diary from 1704. ***Thu 21st*** About ditto. Showry weather. Working at the pitt these two days, taking out the water, cleaning the low sump &c. ***Fri 22nd*** Went to Whitehaven. Paid Thomas Harrison at the brewry my note in favour of Skyrin & Dearman {£160}. Took up the said note & got receipt in full on the back. ***Sat 23rd*** A very

fine day. Working at the pitt in the afternoon. Priscilla Ullock dead & is to be buried tomorrow. The[y] warn at eight o'clock.

Sun 24th Went to the funeral. They took up the corps a little before two. A windy showry day. Dr. Jackson came and dined here & stay'd until evening. ***Mon 25th*** A stormy day. Did not go to Cockermouth. Working at the pitt. Very hard rock. Vein sett nearer together and more promising to bear mettle. ***Tue 26th*** About writing out some questions from "The Miscellany". Isaac gone with 9 bushels of barley to James Scott, Branthwaite; 6 for our own malt & 3 for sale. Rainy day. ***Wed 27th*** Showry close weather. ***Thu 28th*** A wet stormy day. ***Fri 29th*** Frosty weather and snow on the hills. Joseph Fawcett here in the afternoon & stay'd the evening. He is going to Philadelphia from Liverpool. ***Sat 30th*** Wrote to William Rathbone & Daniel Offley & sent by Joseph Fawcett. William Thompson, Henry Lancaster & Peter Robinson here in the evening. John Fearon come home.

Sun 31st At Meeting. John Fearon & Joseph Pearson has bought Christian Wilkinson lands at Ullock. To meet them at Kirby on 3rd day evening & carry them the writings.

February 1773

Mon 1st Did not go to Cockermouth. Frosty weather but looks like change: cloudy and a soft air. ***Tue 2nd*** Killed the swine. The[y] prov'd pretty well, near 10 stone a side. Taking a schedule of C.W. [*Christian Wilkinson's*] writings. Went to Kirby; deliver'd the writings to John Fearon & took his receipt. ***Wed 3rd*** Isaac at coals these three days. Very sharp frost again & likely to continue. Sent to William Woodvill 4 hinder quarters of swine, weight 18st. 5lb. @ 4d per lb. & 6d over per quarter. ***Thu 4th*** Went to Meeting. Hard frost. William Allason here in the evening. He brought me £80 on account. To pay Jonathan Harris £30 and to remitt £50 to London. ***Fri 5th*** Went with wife and son Billy to Cragg-end. Dined there and stay'd the evening. Hard frost & fine walking. ***Sat 6th*** Weather the same. Joseph threshing; lads for clearing the sumps in the afternoon. Mary Robinson here in the morning about Peter's purchase. Told her the writing were gone.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Lads gone to Broughton. Gave notice of the collection. Frosty weather & thick cover of snow on the hills & cold. Wind southerly. ***Mon 8th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the frost. Wife very ill of a violent lax. She begun on 7th day & it doth not yet abate. Got a letter from C. Wilkinson & H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. I. Ritson here. ***Tue 9th*** Could not go to Jonathan Dixon's at Eaglesfield as intended. Wife very ill & obliged to keep her room. The lax not abated. ***Wed 10th*** Wife a little better this day; the lax not so very violent. Snow and a very cold wind. ***Thu 11th*** Wife much better this day. Sharp weather. ***Fri 12th*** Wife got out again into the house but sickly & dare not go much out of the house yet. ***Sat 13th*** Henry Bowman, John Jenkinson & Richard Dearman dined here on account of the commission for taking the answers on their revived bill on the death of Jonathan Hudson. Stormy.

Sun 14th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Hutchinson about a bill and left 50£ with him. With sundries: Jonathan Harris, Jacob Winder, Jonathan Scott &c. ***Tue 16th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Two minutes of denial against Mary Woodvill and Hannah Fisher to be prepared against next month.[191] Taylor here these two days. ***Wed 17th*** Went to Cockermouth on the afternoon for some black shalloon for lineing. With Joseph Hutchinson, John Walker &c. To call again at John Wordsworth's on 2nd day next. ***Thu 18th*** Two wrights here working at the pitt this week. Joseph gone to the coals for himself. Jonathan Scott here in the morning. Took measure for lads & my breeches. Fine day. ***Fri 19th*** Isaac Ritson here sawing and Joseph helping. About writing out some questions from "The Miscellany".

Sun 21st At Meeting. A showry day. Nothing further remarkable. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Got two bills of Joseph Hutchinson, value £40 8s. To remitt them to London first opportunity. With Richard Dearman &c. A cold snowy day. ***Tue 23rd*** At mill this day with 18 bushels of oats. Got very good meal & yielded well. A great storm of rain and wind this day and night. Lads could not stand at top of the pitt. ***Wed 24th*** A pretty moderate day but some rain. Thomas Ritson here in the forenoon about a dispute between him and Joseph Walker, his landlord, who appears to be a mean-spirited man and wants to take advantage, but believe he cannot. ***Thu 25th*** Went to Whitehaven. Attended the sales of John Skyrin, a bankrupt, on account of being one of the executors of the late William Skyrin deceased. The goods very good & sold well. ***Fri 26th*** At Whitehaven on account of sales. James Spedding and Thomas Harrison are the assigness for the disposing of the effects here. Two sales each day; an auction of books this night. ***Sat 27th*** At Whitehaven. Sales still continue. Two sales again this day and an auction of books in the night. All in general sold well & finish'd the whole this night. Came home.

Sun 28th Went to Meeting in the morning. With wife at Mosser in the afternoon. Sarah Black ill in the rheumatism. A drying day; wind westerly.

March 1773

Mon 1st A very stormy day & a great flood but fair'd in the afternoon. Isaac gone to Branthwaite for the malt. Got it home well: 6¾ bushels, made out 3 pecks. ***Tue 2nd*** The storm came on again in the night and continued about 24 hours. A very great wind and flood which got into the low garden but did little damage. ***Wed 3rd*** More moderate this day but showry. Lads working at the pitt. Joseph about the beck in the forenoon & carrying wood to the Pasture after. ***Thu 4th*** Thomas and Isaac gone to Whitehaven. Sent 6lb. black lead for Henry Hind & 2lb. ditto for Dr. Jackson. A showry day. ***Fri 5th*** Lads working at pitt. Begun to plough ley this afternoon in Near Whinney. Got well forward. Showry but weather seems to be settling. ***Sat 6th*** Ploughing. A very fine day. About drawing out the account with John Wordsworth respecting the ellection. They will be considerably in my debt.

Sun 7th At Meeting. John Simpson &c. there. Isaac Robinson dined here. Got the Sufferings. Fine weather & seems settled. Mercury in the bottle below all the divisions of the barometer. ***Mon 8th*** Fine weather. Ploughing the ley. In very good condition and very promising for a good crop. ***Tue 9th & Wed 10th*** Ploughing. Weather ditto. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. To meet John Walker at William Bowman's on 7th day afternoon. Leading garding wood from Joseph Watson's, Birkbank. ***Fri 12th*** Ploughing. The weather dry and frosty in the nights. The ley now grows more stiff to work. ***Sat 13th*** Isaac & Joseph gone to Aspatrey with Joseph Wood who is shifting this day. Weather dry and warm in the day but cool and frosty in the nights. At Ullock &c.

Sun 14th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Enthusiasm, the old detracting spirit & the machinery carryed on as heretofore. George Bell dined here. Went to Pardshow in afternoon. ***Mon 15th*** Got a cartload of straw, 80 wapps, from Brandlingill this morning. Gone to John Robinson's, Pardshow, for 2 carts of guarding. About transcribing the Sufferings. Working at pitt. ***Tue 16th*** About the Sufferings: they are not all come in yet. Fine dry weather. ***Wed 17th*** Went to Richard Dearman's. Dined there. About William Skyrin affairs. With Thomas Lindall about mining. The stone he says is cobalt & affords fine glass. ***Thu 18th*** At Seaton works. Went [with] R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & Henry Bowman to Whitehaven about W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] affairs. Sent for James McMein, farmer at Jericho, about the rent in arrear. Wife promis'd to give security on 2nd day. ***Fri 19th*** At home. Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. Pretty well attended. It was agreed to hold the next at Whitehaven, but to answer what end I know not as so few members are there. Jeremy Head & wife & Dr. Jackson's wife here [in] afternoon. ***Sat 20th*** About the Sufferings: they are not yet all come in. To get those which are wanting on 1st day. Took instructions for a deed from trustees of Pen Hutchinson to Dorothy Wood.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Mosser with wife at Joseph Black's in the afternoon. Moderate weather but dry. ***Mon 22nd*** Finished the Sufferings this day and entered the whole in the book. Weather inclinable to showers. A fine rain in the night. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Joseph Smith from Yorkshire & companion there. A very fine day. ***Wed 24th*** Set forward this morning about 9 o'clock with Peter Pearson & Margaret Wilson for the Quarterly Meeting at Carlisle. Dined at Cockbridge & lodged at Carlisle, William Nicholson's, the Goat. ***Thu 25th*** At Carlisle. The Quarterly Meeting begun at 10 o'clock a.m. Mabel Wigham and her companion Hannah Hart there in a visit to this county. The meeting well conducted & to satisfaction. ***Fri 26th*** Attended the Meeting of Ministers which begun at 3 p.m. & the Meeting for Worship which begun at 9 this morning. All well & satisfactory. Set forward home about 2 p.m.; baited at Dial & got home at 10. ***Sat 27th*** Some little fatigued after my journey. My leg no worse. John Mirehouse here mending the houses. Sowing oats: begun yesterday in Near Whinney. Fine weather.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Very fine and moderate all the week. People in general pretty forward in sowing their oats. ***Mon 29th*** Went with wife to

Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Got two skins of parchment (the[y] are advanced near half in the price) & 4 sheets of paper. ***Tue 30th*** Gardner here yesterday, setting the peas and beans. To come again next week and sow the common garden seeds. Cold weather & frost in the nights.

April 1773

Sat 3rd Went to Workington with John Walker and son. Got the deeds executed by Steel & Bowman. Ruth not being there, to sign afterwards.[192] Dined at John Jenkinson's, the Indian King. A very wett day.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Gave notice of Mabel Wigham & Hannah Hart, her companion to be here on 3rd day on a religious visit to Friends of this county. ***Mon 5th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. ***Tue 6th*** At Meeting. Mabel Wigham and companion there. M.W. had very good service: a very satisfactory meeting. Went with wife to Brandlingill after. Paid Mally her half year annuity.[193] ***Wed 7th*** Ploughing in Corn Close bigg-stuble. A fine day; wind southerly. ***Thu 8th*** Ploughing in Corn Close. Isaac gone to Whitehaven with potatoes. Got 1 gallon brandy for M.W. ***Fri 9th*** Begun the lease between the trustees of John Jenkinson of Water-end, deceased, & Peter Mirehouse, yearly rent 7£; term 10 years; farmer pays all taxes &c. ***Sat 10th*** About the lease. Went to Kirby in the evening. Got the conveyances [*between trustees of Pennington Hutchinson and Dorothy Wood*] executed. All done to satisfaction of the parties. Showry weather.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning which was silent. At home after. Weather cold and showry. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. Easter fair very thin on account of people not having got their oats all put in. Weather cold; great showers of hail & snow upon the hills. ***Tue 13th*** Weather continue cold & showry. At Kirby in the evening with John Fearon and John Johnson. Gave J.F. [*John Fearon*] a copy of H.W.'s [*Henry Wilkinson's*] will & his receipt with a schedule of the writings. And at same time received my note or receipt for said writings from J.F. which I had given to Christian Wilkinson. He made enquirey about the execution of the will but I made no discovery to him. ***Thu 15th*** Went to Meeting in the morning: no preaching. Joseph & John gone for 2 cart loads of bindings from John Wilkinson of Brandlingill. Hedging after. ***Fri 16th*** Joseph hedging in the loning. Sow'd some Scotch bigg in Corn Close. Thomas & Isaac gone to Borrowdale this morning to see a lead mine in Harrison's ground. ***Sat 17th*** Joseph hedging. Weather looks very rough & showry. Finish'd P.M.'s [*Peter Mirehouse's*] lease. Went to Ullock in the afternoon. Met John Walker & son. Got Ruth to sign the release. A great storm in the night.

Sun 18th At Meeting which was silent; the Preparative Meeting after. Lads came home last night from Keswick. They came from Borrowdale. There's no mine in Harrison's ground worth notice but a good appearance of a strong vein in Caleb Fisher's ground. They brought home some samples which are promising for a good mine. Learned how to compound black lead with blew clay so as to deceive the best

judges. To make tryal of it. ***Mon 19th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. A showry day. Lads working at the pitt. About trying the compound for the black lead. We judge the clay not good or not properly managed. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Agreed to meet Elihu Robinson & Isaac Fearon at Cockermouth on 5th day about viewing the estate to be surveyed at Hundeth-hill. ***Wed 21st*** Yesterday afternoon sold to John Jackson of Ulverstone 2 heffers, one very bad, and old Broadhead, an old cow about 16 years old, for £10 10s 0d. To be carry'd to Lund in Lamplugh on 1st day. To be there about 3 o'clock. ***Thu 22nd*** On 3rd day evening a storm & very great flood in the night. Went to Cockermouth; met Isaac Fearon and Elihu Robinson. Went to Hundeth-hill and took a view of the estate. To survey it next week.[194] ***Fri 23rd*** Isaac Fletcher of Low Leys in Lamplugh here. Got dinner & stay'd until the evening. The law suit continue between the parish of Lamplugh & Richard Dickinson, the rector, for non-residence. The declaration come. Thomas Webster is attorney for said parish. They have Wallas' opinion upon the case which is clear against said rector. He wants to break thro' their tarrier & to impose several new customs upon them respecting tithes and other pretended dues. The parish have joyned and signed an article to try the cause with him.[195]

Sun 25th At Meeting in morning. At Sosgill. Met Dr. Jackson. He orders me to continue the fumigation & the lac[e]d stocking for my leg. At Pardshow after. Doctor called there in his way home. Met Jonathan Harris & paid him as per account {for interest: £25}. Came home after. A fine day. ***Mon 26th*** Sent Isaac to Cockermouth to get provisons for the week. About drawing out the account between the late William Hudson and myself. It will take some time to finish. ***Tue 27th*** Went with Isaac & Thomas to survey Hundath-hill estate. Got five fields gone through. It is very troublesome to do. Isaac Fearon came to see us &c. Drainers here. ***Wed 28th*** Drainers at work in the Brakenhill meadow. Cut several runs of water. Intend to cobble the drains. A fine day; the spring pretty forward. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting. David Duckett there. He preach'd pretty well, viz. that true religion consisted in the true & experimental knowledge of God &c. Wrights here. A showry day so did not go again about the survey. ***Fri 30th*** Went with Isaac & Thomas to survey Hundath-hill estate. Got two fields done & try'd some of the other fields over again. It came on rain about 3 o'clock p.m. Came home.

May 1773

Sat 1st A very cold blowy day with several showers of snow. Isaac gone to the coals. At Mosser in the evening settling the overseer's accounts. He continues another year.

Sun 2nd Went to the Meeting. Graysouthen and Brigham Friends came this day for the first time this season. About plotting the survey in the afternoon &c. ***Mon 3rd*** Susi Gill gone to Cockermouth: bought us the week's provision &c. Throng about ploughing and manuring the ground in Corn Close for potatoes. Very cold & snow. ***Tue 4th*** Leading manure to potatoes. Got above half of them sett. Cold weather;

much snow on the hills. Frost in the nights which will much hurt the blossoms for fruit. ***Wed 5th*** Throng about the potatoes; finished them. And got to leading manure with three coups. Got John Robinson's horse to forward the work, it growing late in the season. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting which was but thinn and silent. None from Graysouthen & Brigham but John Harris. Throng leading manure into Midle Close. A cold day & showers of hail &c. ***Fri 7th*** On the 3rd made Adam Thompson's will. He left the whole to his wife Sybilla & left her executorix. After her death 2s 6d to each of his children then living; remainder to his daughter Isabel, wife of Joseph Richardson. Weather much the same as yesterday. ***Sat 8th*** Leading manure to the high side of Middle Close. Finished it this evening. About J. Glaister's manuscript at spare time, writing a sort of a disertation on the qualification and distinguishing marks of a true Gospel minister.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Jonathan & John Pearson, Jonathan Watson & Isaac Robinson dined here & stay'd until the evening. Dr. Jackson here in the afternoon. To continue the same about my leg, but to rub it oftner if convenient. It is now much better. A very wet day. ***Mon 10th*** Sent Isaac to markett for provision. Ploughing in the Middle Close. It is wet on the low side. Got the low part sow'd this day. A fine day but the eastern mountains cover'd thick with snow. Very cold & sharp frost. ***Tue 11th*** Ploughing & sowing barley. The fells still cover'd thick with snow, more than I ever saw before so late in the season. A strong NE wind. Boring in the Moss: had 5 feet of peat earth and 7½ ditto of fine blue clay; then hard gravel mixed with clay. ***Wed 12th*** Went with lads to Hundath-hill. Try'd several lines over again. Most of the fields are very crooked hedges which makes it very tedious to come to any tollerable degree of exactness. A fine day. ***Thu 13th*** About the survey. Casting up the contents of the fields after the meeting. Cold showry weather. Throng about the barley at all convenient times. Expect to finish tomorrow. ***Fri 14th*** Leading lime and soil out of the loning upon the potatoe ground. Got all the barley sow'd this afternoon; about five bushels in all. A fine moderate day. ***Sat 15th*** Went again this morning with the lads to Hundath hill. Finished the survey. Measured the Rough Close, Round Close and Low Meadow & try'd some lines &c.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. Isaac Fletcher of Low Leys dined and stay'd the afternoon. The lawsuit between the parish of Lamplugh and Richard Dickinson, the rector, goes forward about his non-residence, he appearing not to be a dignified clergyman. At Mossergate in the evening. Mary Carlyle in the small pox & is very full and of a bad sort. ***Mon 17th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. About the survey and planning the estate. It proves very difficult and cross & will take me more time than I expected. A fine day. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. With Elihu about the survey. He thinks my charge is too high, so I shall write to Jonathan Bell along with Peter and referr it him respecting the charge &c. ***Wed 19th*** About casting up the remainder of the estate. The whole content is near 54 acres statute measure. Finished the plan & sent it and a letter along with it by Peter Pearson to London. Also wrote Joseph Robinson by the same conveyance. ***Thu 20th*** Drainers here this week, casting the hedge on the low side of the Croft and cutting drains in the Brakenhill meadow. A cold showry day. The grass come very slowly yet. ***Fri 21st*** Sett forward for Keswick with son Isaac &

Thomas Winn to view some veins of lead in Caleb Fisher's ground in Borrowdale. Went up the water. Taken very ill. Went to Matthew Birkett's.[196] ***Sat 22nd*** At Keswick. Sent lads to Skiddow and Brundum Gill to view a vein. They found a very promising vein of lead & another of copper, both we take to be in Sir James's liberties. To make enquirey and to lease the royalty if we can.

Sun 23rd Fatigued with the journey. At Meeting in the morning; at home after. The vein of lead in C.F.'s [*Caleb Fisher's*] ground appears not worth the tryal. Weather pretty warm with some showers of rain. {N.B. On the 23rd May Mall took the horse, viz. Joseph Smith's horse. Sent Joseph Mitchell with her to Dean. They bled her after.} ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wife came in the afternoon. With John Lucock & John Wordsworth about the lead & copper veins. Believe they may be easily leased for a term. ***Tue 25th*** A very fine day & warm weather. Joseph hedging. Beasts mostly put out to grass which is yet but short on account of the cold weather and great snow on the fore part of the month. ***Wed 26th*** Joseph hedging. About Glaister's manuscript; writing a desertation upon the ministry and the character & our oppinion who was Melchizedeck &c.[197] ***Thu 27th*** Went to the Meeting in the morning. But thin on account of the season. Very fine weather; the grass now grows very fast. ***Fri 28th*** Joseph gone to the coals. About the manuscript; writing out the reasons why we believe Melchizedeck to be Shem the eldest son of Noah. ***Sat 29th*** Gardener here sticking the peas and dressing the flower garden before the house. About the manuscript. Very hot weather.

Sun 30th At Meeting. The General Meeting this day at Pardshowhall: pretty well attended. Jane Pearson & Sally dined here. A very hot day; sultry weather. {N.B. On the 30th of May Bess took the horse. Sent her to Dean by son John. (Same horse).} ***Mon 31st*** Did not go to Cockermouth, this being the fair at Whitsuntide. Servants said to be very moderate. Several did not get services. About the manuscript. Joseph away this day.

June 1773

Tue 1st Joseph threshing. Lads working at the pitt. Got summons by John Sumpton to the Conviction on 6th day the 4th inst at John Meals's. A cloudy day with some showers of rain. ***Wed 2nd*** Went to the beast fair. Cattle sold very well. Sold one five year old geld heffer for six pounds to Postlethwait for Jackson. A very hot sultry day. Gardener here. ***Thu 3rd*** Wife gone to Meeting. A pretty fresh NE wind; not so very hot as yesterday. Sold another geld heffer to the same & for the same price. Joseph & John gone with them to Innerdale Bridge. ***Fri 4th*** Yesterday afternoon Sarah Jackson from Dublin and Jane Piper dined here and stay'd the afternoon. Went with them to Mosser. A warm day. Gardner here. At Conviction. ***Sat 5th*** Went to Cragg-end in the afternoon. Old John Allason very lame. Walks about the houses and into the fields. Can get nothing from home. He wants some alterations in his will.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Rachel Wigham there. She preached very well: a sound & able minister of the Gospel. A fine shower and looks like rain. ***Mon 7th*** Went to

Cockermouth. Met Wilson Pearson about the difference between him & John Peile about the wastes & wood growing thereon in the parish of Embleton. John Peile seems to have the advantage in the cause by the deeds &c. ***Tue 8th*** Lads all gone to the highways. Took two carts and two men to each, which will answer to two days' work. Fine weather. ***Wed 9th*** Set forward with son Isaac for Keswick to go to Lowther about taking the lead mine in Brundum Gill. [In] p.m. went to view the mine: a strong vein of copper &c. ***Thu 10th*** At Keswick. Sir James, we understand, is gone from Lowther to London last week, so declined the journey until his return. Went up the water to see some copper ore: worth nothing. ***Fri 11th*** At home. Sent two carts & four hands with them to the highways. ***Sat 12th*** Sent to the highways the same as yesterday, which finishes the six days statute work for this year. Fine weather with some showers of rain.

Sun 13th At the Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. At Whinney with wife in the afternoon. Warm weather. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Jackson and Wilson Pearson consulting about mines. Proposal of forming a company: they agree to joyn us & we to try to take what mines we can. ***Tue 15th*** Very dry, warm weather. ***Wed 16th*** Jo leveling the moss & getting turf for Hannah Gill. ***Thu 17th*** Working at the mine. The[y] have again cutt the vein in the drift. The side is hard and the white mettle or stone is very strong and now lays close to the [*sic*]. ***Fri 18th*** Went to Whitehaven. Got there a little before 10 o'clock. The Select Monthly Meeting held there in order to get an opportunity to speak to some of the members of that meeting and advise them as wisdom should direct, but they not having notice duely did not appear. ***Sat 19th*** Joseph not here this day: gone to a funeral. Thomas Ritson two lads here about the window shutts. Fine warm weather. T.R. [*Thomas Ritson*] came himself about 5 p.m. & lay on the paint &c.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Deborah some little better: bled again this p.m. ***Mon 21st*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. Lads working at pitt. Joseph hedging. Wrote David & John Barclay & Co. about Mary Harrison's bill. Kept the bill until I receive their answer. Showry. ***Tue 22nd*** Fine weather. About weeding the corn. ***Wed 23rd*** Weather warm attended with showers. About ditto. ***Thu 24th*** Sett forward this morning about 5 for the Quarterly Meeting at Heskett in Coldbeck. Got there a little past nine. Attended the meeting. Lodged at the inn. ***Fri 25th*** At Heskett. Attended the meeting which begun at 9 and ended a little past 12. In the general all was pretty well conducted &c. Weather warm & no rain save a little yesterday morning. ***Sat 26th*** Came home yesterday about 6. Endured the journey pretty well, tho' I find myself fatigued & a little listless this day. Weather continues very fine.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable except a conjunction of Saturn and Mars in the evening, but it was cloudy so did not see it. ***Mon 28th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. About weeding the corn. Still very fine weather. The grass now grow very fast but was late in getting forward on account of the cold spring &c. ***Tue 29th*** Sett forward to Seaton works on account of Skyrin & Dearman's one fifth share of the works. Dined and lodged there. Examined the articles of co-partnership &c. ***Wed 30th*** At Seaton works. Made out the conditions of sale, inventory &c.

The total amount of the stock is upwards of £41,000. Near £11,000 borrowed money. The partners advance above £24,000. Debts £6,000.

¦Isaac Fletcher had taken from him by John Sumpton, constable, by warrant from Joshua Lucock, Alexander Hoskins, & Miles Tarren, justices, for the use of Henry Pearson, Thomas Holmes and Anthony Dickinson, farmers under James Lowther, impropriator, malt & cheese worth £1 0s 0d. Recovered: 11s 7d. Costs: 6s 0d.¦

July 1773

Thu 1st At Whitehaven. Attended at the Golden Lyon yesterday evening but none appeared as purchasers. Consequently no sale. Came from Whitehaven about 2 p.m. with R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] & got home about 6. ***Fri 2nd*** Jonathan Wilson, our late schoolmaster, & Parson Jackson &c. called here yesterday afternoon & stay'd until the evening. Conversation about books, prints, botany &c. ***Sat 3rd*** Very fine dry weather. Nothing remarkable.

Sun 4th Weather ditto. At Meeting. ***Mon 5th*** Fine weather. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 9th*** Hot sultry weather. At Mossergate. Went to John Carlisle's clipping with John and Billy. Lingy hills sheep in very good order. Came home in evening. ***Sat 10th*** Ditto. Went to Cockermouth to meet Joseph Glaister and John Fisher. J.F. [*John Fisher*] makes out high charges against us but proves nothing.

Sun 11th At Meeting. At Pardshow [with] wife in the afternoon. Jane Pearson there. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth as intended. Bad in the strangary complaint. We[a]ther very hot. Throng mowing in the Brakenhill meadow. ***Tue 13th*** Weather the same. Mowing in ditto. A shower in the afternoon. ***Wed 14th*** About writing the marriage certificate for Jonah Dixon & Hannah Fawcett. The stamp was on such bad & torn paper; tore it off and pasted upon a fresh sheet. ***Thu 15th*** Attended the marriage; read the certificate & got it signed by the parties and attested. Wife & son Isaac there. It was in general well conducted & not many people there. ***Fri 16th*** Very hot weather; throng about the hay. Preparative Meeting held yesterday on account of a marriage presented: John Walker junior & Sarah Crossthwaite. ***Sat 17th*** Weather same. Got 13 carts of hay this day. Got all the Brakenhill meadow and Croft leys mow'd. Jane Pearson here this week.

Sun 18th At Meeting. Went to Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Deborah better: she has been bled 28 times. Weather cloudy with some warm rain. ***Mon 19th*** Went Cockermouth. With Fisher and Glaister. Fisher now makes a charge against J.G. [*Joseph Glaister*] for near £500 & upon me for near £100: all invention & fictitious. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Read the Epistle containing sundry good advices. Much business and fatigued. ***Wed 21st*** Went with wife to Eaglesfield, Jonathan Dixon's. Dined there and drunk tea and supped at Elihu Robinson's. A fine day. ***Thu 22nd*** Went to Mosser-mains. Took instructions for Jane Burnyeat's will. To finish it so soon as convenient: she is far gone in a dropsy. ***Fri 23rd*** About drafting Jane Burnyeat's will. It is pretty long and requires

some time & consideration. Close sultry weather with some showers. ***Sat 24th*** Ingross'd Jane Burnyeat's will & got it executed this evening. She gave it to me to keep for her. Got all mowed this day. A very fine season.

Sun 25th At Meeting. At home in the afternoon. Very close weather and looks like change. ***Mon 26th*** Did not go to Cockermouth this day. Sent John for provisions. Throng about hay. ***Tue 27th*** Cloudy weather. Went to Dean in the afternoon. The sale of John Walker's land begun in the evening. It was sold in 12 parcels; amount 673£. Got home about 6 a.m. ***Wed 28th*** A little wearied & fatigued in sitting up all the night about the sale, but my legs not much worse. Weather cloudy & heavy showers of rain in some places. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting; but thin on account of the season. About the hay after. Got nine cart loads out of the Croft. A fine afternoon but some showers. ***Fri 30th*** Weather still close & cloudy. Little hay got this week & not much rain, tho' heavy showers like thunder rain in places; at others, tho' near, a fine day. ***Sat 31st*** Got all the hay out of the Croft. 4 cart loads very fine hay. The shoemakers' pay night: paid Thomas Robinson {£2 7s 6d} and Christopher Wilson's {14s 8d} bills for shoes.

August 1773

Sun 1st At Meeting in the forenoon. Weather pretty moderate and warm, cloudy & close with some small rain like a dew. ***Mon 2nd*** Wife went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Weather close & cloudy. Susi Robinson & Deborah here in the afternoon. Deby is much recover'd and the bleeding quite stop'd. She has been bled upwards of thirty times. ***Tue 3rd*** Weather much the same but cleared up this afternoon. Very hot. Got 2 cart loads of hay out of Undergarth meadow. It has taken no hurt in standing but is very fine. ***Wed 4th*** A very hot day. About the hay in Undergarth. Got about half of it: very good. At spare time about writing some remarks on the testimony given by the Quarter Meeting for E.W. [*Elizabeth Wilkinson*]. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting in the forenoon. Wrote some notices for John Walker to be served on Rebekah Sewell, farmer of the lands at Ullock late William Bowman's. Got all or most of the hay this day. ***Fri 6th*** Lads gone to John Pearson's (How) to mow. John gone to the smithey with white mare. Preparing to go to Dan Glaister's tomorrow. A very hot day. ***Sat 7th*** Sett forward this afternoon about 2 o'clock with wife and son[s] John and William for Dan Glaister's at Maborrough Coat in Holm Cultram. Got there about 6. Very hot.

Sun 8th At Dan Glaister's. Went to the Meeting at Allonby. Several gentry there who were come to bathe, this being the season. Dan preached well, the subject Christ's sermon upon the mount; Text "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven". He handled the matters very well & believe to general satisfaction. I read the Yearly Meeting Epistle after, which much pleased the audience. ***Mon 9th*** At Dan's. A showry day so did not come home as intended. Dan was taken very ill yesterday afternoon. Was much afraid of his death. An obstruction about one of his kidneys. ***Tue 10th*** At ditto. Dan much better. Got ease this morning and the obstruction seems removed. Came away this forenoon.

Dined at Mary Port, John Nelson's, the Golden Lion. Drunk tea at Broughton and got home in the evening. All well. ***Wed 11th*** Very hot weather. Joseph gone to the lime kilne, preparing for burning of lime. Intend to burn about 30 or 40 loads of coals. To fetch them from Graysouthen. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. Joseph about the kilne. Isaac leading coals: gone twice. He brings six loads or bushels at once. A hot day. Isaac Robinson came here this evening. ***Fri 13th*** Thomas & Isaac gone to the fells about shooting moor game. It was misty upon the hills. They got one moor hen & a snipe. Clear'd up in the afternoon. ***Sat 14th*** Joseph at the kilne & Isaac leading coals. Got 5 gangs or 30 load of coals to the kilne. Weather still continues warm and sultry & inclining to thunder.

Sun 15th At Meeting. A showry day but warm. Jacob Fletcher & wife here in the afternoon. This being the time of the Assizes, the judges came in on the 6 day last. ***Mon 16th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Begun again in the pitt, winding water. Joseph helped this forenoon. They begun to rebuild Mosser chapel this day.[198] Very wet p.m. ***Tue 17th*** Got the water out of the pitt & sump this a.m. Joseph at lime kiln & would not assist them. Wallers about the chapel. We think that it has been down near 100 years. ***Wed 18th*** Lads working at the pitt & Joseph at the lime kilne. Begun leading lime yesterday evening. The chapel is to be rebuilt by subscription & is to be repared and supported in sallery (except a small stipend they say is due from the rectory of Brigham) by the subscribers, which will be a perpetual burthen upon them and their posterity. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting. ***Fri 20th*** Throng about the lime. Fine weather. ***Sat 21st*** Leading lime into the meadow. Weather moderate.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. Read the Yearly Meeting Epistle. A collection this day for the Monthly Meeting. Joseph Black & wife here in the afternoon. ***Mon 23rd*** Wife went to Cockermouth after dinner. Lads working at pitt. Joseph at the lime kilne. Weather still moderate. ***Tue 24th*** At the Monthly Meeting. About the remarks which I am writing on E.W.'s [*Elizabeth Wilkinson's*] testimony. It is pretty long: already near 3 sheets paper. ***Wed 25th*** Still burning lime. Got 14 coup full of coals from Graysouthen @ 7d per coup full is 8s 2d. To pay when we give over burning. Weather pretty moderate. ***Thu 26th*** A wet day. Joseph at the kilne. Intended to fetch another gang of coals but the rainy day disapointed us, so will leave off at present. ***Fri 27th*** Charles Bowman here. Am to meet him at Keswick this day week in the afternoon about the black lead. A very blowy, showry day. ***Sat 28th*** Isaac gone to Whitehaven for the black lead. Brought home five casks & a box of crucibles. The crucibles were broke to pieces for want of being properly pack'd.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Gave notice of the General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. At Brandlingill in the afternoon with wife. Read the drafts of the conveyances to myself & John Wilkinson junior. They are well approved. To ingross them when convenient. ***Mon 30th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. About my remarks on E.W.'s [*Elizabeth Wilkinson's*] testimony. Made some alterations in reading them over a 2nd time. To write out a fair copy as soon as can. ***Tue 31st*** Went to Whitehaven about raising cash for the payment of Mary Harrison's draft on me, which I accepted, payable the 1st of October next at the house of David & John Barclay, merchants in London. Am to send them London bills to take up said drafts

in time. Got an order from John Casson to receive 80£ from W.A. [*William Allason*] for which I gave him my note payable on the 25th December next with interest. He had promised it to another person but I prevail'd with him for the time.

September 1773

Thu 2nd At Meeting. John Walker and Sarah Crosthwaite was married at Pardshow-hall. I attended the marriage & wrote & read the certificate. ***Fri 3rd*** A wet day. Intended to have gone to Keswick this afternoon to meet Charles Bowman about the wad but was prevented by the weather. ***Sat 4th*** Went to Keswick this morning with Thomas Winn to meet C.B. [*Charles Bowman*] about the sale of the wad. Shew'd them samples of the last & best we had received. It will give about 5s per lb.

Sun 5th Fatigued after yesterday's journey. Went to the Meeting which was but thin on account of the weather. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Engaged Joseph Hutchinson to procure me London bills against this day week & am to provide the cash for them. ***Tue 7th*** Weather showry and cold and appears now to be broken. Harvest is pretty near ready. Got in the Scotch bigg before the weather was broke, & very well. ***Wed 8th*** Begun to ingross the drafts of Brandlingill estate to myself and John Wilkinson the younger, in trust for uses to prevent Musgrave Walker from coming in in case of death. ***Thu 9th*** Isaac & Thomas gone to Whitehaven for the remainder of the black lead & a cart load of firr wood. A pretty moderate day. It was near midnight before they got home, but all well. ***Fri 10th*** Very throng about ingrossing the deeds of trust in order to be signed tomorrow afternoon. Weather showry. ***Sat 11th*** About the deeds: could not get them finished. A showry day. Richard Fletcher & the other trustees for the chapell here this evening. They paid me £42 by order of W.A. [*William Allason*].

Sun 12th At the Meeting. A very great storm and flood this afternoon & night; the beck very great. Jacob Fletcher here the evening & night; stopt by the weather. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Joseph Hutchinson £70 & got 3 London bills of him for £75. Remitted them to David & John Barclay, London, in a letter of advice for M.H. [*Mary Harrison*]. ***Tue 14th*** Wrote yesterday to John Nixon about David Briggs' order on J. Heslop & also to Skyrin & company on account of the black lead ship'd for Holland. Shearing oats. A fine day. ***Wed 15th*** About ingrossing the deeds. Near finished them. They are to be executed so soon as the weather will permitt. Showry, unsettled weather. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting in the morning. Very thin on account of the season. People are very throng with the harvest. A great storm & flood. A great shake & loss in corn. ***Fri 17th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. A proposal to erase out of the book William Ecclestone's name on account of his refusing to act, which was agreed to & a new nomination to be gone upon. ***Sat 18th*** Throng shearing the barley in Midle Close: pretty good. Weather still continue broken & unsettled. Cold showers & sudden storms of wind & rain.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Jane Head, Margaret Head & John Wilkinson junior here in the afternoon. Executed the deeds in trust. They are

dated on the 10 & 11 inst. Rainy. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Did not fill up the arbitration bonds between Henry Scrugham & John Harrison. H.S. declined the same & did not appear. So got the bonds changed for other stamps. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. A great deal of business: much fatigued. James Fletcher & wife, John Rudd the attorney and Isaac Robinson here in the afternoon. Very rainy & a flood after. ***Wed 22nd*** Received a copy of a bill in Chancery & a letter from John Ritson, against Ruth Payle & John Payle Walker, defendants, at suit of John Fearon & Elihu Robinson, trustees for Daniel Lancaster, for establishing Joseph James' will in the Court of Equity.[199] Very wett. ***Thu 23rd*** About writing some brief observations on tithes; when they arose in this nation about the 8th cent[u]ry and continued down to the time of Henry 8th; then confirmed by sundry acts of Parliament during his reign as due to God and holy church. Consequently no civil right, but claimed on account of religious offices done in the church. ***Sat 25th*** Still about the subject of tithes. Searching authors on the case, such as Pearson, Ellwood, Lawson, Phipps &c. The subject is copious but shall extract the reasons into as short a compass as I can. Finished them but has the whole to transcribe.

Sun 26th At Meeting but thin on account of the weather. Graysouthen not come up. ***Mon 27th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Edward Jones for meat by Sarah Black. Isaac Ritson & his apprentice here about helping us to shear. Weather showry. ***Tue 28th*** About transcribing my remarks on tithes. To be ready against the Quarter Meeting. I. Ritson here about sawing the wood & shearing when seasonable. ***Wed 29th*** About ditto. Weather still very unsettled. Shearing oats in Whinney. Got very little into the house. Finished transcribing my remarks on tithes. ***Thu 30th*** Went to Cockermouth to the Quarter Meeting. But thin on account of the season. A good deal of business. Came home in the evening. Wife not there, so throng at home. Shore all.

October 1773

Fri 1st Went again to Cockermouth to Meeting. Very wet and rainy. Wife did not go on that account. Faired in the afternoon. Meeting in general pretty well; business amicably conducted. ***Sat 2nd*** Threshed two thrieve of barley which yielded about five pecks of corn: a fine increase & very good. Joseph gone to Kirby to shear. Settled & paid the schoolmaster.

Sun 3rd A very wet stormy day. Did not go to Meeting. Lads gone. ***Mon 4th*** Did not go to Cockermouth, weather so very unseasonable. About planing the Low Meadow for Jonathan Bell. Am to send him a plan of ditto first opportunity. ***Tue 5th*** Sett forward to Allonby. Dined at Cockermouth & got William Nixon's company down. Went to Dan Glaister's all night. John Beeby gone to Mary Port. A pretty moderate day. ***Wed 6th*** At Dan's. Came to Allonby with Dan. Dined at John Beeby's. At a burial of a child of Musgrave Ellwood's. Had some discourse about the division of a moss. They are to meet in a few days and to advise me at the fair. Came home after. ***Thu 7th*** At Meeting: very thin on account of the harvest. Weather still very unsettled; heavy rains & high winds. ***Fri 8th*** Throng about the

harvest. The weather much the same: very uncertain and unsettled. Getts a few cart loads of corn by watching opportunities. ***Sat 9th*** About ditto. Weather showry and unsettled.

Sun 10th Did not get to the Meeting on account of the weather: a great storm and a flood. Faired a little in the afternoon. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Cockermouth, the fair. But thin on account of the weather & several having much corn out. Little selling for beasts yet, except fatt cattle which sell pretty well. ***Tue 12th*** Got home last night a little before 10 o'clock. Very loud thunder & very heavy rain yesterday evening & fore part of the night. This day pretty moderate, some showers. ***Wed 13th*** Very throng about the corn. A fine wind. It drys very fast. Obliged to loose the most of it. Got it all about two o'clock this day and in general pretty well. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting in the morning. Most people in this neighbourhood having got in their corn. The weather seems to settle a little. Glass low, about 7 & 8. ***Fri 15th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth after dinner. John Rudd attorney and Dr. Tolson here in the afternoon & stay'd untill the evening. Agreed to fix about the fine for Ullock land on 2nd day. ***Sat 16th*** Weather pretty moderate and seems to settle.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. Weather seems to settle. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Went with Sarah Ritson to John Brougham, attorney, about the cause between the trustees of the will of Daniel Lancaster and Ruth Payle & John Payle Walker. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. But little business. To draw a paper of denial against James Robinson junior for fornication, he having confessed his guilt therein. ***Wed 20th*** About taking off plumbs for the markett tomorrow. Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon to Ruth Payle's. Concluded to take Lawyer Tatham's oppinion on the case. ***Thu 21st*** Joseph and John gone to the market at Whitehaven with plumbs, apples, potatoes &c. A pretty moderate day with some rain. At Cockermouth in the afternoon. ***Fri 22nd*** About taking up the potatoes. The Duns are pretty good and rank but the White Ruffs thin but pretty large & good. At Ullock this afternoon. Got the fine pass'd. ***Sat 23rd*** About drawing the case for Tatham's oppinion. Consulting the adjudged cases & law respecting it.

Sun 24th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Deborah Lighton died this morning about one a clock & is to be buried on third day. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Brougham and others about business. Agreed to sett forward with Isaac Robinson &c. to Lowther this day week. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Cockermouth to the funeral of Deborah Lighton. A very large funeral. She had left a list of whom she would have invited. A very wet day; faired in the evening. ***Wed 27th*** About drawing the case for Lawyer Tatham's opinion between the trustee for the heir of Daniel Lancaster and Ruth Payle. Mally & Sarah Pearson here. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting. Esther Marshal from Yorkshire there. She preached very well on the subject of "Patiently waite and quietly hope for God's salvation" &c. ***Fri 29th*** Finish'd the case. At Kirby in the evening. Met about hiring of another schoolmaster. Two had offered. Richard Fletcher to make enquirey & advise further. ***Sat 30th*** At Cragend about John Allason's will: to give his daughter Ann 10£ & his grandaughters each 50£.

Sun 31st At Meeting. Richard Fletcher there. He came about the schoolmaster.[200] He is a very good classic scholar & for writing & arithmetick few equal. He proposes to give him 12£ per annum and his meat, which is equal to 20£ & he is to take his chance about the chappell. Hath sent him these proposals, but got no answer.

November 1773

Mon 1st Sett forward with John Ritson, Workington, to Askham about taking Lawyer Tatham's oppinion. Dined at Keswick and lodged at Penrith, the Crown. ***Tue 2nd*** At Penrith. Breakfasted & came away about 9 o'clock. Got to the lawyer's before 12 but got nothing done: he had given his opinion against us before (but can't find who had apply'd for it). ***Wed 3rd*** At Penrith. Dined yesterday at Lowther Hall. Sir James at home. They are going through & settling the remaining burgages at Cockermouth. John Baynes Gafforth there about assisting to go through. They purpose to settle the whole as soon as they can. ***Thu 4th*** Came to Penrith on 3rd day night. Stay'd at Lowther till about 7 o'clock and brought a letter to John Wordsworth. Went to Cockermouth this day with it but he is gone to Whitehaven. Left him a letter containing the needfull about the burgage &c. ***Fri 5th*** Weather continue very wet. Great storms of rain & wind from the south. Can't get the wheat put in on said account. ***Sat 6th*** About drawing over a new case for an eminent counsel's opinion & to take the same to Brougham to send up. At Kirby in the evening. Sent for by John Rudd & James Fletcher about raising money for John Carter &c.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Henry Lancaster and Jane Wood here. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Sarah Nicholson came here in the evening & stay'd all night. I am to go there next week to settle some affairs with her father. ***Tue 9th*** Begun this day to take up the water out of the sump and pitt. Took up 100 fatts. A pretty moderate day. ***Wed 10th*** About ditto. Took up about 120 fatts this day. ***Thu 11th*** Wife gone to Meeting. About ditto. Took about 80 fatts more which clears the whole work. ***Fri 12th*** Lads at the pitt, but John Birkett of Keswick came this forenoon & brought Poll back & took away Panto. He took 2lb. wad with him & I wrote to T. Scott &c. ***Sat 13th*** Working at the pitt. John Mirehouse here mending the houses. A fine day.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Showry unsettled weather. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth.[201] Joyned in a security with James Fletcher to Richard Radcliff for £14 3s 0d with interest payable on 13 February next. John Payle Walker, attorney. ***Tue 16th*** Joseph Mitchell gone to see his brother. He has got a broken leg at Weary-hall coal works. A fine moderate day. ***Wed 17th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven. Dined at the Black Lyon. With John Nixon. Settled and paid his account in full: £2 1s 5d. A very wett day. Went to James Nicholson's & lodged there. ***Thu 18th*** At Cartgate, Hensingham. Am one of the trustees of old John Nicholson's will. James has got into more than 500£ debt & is a little distressed on that account. A fine day. ***Fri 19th*** Got home last night a little after 10 o'clock at night. Fatigued. Agreed with Sarah Miller to advance what more money James

Nicholson might want on the land &c. ***Sat 20th*** Very unwell. Pain in my back and head: something of the ague. Lads working at the pitt. Frosty & cold weather.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Spoke for son Isaac's liberty for membership. John Nutt & John Fawcett appointed &c. Cold and sharp frost. The disorder continues. ***Mon 22nd*** Wife bought a cow & got her home this morning from James Graham. Wife gone to Cockermouth. Lawrence Hunter here working for Isaac. Got 2 peacocks yesterday afternoon. Bought a side of beef, weight 17½ stone @ 2s 10d of Jacob Ritson: £2 9s 7d. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. Two women Friends from Yorkshire, viz. Barbara Sharpless and Mary Buck. Had little to say, save Mary some encouragement to the people &c. ***Wed 24th*** Very cold weather; frost and snow. Abigail Beeby here working for wife and Nanny. Wrights and taylor here. Taylor working for Thomas. ***Thu 25th*** Frost and snow continue. The peacocks are confined in the old house on account of the weather. Joseph gone to Whitehaven market with geese, ducks and a turkey cock. ***Fri 26th*** Isaac gone to Beerpot with six bushels of Dun potatoes. I have charged them at 5s per bushel. It thows fast; the snow and frost will soon be gone. ***Sat 27th*** Snow mostly gone; the thaw continues. Old Adam [*Thompson*] here about the Pasture hedge & gutters. Agreed with him for five pence per rood &c.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Abigail Beeby yet here. Went with wife to Jonah Dixon's in the afternoon. Stay'd till bedtime. Isaac came with the horses. Very wet and stormy. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Bought a side of beef of Wilfrid Clementson, 15st. @ 3s. Paid him as per cash book. Beef continue very high; the best @ 3d per lb. & some more. ***Tue 30th*** Went with old Adam to view the hedges & gutters in the Pasture. He is to have five pence per rood throughout & he to cutt me some little gutters over at the bargain if good.

December 1773

Wed 1st Got dinner at home and then sett forward to Whitehaven to meet Richard Dearman about William Skyrin's affairs. With Joshua Gee. Perused the lease of the iron mine at Yeat House &c. ***Thu 2nd*** At Whitehaven. Agreed not to medle with the lease nor to come under any obligation about the rent which is 5£ per annum, but leave the whole in Joshua Gee's hand as there is no prospect of advantage &c. ***Fri 3rd*** Came from Whitehaven yesterday in the evening. Could come to no conclusion with John Nixon, so left it to John Skyrin & his assignees to manage with him in the best manner they can. ***Sat 4th*** Begun to enter the Yearly Meeting's abstract of Advices. It is pretty long and will take some considerable time in going through. Weather very open & showry.

Sun 5th At Meeting. At home after. Weather cold & inclinable to frost. Great showers of hail & very cold. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid Daniel Dickinson by order of Charles Bowman £3 4s 0d which settles C.B.'s account for sheep in full. N.B. He bought them @ 3s 8d & had 21 to the score. ***Tue 7th*** At John Wordsworth's yesterday afternoon about the burgage. William Skyrin's trust

&c. Wrote to R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] for a copy of W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] will. To call again next week. Sharp frost. ***Wed 8th*** This morning the parish officers of Workington came here with a warrant from Henry Curwen Esqr. to take Thomas Winn, Elizabeth Crossthwaite having sworn she is with child to him. ***Thu 9th*** Thomas Winn made his escape and went to Keswick. He solemnly declares that he is clear of her, so must suspend any judgement until time make it more evident. ***Fri 10th*** Set forward this morning with son Isaac to Cartgate. Attended & wrote at the sale. Goods sold high & the land sett very dear, viz. for £41 6s 0d. Lodged there. ***Sat 11th*** At Cartgate. Came away this morning and got home to dinner. A very fine moderate day. Fatigued with the journey &c.

Sun 12th Went to Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Nothing to be remarked. The Monthly Meeting to be held at Graysouthen on sixth day first. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Thomas Winn here last night. Isaac gone with him a little forward this morning. He is gone for Scotland to the mines at Newton Stuart. ***Tue 14th*** Isaac stay'd all night at Cockermouth and with Isaac Robinson this day. Came here. They stay'd all night. Throng leading manure to the wheat land &c. ***Wed 15th*** Leading manure. Isaac Robinson gone home this morning. John Strickett here mending kitchen window. A blowing day and looks like change. ***Thu 16th*** Fine weather. Begun to plough in the Corn Close for sowing wheat. The land is now in pretty good order. ***Fri 17th*** About ploughing. Weather still continues favourable for that purpose. ***Sat 18th*** Finish'd the wheat ground and sew the same on the potato land &c. It took one bushel wanting one hoop. Settled with Joseph Mitchell & paid the balance in full.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Son Isaac got his liberty without oposition & is entered a member of the Society. Showry weather. ***Mon 20th*** Nothing remarkable. About transcribing the papers sent from London into the Book of Abstracts. ***Tue 21st*** About ditto. Frosty weather. At the Monthly Meeting. Queries read &c. ***Wed 22nd*** About ditto at spare time. ***Thu 23rd*** About ditto. Pretty sharp frost. ***Fri 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Waited upon John Brougham, attorney, for Ruth Payle. The answer not yet ready. ***Sat 25th*** This is Christmas Day: idleness, gaming & luxury now very much abound to the great profanation of this institution.

Sun 26th At Meeting. The frost continues and seems now to be settled. Snow also covers the hills pretty deep. ***Mon 27th*** Hard weather; frost & snow. ***Tue 28th*** Weather the same. ***Wed 29th*** Set forward this morning with son Isaac for Wigton to the Quarter Meeting. Dined at Cockbridge and lodged at Wigton, the King's Arms. ***Thu 30th*** At Wigton. Attended the meeting. The business pretty cordially transacted. The Select Meeting after. All midling well tho' things very low and heavey. ***Fri 31st*** Attended the Meeting for Worship which begun at 9 o'clock which was pretty well towards the begining but was exceeding dark and heavey towards the conclusion. Came home after. Very hard frost.

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January 1774

Sat 1st A little fatigued after yesterday's journey from Wigton. Tabitha here: came on Christmas Day. Very sharp frost and cold.

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Very slape and dangerous walking. Got a fall in going and hurt one side. Weather the same. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Settled accounts with Tabitha Candler and gave her my note for 15£ at 9d. and took in the old notes. ***Tue 4th*** About the book of Extracts. To finish the same so soon as I can. Weather the same. Sharp frost. ***Wed 5th*** Isaac and John gone to Whitehaven for some firr timber. To get it at the old company yard. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. Sharp frost. Lads got well home with the timber but was late last night. They brought 39 feet @ 10d. £1 12s 6d. ***Fri 7th*** Lads gone to Keswick to Thomas Scott for a dog. Severe frost; most of the loughs froze. ***Sat 8th*** Finished the Book of Extracts. It has taken a good deal of time in entering the 11 years.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Tabitha gone home this morning. Lads not come home from Keswick. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. Very few people there, perhaps on account of the Sessions. Frost yet continues. ***Tue 11th*** Master John Ritson here on account of the answer to Ruth Payle's bill. To send up the answer for my perusal. Sent Isaac to Cockermouth for it. ***Wed 12th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Quarter Sessions. Not much business. At Brougham's about the answer. Sit upon it at Edward Jones's until 10 o'clock in the night. ***Thu 13th*** Got a bad fall upon the ice yesterday but hope it will not be much worse. It has raised a pain in my breast. To go to Branthwaite to R.P. [*Ruth Payle*] about the answer. ***Fri 14th*** At the mill with about 19 bushels oats. A very wet day at the break of the frost, which has held about 4 weeks. ***Sat 15th*** Went to Branthwaite to Ruth Payle's by order of John Brougham to examine the writings. Got a conveyance from John Head to Christopher Payle, & Joseph James will and probate.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The thaw yet continue tho' there is still snow upon the hills. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Brougham and delivered the deed, will and three admittances. They have renewed or amended their bill. A great snow & frost. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting, but very thin on account of the snow. Thomas Winn's case put of another month. Very sharp frost and snow upon the ground. ***Wed 19th*** About examining their amended bill and took a copy of the amendments. Ann Ullock, wife of Joseph Ullock is dead of the fever. ***Thu 20th*** Isaac gone to Whitehaven for the black lead. Went to the funeral of Ann Ullock. Snow and very sharp frost; the roads glaz'd: dangerous riding. ***Fri 21st*** Went with wife to Craggend. Old John Allason in a

dangerous way. His legs are broke out and swell'd much. Am to make his will so soon as convenient. ***Sat 22nd*** John Ritson from Workington here about Ruth Payle's answer and their amended bill and brought me sundry writings to examine & carry [to] Brougham.

Sun 23rd Isaac was at Whitehaven again yesterday & brought the remainder of the wad & a piece of firr timber 15½ feet for John Robinson. A thick snow last night and this day no meeting kept. The snow lays about half a yard deep. ***Mon 24th*** The snow continues. As there is little wind it lays yet in common about ½ yard deep. No going to Cockermouth or elsewhere without necessity oblige. Hard frost. ***Tue 25th*** Snow the same and hard froze. No cattle, sheep &c. can get anything upon the ground but must be all fed. A very severe season. ***Wed 26th*** Snow continues & it looks as if we would have more. The air is now a little more soft and the sky cloudy. It begins to melt a little. ***Thu 27th*** The snow is a little gone and it thaws, tho' but very slowly. No Meeting held at Pardshowhall this day, the snow so thick & deep. Very bad traviling. ***Fri 28th*** Lost one of our piggs last night. It died very sudenly. We believe it was suffocated in the hull being too close. It thaws fast, but froze in the night. ***Sat 29th*** A good deal of the snow is gone of last night and this morning. It begun to freeze again this afternoon and looks like as if the frost would hold.

Sun 30th Went to the Meeting, but thin. The roads all in a glaze with ice. Very dangerous traviling either on horseback or on foot. A covering of snow yet continue. ***Mon 31st*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the roads being one continued platt of ice. Sent Isaac with some letters & papers to John Brougham. Joseph Waite, James Waite, son, and John Saul here about a farm.

February 1774

Tue 1st Wrote yesterday to Christian Wilkinson in answer to hers & sent by post. Isaac Ritson & boy here this afternoon. Billy unwell. Very cold frost & snow. ***Wed 2nd*** Sent for to Kirby this evening to James Fletcher. George Roy & James Major has given special bail for him & discharged John Rudd & myself of the first bond &c. ***Thu 3rd*** The weather still very severe and the frost continue. The cold so very intense that I did not go to the Meeting this day. Reading Fiddes "Body of Divinity" which I had from the schoolmaster. ***Fri 4th*** Isaac gone with the swine hams to William Woodvill, weight 114lb. @ 4d: £1 18s 0d. Kill'd the swine on 4th day: the[y] proved very well, about 10 & 11st. a side. Weather the same. ***Sat 5th*** Got the malt put up into the ark last night. Got it home on 4th day evening from Whinfell Hall, John Wilson. It appears to be pretty well malted the hard season consider'd.

Sun 6th Did not go to the Meeting, the roads so very slape & the weather so very cold. It thaws now very fast & likely to continue. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. The snow pretty much gone. A great deal of ice still continue on the roads which make it dangerous riding. ***Tue 8th*** The frost came on again last night and very severe. A very cold NE wind. Leading out the remainder of the heaps of soil & lime

in the meadows &c. ***Wed 9th*** Matthew Black got yesterday 27lb. of swine fatt @ 4d per lb. which comes to 9s. He is to pay when convenient. Frost. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Meeting: but thin on account of the severe season. It snows very soft snow and thaws fast if it but continue. ***Fri 11th*** Went to Cockermouth. About Ruth Payle case with Brougham. With Wordsworth & Rudd. Joyned in bond with Rudd for James Fletcher for 100£ to John Simpson. The note is on demand but to be paid on May Day. ***Sat 12th*** The thaw continues: stormy weather.

Sun 13th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting, but very thin on account of the weather: a flood & very stormy day. John Mirehouse here in the afternoon about a bargain he has the offer on from Captain Dykes. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth by way of Brigham. Called at Isabela Lindsay's about the mortgage. She agrees to advance the money for Peter Spencer on assignment of the premisses. She sent the money by her maid to Cockermouth. Paid Elizabeth Webster & got the deeds. To prepare the assignment against this day week. ***Tue 15th*** At Monthly Meeting. A stormy day and a flood. The wediners there: they got liberty to marry. ***Thu 17th*** Weather still continues very wet and unseasonable. About casting Corn Close hedge. ***Fri 18th*** Joseph gone about helping prepair the lime killn. Intend to burn about 100 bushels so soon as can get the coals &c. ready. ***Sat 19th*** Went to Lorton, the Cross. Executed the mortgage deed and bond between John Clark and Judah Winder. A very great storm and wind.

Sun 20th Did not get to the Meeting. Finished the assignment and bond. Dr. Jackson here in the afternoon. Weather very cold and unseasonable. ***Mon 21st*** A very stormy day and came on snow about 12 o'clock so did not get to Cockermouth to execute the mortgage, so must go to Brigham &c. when weather mends. ***Tue 22nd*** Weather continues stormy. About threshing oats. ***Wed 23rd*** Pretty fair in the forenoon. About cutting Back of Wood hedge. Came on very wett in the afternoon. ***Thu 24th*** Sett forward to Whitehaven. Came on very stormy; stop'd at Dean. The storm abated not, so came home. ***Fri 25th*** Sarah Ritson here. I am to waite upon Mr. Brougham first opportunity about Ruth Payle's affair. Joseph Hutchinson here: took instructions for a mortgage. ***Sat 26th*** About drawing the marriage certificate for Jonathan Watson & Jane Pearson.

Sun 27th Went to Broughton. Attended the marriage; read & executed the certificate. It was pretty well conducted. Called at Brigham. Got Isabel Lindsay to execute the deed. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the deeds executed, Elizabeth Spencer & Peter Pearson, & also the mortgage from Joseph Hutchinson to John Hetherington and attested.

March 1774

Tue 1st Alexander Patton & man came this morning about rudding the hedge on Back of Wood. Joseph helping them. About repairing & altering the lime killn &c. ***Wed 2nd*** Alexander and two men about rudding this day. Leading coals for the lime killn. Weather very cold and the ground covered with snow. ***Thu 3rd*** Alexander

and two men this day about ditto. At Meeting in the forenoon. Finished the rudding this day. Weather still cold & inclinable to snow. ***Fri 4th*** Begun with the new hedge which runs along the road side and is about 27 roods in length. Got 300 ash stowers from the Scale of Matthew Black. ***Sat 5th*** About the new hedge. The men all here, viz. 3 men 4 days & 2 men 1 day, in all 14 days @ 1s 2d = 16s 4d. To finish next week.

Sun 6th Very stormy in the forenoon. At Meeting: but small on that account. Went with wife to Pardshow in the afternoon. Settled with James Mires & paid his bill in full. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. Went with John Mirehouse to Captain Dykes but they did not agree upon terms. With John Wordsworth about Holme affair & sundry others about business. ***Tue 8th*** Alexander & 2 men yesterday and three men this day which makes 7 days this week. He must go to Gale's tomorrow. A very fine day but cold; wind easterly. ***Wed 9th*** Two wrights here this day about cutting the wood in Back of Wood hedge, mending gates &c. John Mouncey came here this afternoon to dress & sort the wad. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting in the morning. At home after with J.M. [*John Mouncey*] about dressing the wad. A large quantity of dust. Leading lime from the Cragg. Kiln burns very well. ***Fri 11th*** Isaac leading lime. Got home this evening about 80 bushels and leaves the kiln full. N.B. John Pearson, smith, got 2 bushells. Got 3 bushels of coals from Graysouthen @ 7d per coup full. ***Sat 12th*** About the black lead dressing. Joseph at the lime kiln for John Barwise. He help'd us 3 days so must help him the same number.

Sun 13th At the Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Nothing new to offer. Fine weather. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Wordsworth about Holme affair. With James Fletcher and John Rudd. Got time to pay Richard Radcliffe's note, a week. ***Tue 15th*** Begun with Joseph Wilson's lease and am to finish it and Thomas Leathes's this week. Joseph finish'd at the lime kiln. ***Wed 16th*** Begun to plough ley in New Close. Isaac went to plough fallows in Whinney. Fine weather. ***Thu 17th*** Isaac ploughing in ditto. Fine weather. ***Fri 18th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. A new nomination of elder proposed but no resolution come to as yet. ***Sat 19th*** Ploughing ley in New Close. John Mouncey still here about dressing the lead. It proves much better than we expected.

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The London & Northern Yearly Meeting Queries read and answered. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Borrow'd of John Brougham 14 guineas upon note & paid the same to Richard Radcliffe for James Fletcher and took up the note. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting; Queries read and answered in writing. George Bell & wife and Richard Dearman here in the afternoon. ***Wed 23rd*** J.M. [*John Mouncey*] still here about dressing the lead. Try'd an experiment in boiling it with a little glue in the water. Lead to be put in when the water boils. Foggy weather. ***Thu 24th*** Ploughing in Back of Wood. It turns up in bad condition & poor. Still throng about the lead boiling &c. Weather foggy, but fine growing weather. ***Fri 25th*** Ploughing the Mosshead Hill. It turns up pretty well, but dead and dry soil & wants manure. Dry weather. ***Sat 26th*** About ditto. Deliver'd to Thomas Leathes yesterday evening his lease & bond. Also to Joseph Wilson his lease this evening. Wind continue easterly & very dry.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Wind and weather the same. ***Mon 28th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Throng ploughing and sowing the ley. J. Mouncey went last week to Whitehaven with a parcel of black lead. Not yet returned. ***Tue 29th*** About finishing the ploughing in Mosshead this day. Prepairing for the Quarterly Meeting. Wind easterly; weather dry. ***Wed 30th*** Sett forward for the Quarterly Meeting. Peter Pearson overtook me before I got to Cockermouth. Dined at Cockbridge and lodged at Carlisle, the Goat. A strong easterly wind and cold. ***Thu 31st*** At Carlisle. Attended the Meeting for Business which was pretty well conducted. Cou'd get no body for the Yearly Meeting, London. Also the Select Meeting which was pretty generally well.

April 1774

Fri 1st At ditto. Attended the Meeting for Worship at nine, which was well and to the general satisfaction. The adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting after: none offer'd London, so adjourn'd further. ***Sat 2nd*** Got home last night about nine, some little fatigued with the journey. Ploughing in the Middle Close. Alexander here yesterday & this day. Sowing the Middle Close.

Sun 3rd At Meeting which was small on account of the very wet morning. At home after. Weather appears to be breaking & unsettled. ***Mon 4th*** Did not get to Cockermouth on account of the day being so very stormy. Alexander here about hedging of the garden at Croftfoot. The day continu'd showry & very cold. ***Tue 5th*** Isaac leading lime from the killn. Jonathan Harrison has left it very bad and not much above half burned: a great loss. Weather more moderate; much snow on the hills. ***Wed 6th*** Isaac and John Mouncey gone to Workington with a parcel of wad. Isaac took 84lb. of fine dust & 20lb. of gritt to the furnace & brought in return a cylinder oven & what belongs it.[202] ***Thu 7th*** Did not get to the Meeting. Unwell. Ploughing in Midle Close. Lads gone for lime to the killn. Joseph hedging. A fine day but yesterday very wett. Isaac got home last night past nine. ***Fri 8th*** Ploughing in ditto. Joseph hedging. Richard Ramsey here in the afternoon. He cutt off two wenns from the young horse &c. ***Sat 9th*** Ploughing in ditto. Joseph working at home this day. Received a letter from G. Bell about James Fletcher going to London. Wrote him, James Fletcher & John Rudd.

Sun 10th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. A fine day. John Mouncey not yet got home. He went to Whitehaven from Workington. ***Mon 11th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. John Mouncey came this forenoon. He has sold the lead at Whitehaven and got cash for it.[203] Fine weather. ***Tue 12th*** Ploughing in the Corn Close and Joseph hedging. John Mirehouse here about making up the bee house. ***Wed 13th*** John Mirehouse here but could not finish his work. To come again on 6th day. Gardener here working in the new garden. Isaac at coals. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. A very fine day: the spring seems to be pretty forward. Isaac & John Mouncey gone to Whitehaven and carried 8 cwt. fine lead dust and some grays &c.[204] ***Fri 15th*** Weather more cold and showry. About leading out the lime and soil into Whinney.

Sun 17th At Meeting. The collection this day. The Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Little Samuel Robinson come over from Dublin. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Brougham &c. The head court at Cockermouth tomorrow. A cold, showry day. ***Tue 19th*** Our Monthly Meeting & the adjourned Quarterly Meeting after, but I could not attend on account of the court at Cockermouth. ***Wed 20th*** Got nothing done at the court yesterday on account of William Hudson being dead, so could not properly be inrolled. ***Thu 21st*** Showry cold weather. Ploughing in Whinney. ***Fri 22nd*** Very unwell of a pain in my breast, so can't go much out. Weather cold and showers of hail. ***Sat 23rd*** Isaac gon[e] for some brick. He brought 120 from Under-Harrot. Weather ditto.

Sun 24th A very wet day. Did not go to the Meeting on that account. John Mouncey came home this day at noon. He has sold the lead & got notes for £9 3s. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. With John Ritson. Called at Kirby. Four priests there met about the chapel. With John Brougham after. ***Tue 26th*** Agreed to meet at Branthwaite on the 12th of May, being old May Day, to give in Mrs. Payle's and Walker's answers to John Fearon's bill of complaint. ***Wed 27th*** Ploughing in Whinney. Joseph cutting and casting hedge in the Croft. A cold day with showers of hail. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting in the morning. Isaac ploughing in the forenoon & went for 100 brick in the afternoon. Cold day. ***Fri 29th*** John Mirehouse here this week setting the furnaces, oven &c. ***Sat 30th*** Nothing remarkable. John Mirehouse finished his work. He has been here in all seven days.

May 1774

Sun 1st At Meeting. The General Meeting this day. It was very large. A fine day. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Rudd & sundry others about business. ***Tue 3rd*** Leading manure into Near Whinney and planting potatoes. Weather continue cold; wind northerly. ***Wed 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. The beast fair: sold a cow and a calf. Geld cattle in good condition; sold well. The other but low for want of grass and fodder. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Very thin on account of the season: people are now very throng with their husbandry. ***Fri 6th*** About the potatoes and leading manure. ***Sat 7th*** About ditto. Weather very dry but cold easterly winds & frost in the nights.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Richard Dearman and wife dined with me and stay'd the afternoon. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Was this day served with a copy of a writt as one of the executors of William Skyrin at suit of one George Pearson. ***Tue 10th*** Leading manure and ploughing for barley. Begun to sow barley in near Whinney. Dry weather. ***Wed 11th*** Went to Graysouthen in the afternoon. Met John Rudd, attorney, at Rachel Hind's on account of a difference between her and William Pearson. ***Thu 12th*** Went to Branthwaite to meet John Brougham, John Ritson & John Payle Walker about taking Ruth Payle & said Walker's answer to John Fearon's bill. Thomas Benson also came. ***Fri 13th*** Making out copies of the

Queries and my answer therto about Mosser chapel. A very hot day. Finished ploughing & sowing barley this day. ***Sat 14th*** Sold to Elihu Robinson and Joseph Harris a parcel of young oak wood growing in the Wood & another parcel of wood in Quary Close &c. for 18 guineas. Begun felling on 9th current.

Sun 15th The Preparative Meeting held this day a week out of course on account of H. Harris certificate to London. Richard Dearman here; stay'd until the evening. At Kirby yesterday evening with E. Robinson & the bark peelers &c. John Mouncey gone this day for Mary Port. ***Mon 16th*** Isaac gone to Mary Port with four casks of lead designed for Dumfries. He & Mouncey to go over this night in a vessell with it. Went to Cockermouth with wife. Dry weather. ***Tue 17th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Wrote and got the certificate executed for H.H. [*Hannah Harris*]. To draw a minute of exclusion against Thomas Winn until matters be further clear'd up. Ditto. ***Wed 18th*** The beast fair this day. Prices considerably lower than last fair on account of the drought which yet continue. Robert Vallancy here, an engineer & miner. He came from Ireland last to Workington & loosed a collary for H. Curwen. He took samples of our white mettle & also of the black lead to get try'd at Derby. ***Fri 20th*** Elihu & Joseph Harris here. They have begun with Quarry Close wood. It proves very sappy. Bought some barr rayls and stowers of them; to have the first choice. ***Sat 21st*** Very dry weather but some appearance of change this day.

Sun 22nd At Meeting in the morning. At home after. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair: servants pretty moderate. With Henry Bowman, John Wordsworth, George Bell &c. A rainy day; Weather still continue cold. ***Tue 24th*** Showry weather but pretty moderate. Grass comes pretty fast. Isaac and Mouncey not yet returned. ***Wed 25th*** A showry day. Joseph mostly at home this and last week. Chosed out and lay together 4 dozen of barr rails @ 1s 6d per dozen. ***Thu 26th*** At Meeting. Isaac came home last night. They landed at Whitehaven from Dumfries on 1st day about 1 o'clock. Sold the lead only at 4d per lb. No money to get in the place. ***Fri 27th*** John Mouncey came home this day. The weather continues cold; the grass comes but very slow. ***Sat 28th*** Isaac gone to the coals. Weather showry but still cold. Settled with Joseph Mitchel & paid the ballance of his account in full.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Very thin on account of the General Meeting at Cockermouth. Isaac gone there. A stranger there, viz. Jonathan Harrison from Lancashire. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Waite about the farm. Agreed to go to Carlisle on 5th day come a week. To be at the Red Dial about 12 o'clock. To see them again next week. ***Tue 31st*** Gardener here this day. Joseph here 5½ days last week & two this week. Nanny [*Ann Johnson*][205] very unwell: afraid of a fever. Sally at home this week: her mother laying in.

June 1774

Wed 1st Isaac gone for coals. A fine moderate day & pretty warm. John Fletcher here in the afternoon discoursing upon sundry subjects. Hannah Jones &c. here.

Thu 2nd At Meeting. Got orders to draw the conveyances between Peter Hudson, attorney of Jonathan Hudson of Baltimore in Maryland, and James Wilson of Graysouthen, weaver. Consideration £144. ***Fri 3rd*** Peter Hudson call'd yesterday in the evening from Waterend but Dinah Hudson, executorix of Jacob Hudson, refused to deliver her mortgage deed without being paid the money. ***Sat 4th*** Nanny continues unwell. Gave her some glisters. No passage thro' her body. Isabel Barns buried this day. She died of the fever. Dan Glaister here; came in the evening.

Sun 5th Dan here. Went with him to the Meeting. He preached pretty well. Came home with me and stay'd all night again. Nanny grows worse. Her father went for a doctor. ***Mon 6th*** Doctor came this morning. He calls it an intermitting fever. Went to Cockermouth with Dan about 12 o'clock. Nanny took a convulsion fitt about 11 o'clock & is unsensible. ***Tue 7th*** The delirium continue. The doctor here again. The fever has seised on her brain; one eye turn'd wrong. There is very little hopes of her recovery. ***Wed 8th*** Doctor here again this morning. The physick had a pretty good effect. Wrought through her pretty well, but no hopes of life. The delirium & violent spasms continue. ***Thu 9th*** Nanny died this morning about one o'clock and was buried in the evening at Pardshow-hall. The fever turn'd in some degree putrid towards the last stage. Doctor strongly advised to keep all fresh people from her for fear of the infection spreading. Both myself and wife unwell, but hope it is thro' fatigue &c.

Sun 12th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Our London representatives got home this day. John Wilkinson junior at Meeting. Showry growing weather. ***Mon 13th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Unwell. Isaac went twice to the coals to Linefitt. Got very good coals & large & good measure. Sally gone to Cockermouth: bought very good veal @ 2½d. ***Tue 14th*** Isaac gone to the coals. Dr. Birtwhistle died yesterday morning of the epidemical fever which is now raging and was buried in the evening for fear of infection. ***Wed 15th*** Isaac gone to the coals. John Mouncey making up wad for markett, viz. 1 cask best, 96lb.; 1 best points, 152lb.; 1 bagg grays, 72lb.; 1 bagg small points, 34lb. Showry weather. ***Thu 16th*** Went to Graysouthen to the funeral of John Pearson and his mother, Sarah, who died in less than two hours of each other and were buried at Graysouthen. ***Fri 17th*** Went again to Graysouthen to meet H. Bowman, Richard Dearman & John Nixon in order to make our answer to Thomas Wilson's ammended bill. I have got no subpoena this time. ***Sat 18th*** Isaac & Billy at the highways these two days, working on Mosser Fell. Brought the matterials from Askell Knott. Jacob Fletcher surveyor this year.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Very unwell in the afternoon: a great pain in my head and back. Showry. ***Mon 20th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very unwell. Billy not to go to the school this week on account of the high-ways. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. Showry growing weather. Lads at the highways – Mosser Fell. ***Wed 22nd*** Isaac gone to coals for lime killn. Intend to burn about 12 loads of coals. Joseph begins for us this afternoon. Wrote Joseph Harris about iron &c. ***Thu 23rd*** Joseph burning lime for us this day. Weather still cold and showry. ***Fri 24th*** Summon'd to the highways this day, but could not go on account of the

lime fetching home. Got 31 loads of good lime. ***Sat 25th*** Sent two carts to the high roads this day, which compleats five days work at the roads. Showry.

Sun 26th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Joseph Sandwith from Dublin here in the evening. He intends for the Quarter Meeting at Coldbeck; his wife at Carlisle. ***Mon 27th*** Very unwell. Did not go to Cockermouth on said account. Sent Isaac for iron to Joseph Harris. He is to take wad dust. He got 12 sto[ne] 10½lb. Barrs foreign iron; rest not. ***Tue 28th*** Joseph Waite here yesterday afternoon. To draw a petition & proposals to Sir James Lowther about taking some farms in Low-Holm. Lads at highways: finish'd the 6 days. ***Wed 29th*** Yesterday evening Whinfell overseer and some others came about Mary Casson, a little lass we have had upon tryal about 2 weeks. We could not agree, so they took her away. ***Thu 30th*** With Joseph Wilson, Bramley, set forward this morning about 6 o'clock to Heskett in Coldbeck to the Quarter Meeting, which was pretty large; the business well conducted. Showry.

July 1774

Fri 1st At Heskett. Rachel Wilson & Samuel Parrot at the Meeting which was well conducted; much favour'd and ended well. Came home after. A fine day & pleasant riding. ***Sat 2nd*** Isaac gone to Keswick with wood and iron for a new two-horse coup and spoke wheels. Joseph ploughing the potatoes over again. Strong winds & showry.

Sun 3rd A very wet day; did not get to the Meeting. Henry Bowman here in afternoon in his way from Askham. He found the lawyer very unwell, not able to do any business. He therefore recommended Harrison of Kendal. To meet at Graysouthen tomorrow & go thro' the answer to their last ammended bill. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Graysouthen. Met Henry Bowman & Richard Dearman. Perused R.D.'s [*Richard Dearman's*] answer to the bill. Agreed to go to Lawyer Harrison with the answer in a few days. ***Tue 5th*** Received a letter from old John Gill. He lives with John Wilson at Rock-Run in Harford County, Maryland. At the funeral of a son of Moses Jenkinson: a long meeting. ***Wed 6th*** Isaac at coals these two days. Agreed with Elihu Robinson for 500½ long stowers @ 2s 9d and 100½ ditto short @ 1s 6d. Looking corn. Showry weather. ***Thu 7th*** Sent Isaac to Cockermouth for a skin of parchment. Wrote to George Bell to get it for me and I would pay for it when I go to town, and some letters. ***Sat 9th*** Finished the bond for Richard Dearman & Sarah Wilson, £223 @ 10d. At Pardshow in the evening with Joseph Wilson about lime.[206]

Sun 10th At Meeting. Isaac gone to Whitehaven, the General Meeting. Dinah Hudson refused to sign the conveyance, so got nothing done. Brought back the deeds. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Graysouthen to meet Richard Dearman about executing the bond between him and Sarah Wilson. Got the same executed. Agreed to send Isaac for the books on 7th day. ***Tue 12th*** Joseph at Cockermouth yesterday with some barley, 6 pecks. He got 12s 8d per bushel. He is here again this day finishing

the looking of the corn. Weather still showry. ***Wed 13th*** Joseph cutting bark. A warm day. Begun again with Joseph Glaister's manuscript called "The Harmony of the Prophets ratified in Christ &c". 1st part, Types & Figures. Got to Joseph. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Isaac also there, but few. People just beginning with their hay. Mow'd the remainder of the Bleachyard this evening. Weather seems to settle. ***Fri 15th*** Begun to mow in Back of Wood meadow and Moss-head. Joseph here this day. Isaac and him mowing. A fine day. ***Sat 16th*** Throng mowing & working hay. Weather now pretty settled; wind southerly. Received a draft of a polar dial from John Ritson of Workington in imitation of mine.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. Gave the petition and proposals about the taking the farms at Holm to John Saul to get signed. With John Rudd &c. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. National collection to be this quarter. General Meeting to be at Broughton. ***Wed 20th*** Went to Graysouthen in the afternoon. Met John Rudd there. Took the ruff plan of the differance between William Pearson and Rachel Hinde. ***Thu 21st*** Drew a fair plan of the matter in dispute on small paper & am to draw three more on large paper. ***Fri 22nd*** About the hay. Weather continue very slow. Little got. ***Sat 23rd*** About ditto. Weather showry.

Sun 24th At Meeting; but small on account of the weather. ***Mon 25th*** A showry day. Did not go to Cockermouth. Unwell: got cold. Nothing further remarkable. ***Tue 26th*** The Assizes next week. The judges come in the fifth of next month: Justice Gould & Blackstone. ***Wed 27th*** Throng with the hay. The weather very slow and the season late. But little hay got yet. ***Thu 28th*** Henry Bowman & Richard Dearman here. Stay'd until the evening. Concluded to meet at Whitehaven on 3rd day next & settle H.B.'s [*Henry Bowman's*] bill respecting each defendant's share. The amount of H.B.'s bill to their last amendment is £354 7s 9d, which is to be divided between Skyrin & Dearman, John Nixon & Sarah Wilson in proportion. ***Sat 30th*** Still throng with the hay at all seasonable opportunities, the weather still continuing very broken.

Sun 31st At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Weather ditto.

August 1774

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. The meeting at Wigton for the nomination of proper persons to represent this county in Parliament to be on the 22nd inst. ***Tue 2nd*** Sett forward to Whitehaven to meet Richard Dearman & Henry Bowman. Called at Distington; dined at Whitehaven, Black Lyon; met at Golden Lyon in evening & fix'd H.B.'s [*Henry Bowman's*] bill. ***Wed 3rd*** At Whitehaven. Agreed S. & D. [*Skyrin & Dearman*] to pay ⅘ (£141 15s 1d); J.N. [*John Nixon*] ⅘, (£141 15s 1d) & S.W. [*Sarah Wilson*] ⅖ (£70 17s 7d); in all £354 7s 9d, the total bill. Signed the company's books, agreeing to R.D.'s [*Richard Dearman's*] accounts. And also signed John Ponsonby's assignment to Sir James Lowther importing my assent thereunto as one of the executors of William Skyrin. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Throng

with the hay. ***Fri 5th*** Met Richard Dearman & wife at Lorton, Mary Scott's, in the afternoon. Went with them to Keswick and lodged there. A very hot day; sultry weather. ***Sat 6th*** At Keswick. Took leave of R.D. and wife about nine this morning. They sett forward for Birmingham to settle there. For Kendal that night. Settled with & paid Michael Clerk in full {for coup & wheels: £5 9s 9d}.

Sun 7th At Meeting, but thinn. The Graysouthen people seldom come if they can make any slender pretention to stay at home, contrary to the indulgence of the meeting formerly given them. ***Mon 8th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Joseph Mitchel with a bushel of barley. He did not get it sold. James Nicholson two daughters here. Went to Brandlingill. ***Tue 9th*** Sarah & Jane Nicholson here and also their brothers William & Thomas came this day and stay'd all night. Weather still soft and slow hay weather. ***Wed 10th*** The young women & boys sett forward this forenoon for Crakeplace-hall. Isaac went with them. They dined at the hall and sett forward home. Paid William Wilson in full. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting in the morning, but thinn on account of the season. About the hay; got some cart loads out of Brakenhill meadow. Weather showry and uncertain. ***Fri 12th*** Went to Stanger on 4th day last in the afternoon. Took instructions for John Peile's will. To be made and executed so soon as convenient. About the hay. ***Sat 13th*** About drawing John Peile's will. Finished the same for execution. Throng about the hay.

Sun 14th Did not get to the Meeting. Set forward about 1 p.m. with James & Joseph Waite & John Saul to Lowther. Baited at Keswick & lodged at Penrith, the Crown. ***Mon 15th*** At Penrith. Got to Lowther about 11 a.m. Dined and supped there. Got but little business done, Sir James engaged. Got to Penrith about midnight & lodged there. ***Tue 16th*** At ditto. Set forward home about 10 a.m. Dined at Keswick and got home about seven in the evening. Very wet in afternoon. ***Wed 17th*** About taking off the cherries for the market; 2 large baskets. No hay day; showry weather. ***Thu 18th*** At Meeting: thinly attended. Only one from Graysouthen & Brigham. Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. Isaac gone for Dublin with 2 casks of wad. ***Fri 19th*** Isaac not sail'd yesterday. He goes with Joseph Piper, the *Prosperity*. Joseph Sandwith & wife & Isaac Robinson go with him. At Stanger executed John Peile's will. Went to Cockermouth after. With George Bell consulting about the late Joseph Reay's share of the stocking works, which is now to be sold. ***Sat 20th*** About the hay: got 4 cart loads.

Sun 21st At Meeting. Barbara Sharpless and Mary Robinson there. They propose to visit the families of our Particular Meeting. I approve not of their doctrine or visit. The old leven appears much in them; zealous without knowledge; fiery & enthusiastic. Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** The meeting at Wigton this day. Sir James & Fletcher is nominated but Sir Joseph Penington at present offers to oppose. Did not go to Cockermouth. A showry day. ***Tue 23rd*** At Monthly Meeting. A visit of families proposed by Barbara Sharpless & Mary Robinson which was agreed to by the meeting. They are to proceed directly. A fine day. ***Wed 24th*** Throng about the hay in the Croft. A very fine day. The field is very full this year of clover and hogaback. Begun to answer John Gill senior letter. ***Thu 25th*** Got two carts hay in the forenoon; came on rain after. Finished my letter to John Gill. Have

yet a fair copy to make. ***Fri 26th*** About the hay at all favourable opportunities. The weather broken and uncertain; great heat in the air. ***Sat 27th*** About copying my letter to John Gill the elder at John Wilson's, Rock Run, Harford County, Maryland. Got the remainder of the Croft hay this day.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Went with wife afternoon to John Fawcett's, Mossergate. Stay'd until the evening. Jonah Dixon & wife there. A fine afternoon.

September 1774

Thu 1st A very rainy day. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Fri 2nd*** Wrote to Daniel Offley, Philadelphia, about the black lead. Very wet in the forenoon. A very fine afternoon. Got the remainder of the hay, two cart loads. ***Sat 3rd*** A fine day. Much hay to get yet in many places. The harvest very late. Copied my letter to Daniel Offley and sent by John to the post. George Bell better.

Sun 4th At Meeting, the strangers there. Said little. To be here in the afternoon upon the visit. Came accordingly and drunk tea. Gave very good advice to the two boys. Preach'd after very well on the subject of Divine Love and the necessity of our being clothed with it as a garment. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Dr. Tolson and Richard Ramsey about our journey and examining the drafts of the deeds. Agreed to the same to fix this day week. ***Tue 6th*** Got cash last night for my order on Thomas Bowman, value £20. Wrote to Jeremy Thompson, attorney. To meet at Cockermouth on 2nd day and I would pay him J.R.'s [*Joseph Robertson's*] interest. ***Wed 7th*** Richard Ramsey here yesterday. He was going to the arbitration between William Pearson and Rachel Hind of Graysouthen. Discoursing about Dr. Tolson affair. ***Thu 8th*** At Meeting in the morning, but few people on account of the season. Went to Cragend after. Old John very poorly. A bad storry about the young man & the servant girll. Did not discover the affair to the old man but talk'd the young man over about it. Could make but little of it. He would neither deny it nor say he was guilty of charge. ***Sat 10th*** Went to Brigham in the afternoon about an affair of Peter Spencer's between him and Parson Dixon. Got nothing done but viewed the writings. The rest came not.

Sun 11th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. At Pardshow with wife in afternoon. Came on rain in the evening. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. {To Jeremy Thompson paid him Joseph Robertson's interest in full to the 1st May last: £20 16s 8d; [and] for interest of £20 from the 1st May to this time: 5s 0d.} Agreed to go forward for Ulverston tomorrow. To meet at Keswick in the evening. Ingross'd the deeds & bond last week and signed the bond on 12th, the deeds to bear date from the same day. ***Tue 13th*** Dr. Tolson came here this & alters the time of going away until tomorrow. To meet at Keswick. ***Wed 14th*** Prepairing for the journey. Sett forward about three this afternoon and lodged at Keswick that night, the Oak. ***Thu 15th*** At Keswick. Waited until 11 o'clock before Dr. Tolson and Richard Ramsey came up. They had stopp'd at Bassenthwaite. Dined at Ambleside and lodged at Hawkshead, the Red Lyon. ***Fri 16th*** At

Hawkshead. Sett forward about 7 a.m. and got to Ulverstone about 12. Sent the doctor in the night before to prepair the way. Got John Fell to execute the deeds & came to Broughton that night. ***Sat 17th*** At Broughton. Came forward about 8 a.m. Dined at Captain John Cooper's and he went with us after to Beckbank, William Dixon's. They both signed the writings. We are to send them an indemnity.

Sun 18th At Ravenglass. Got over the Esk last night about 12 o'clock & came to this place and lodged at Robert Stamper's, the King's Arms. Came away this morning about 8. Stop'd at Calder-bridge; dined at Egremont; and got home about 7 o'clock pretty much fatigued. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Gave John Brougham the introgatories. Settled with Doctor & Samuel Pearson about the journey & received 4 guineas and gave my receipt. Showry day. ***Tue 20th*** Got a strain yesterday on my right knee by a slip in coming down Dr. Tolson's steps. Am now very lame: can't go without a stick. In great pain. Could not get to Monthly Meeting. ***Wed 21st*** Isaac not yet return'd from Dublin; expect him every day. He has been now five weeks from home. Isaac Robinson is still with him tho' much wanted at home. ***Thu 22nd*** Very lame; could go little out.

Mon 26th Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. ***Tue 27th*** About the harvest. Weather still showry & uncertain. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Fri 30th*** Throng with the harvest.

October 1774

Sun 2nd At Meeting. Grown better of the lameness. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. The election for this county fix'd to begin on the 19 of this month.

Mon 10th Went to Cockermouth. Received a will from Joseph Hind to copy in two weeks time. ***Tue 11th*** Throng with the harvest. Weather continues showry. ***Thu 13th*** Henry Fletcher, the candidate, here soliciting for himself. Thomas Webster, attorney, here. Went with him and sollicited for Lowther & Fletcher. ***Fri 14th*** Went again with T.W.'s [*Thomas Webster's*] boy thro' a part of Mosser, Sosgill, Mockerkin, Ullock, Pardshow &c. Pretty good success. ***Sat 15th*** Wrote to Thomas Webster by Benjamin Johnson. Gave him a pretty full account about Fletcher only solliciting for himself thro' all this district. Got all the corn shorn this day.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. General discourse is now about the ellection. ***Mon 17th*** About the corn. Prepairing for the ellection. Sent the canvass lists to Thomas Webster. ***Tue 18th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Advised to good behaviour at the ensuing ellection and not speak slightly of any of the candidates &c. ***Wed 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. The ellection begun this day. Sir James came this forenoon and declared himself a candidate for this county. He erected his tent in the afternoon. ***Thu 20th*** Went again to Cockermouth. Sir James this night 611 & Fletcher 511. Before Penington. It is thought that he will drop it & not poll further. ***Fri 21st*** The poll ended this day. Sir Joseph drop'd any

further contest. Sir James & Fletcher were declared duely ellected & chaired about 11 o'clock forenoon. ***Sat 22nd*** Sir James went to Whitehaven yesterday afternoon. They fired the fort guns, bone fires and illuminations in the night. He intends to stay only a few days.

Sun 23rd At Meeting. A pretty moderate day. The weather has been close and little drying for several days. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Whitehaven. Met Henry Bowman at Dessington. Got to Whitehaven about 1 p.m. Dined at the Black Lyon. Sent for the under-sheriff & executed the writt of elegit.[207] ***Tue 25th*** At Whitehaven. Took all the good and chattels of James McMean into custody of the bailiffs. Agreed with him and took an assignment of the reversions of his houses at Whitehaven and gave him time until Whitsuntide for the payment of the money above 40£. Went to the Flatt yesterday. Waited on Sir James. He agreed to compleat the burgage affair directly. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting. Hear that John Allason younger of Cragend is married to the housekeeper by a priest & reported she is with child to him. Fine weather. ***Fri 28th*** Got all the corn yesterday. Went to Cragend in the afternoon. Old John frets much about the marriage. They own it now. Married at Lorton. Thomas Ritson the father &c.[208] ***Sat 29th*** Went to Graysouthen to James Wilson's. Met Henry Bowman & John Jenkinson upon the comission to take John Nixon & Sarah Wilson's answers to their second amended bill.

Sun 30th At Meeting in the forenoon. Wrote William Freeman about the lead and also Richard Dearman in answer to his two last to me. Cold easterly wind & some showers. Got the two heffers home this evening which Joseph bought at Salter-hall sale of John Wilson. Cost £7 17s & £5 1s. Notes at 12 months after date. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Ritson and others about business. A very cold rainy day but clear'd up towards evening. Sir James went thro' this town on forenoon.

November 1774

Tue 1st Very lame caused by a violent pain in my left hip and kidney. Can walk very little but with much pain. A very great wind, easterly, last night. ***Wed 2nd*** Finish'd the thrashing oats for meal. Making them ready for the mill. Wrights here sawing. Got home the Scotch cow and calf bought of Richard Bell, Graysouthen. ***Thu 3rd*** Begun taking up potatoes this day. They are pretty good in general. Did not get to the Meeting on account of the pain in my hipp &c. Very fine weather. ***Fri 4th*** About taking up the potatoes.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Cold weather. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. ***Tue 8th*** Nothing remarkable. Dean court on ninth. Attended it. Signed the mortgage deed from Peter Robinson to Ruth Payle. ***Wed 9th*** About prepairing for my journey to Kendal on account of being served with a fresh subpeona. To Lawyer Harrison with my answer. ***Thu 10th*** Sett forward to Cockermouth. Met Henry Bowman; dined there. With Richard Ramsey about Samuel Pearson affair. Went with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to Keswick & lodged at

Hodgsons. ***Fri 11th*** At Keswick. Breakfasted there; dined at Ambleside, the Salutation, and lodged at Kendal, the King's Arms. To wait upon the lawyer tomorrow about 10 o'clock. ***Sat 12th*** At Kendal. Attended the lawyer this day. Dined with him and stay'd till night. Made several amendments & alterations in my answer and [got] it signed. Lodged at the inn.

Sun 13th Sett forward this morning. Dined at Ambleside and lodged at Keswick, the Royal Oak. Fine weather; frosty. ***Mon 14th*** At Keswick. Sett forward this morning for Cockermouth. The fair: servants moderate. Came home in the evening. Fatigued. ***Tue 15th*** Much fatigued with the journey and got a bad cold. John Robinson and two daughters from Dublin come over. ***Wed 16th*** Went with wife in the afternoon to Pardshow to see them. John very free and friendly; the daughters going to Notingham to the boarding school. ***Thu 17th*** My cold continues. Weather cold and inclining to frost. ***Fri 18th*** The Dubliners to continue about a week longer. The[y] dined here this day and stay'd until bedtime. ***Sat 19th*** Lads gone to Pardshow to accompany John Robinson & daughters. They are educated far above the country.

Sun 20th At Meeting. The collection brought in but fell considerably short. The Preparative Meeting after. Isaac and John gone to Pardshow. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. James Fletcher house and goods taken in custody of the bailiffs upon execution. He is gone to Lowther to try to gett money. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. John Robinson from Dublin there. We are likely to have a great charge of poor. Went to Pardshow after with lads and stay'd till bed time. ***Wed 23rd*** John Robinson & daughters intend to go away on sixth day morning to Cockermouth to stay there one night and then to proceed for Notingham. ***Thu 24th*** John Robinson & daughters came here this afternoon. Drunk tea at Hannah Gill's and supped with us. Had a hare roasted &c. Stay'd till about 12 at night. ***Fri 25th*** John Robinson gon to Cockermouth. Isaac gone with them. I am bad in a cold and weather sharp & cold, so did not go.

Sun 27th At Meeting in the morning. ***Mon 28th*** Frost, snow and very cold weather. Sent Joseph with Scotty calf to Jacob Ritson: it killd pretty well. ***Tue 29th*** Killed the cow this day. She proved pretty well. Had 4 sto[ne] fatt & good beef. ***Wed 30th*** Sent Joseph to Cockermouth with the cow skin and fatt. He gott 5s per stone; the skin left with Joseph Hutchinson.

December 1774

Thu 1st At Meeting in the morning. Joseph threshing oats. Isaac gone to smithey to get mare's sharp'd. Sharp frost. ***Fri 2nd*** Joseph gone to Workington with the box Richard Dearman sent here containing C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] books and papers. The said R.D. order'd said box to Henry Bowman & books to be sent to London. ***Sat 3rd*** Intended to have gone to Workington yesterday but was prevented by the weather: a very snowy day. And this day a great storm of rain from the south-east.

Sun 4th A rainy day. Did not get to the Meeting. It fair'd in the afternoon. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid John Carter's bill about W.H. [*William Hudson's*] houses[209] & sent 10 guineas with John Nixon for a London bill to remitt William Rathbone, Liverpool, & wrote him accordingly. ***Tue 6th*** Joseph gone to the mill with corn for the cow and swine. He brought a cart load of straw, 4 score @ 6d [=] 2s, from John Pearson of Hill. A fine day and frosty. Barometer at 2. ***Wed 7th*** A cold frosty day. Very ill in the toothache and a violent pain in my head. Got very little sleep. Isaac ill in the same manner. Writing a letter to Jonathan Wilson of Russland. ***Thu 8th*** Did not go to the Meeting on account of my disorder; a little better this day. Frost & snow and very cold. Joseph gone to the mill about cow corn &c. Finish'd the letter containing remarks on our grant. ***Fri 9th*** My disorder still continues. Weather much the same. James Graham here. Took two cheeses, 25lb., for 2 years church tax without law. ***Sat 10th*** John finish'd yesterday at Dean school. Paid the master the full quarter wage tho' he has not gone more than half this quarter: days so very short & weather cold &c.

Sun 11th A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 12th*** Went to Cockermouth. With several about business. Settled with Robert Barns & Jonathan Wilson for rent. Paid sundry bills for repairs, pump &c. ***Tue 13th*** A very stormy day and high wind. Lads all throng learning arithmetick. Sally at home in lieu of the term. Came again this day. ***Wed 14th*** Henry Pearson & James Graham here. They made distress for tithes &c. Took two bushels of barley worth 9s 6d: 9s 6d. recover'd & 6s costs. ***Thu 15th*** The sale was at Low-hall. The goods sold in general very well and a very fair sale; much better than usual. At Meeting; the Select Monthly Meeting tomorrow and is to be held at Graysouthen. ***Fri 16th*** Did not go. Intended to have gone to Workington but prevented on account of toothake returning. John Bushby's sale this afternoon. Fine weather. ***Sat 17th*** Nothing remarkable. The pain in my teeth and head still continue.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A collection this day for the poor. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Spoke to Samuel Pearson for 50£ at Candlemass for Jonathan Harris &c. ***Tue 20th*** At Monthly Meeting. Queries read and answered unto. To draw a paper of denial against Thomas Scott, Keswick.[210] ***Wed 21st*** Went this afternoon to Workington, Henry Bowman's. Met John Nixon there about C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] books. ***Thu 22nd*** At Workington. Examined the books and papers late C.W.'s and gave orders to H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] what books to send to London. Found sundry receipts of John Nixon's. ***Fri 23rd*** Came home past night. To examine W.S. [*William Skyrin's*] books if any of C.W.'s be put among them by mistake. ***Sat 24th*** Very unwell. Did not go to Cockermouth as intended. Butcher meat said to be very cheap this season. Very fine weather.

Sun 25th At Meeting. Tabitha came in the afternoon. Concluded not to go to the Quarter Meeting this time on account of my disorder. ***Mon 26th*** Very fine weather, close and cloudy but little or no rain. Threshing oats. Got last week some more slate and rambles from John Wood. To pay 3s. ***Tue 27th*** Wife yesterday afternoon at Jonah Dixon's. Hannah brought to bed of a daughter. Deliver'd with

instruments. Both wife and child in a dangerous way. ***Wed 28th*** Did not go to the Meeting on account of my indisposition. Wrote Thomas Winn this day and advised him about the woman & child &c. and requested answers. Fine weather. Joseph threshing. ***Thu 29th*** At Meeting; but thin on account of Quarter Meeting. Joseph threshing barley. Nothing remarkable. ***Fri 30th*** Copied my letter to Thomas Winn. Wife gone this afternoon to Jonah Dixon's. Weather continues dry; very open and little frost. ***Sat 31st*** Nothing remarkable. The weather the same. Joseph threshing corn. So concludes the year 1774.

1775

January 1775

Sun 1st Went to the Meeting, which was silent. Elihu gives account they had a good meeting at Wigton. The business was amicably gone through and the publick meeting much to satisfaction. James Graham & Joseph Saul had the most concern in the ministry & much favour'd. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With George Bell and Joseph Whinney at the warehouse. They expect John Reay this week to take out his share of goods &c. for his brother's widow. ***Tue 3rd*** The weather yesterday cold and snow'd most of the day. This day showry. Jane Burnyeat died this afternoon between the hours of 4 and five. ***Wed 4th*** At Mosser yesterday Jane Burnyeat signed the minutes for a lease to Thomas Robinson for nine years of Mosser lands, yearly rent £42 on 11th November & 25th March equally. ***Thu 5th*** Attended the funeral of Jane Burnyeat, widow. She died on 3rd day afternoon about 5 o'clock and was buried this afternoon at Lowswater. Went again in the evening. ***Fri 6th*** The apprizement this day. William Allason, John Fawcett, Joseph Porter, Thomas Robinson, shoemaker, and Isaac Fletcher apprizers. The total inventory was £654 0s 3d & 1/16 part of a ship. ***Sat 7th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Unwell: could do little business. Showry weather. At mill.

Sun 8th Did not got to the Meeting. Unwell in a lax &c. Joseph gone to Whitehaven with Tabitha. On the 6th gave her my note for £20 @ 10d & took in my old note. ***Mon 9th*** Copying Jane Burnyeat's will and inventory against the Sessions in order to get the will proved. Wrote to Robert Villancey and Thomas Winn about the white ore. ***Tue 10th*** Wrote to William Freeman and inclosed Daniel Offley & company's order on Lancelot Cooper, merchant in Bristol. To settle accounts, receive the ballance and write me accordingly. A stormy day. ***Wed 11th*** Sibyla Thompson buried at Lowswater this day. A stormy day. Went to Cockermouth Sessions. Took my answer in Chancery before H. Bowman & Michael Falcon, commissioners. ***Thu 12th*** The Sessions. Not much business of importance; some idictments and appeals respecting settlements &c. At Meeting. Weather still continue very showry & uncertain. ***Fri 13th*** Joseph at Whitehaven market yesterday. Wrote John Nixon. He sent me Guthry's "Geography" and Clerk's "Homer" in 2 vols., with notes charged 13s & the other 6s 6d. ***Sat 14th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather continues unsettled. The fevor broke out at Pardshow, Ullock &c. John Sewell is dead of it & several others in the town very ill.

Sun 15th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for the poor. Suse Robinson in the fevor and John Pearson of Crakeplace-hall, several of Joseph Nicholson's familey &c. Robert Marsden, a miner, his wife & son came here this day in quest of work. The[y] dined and lodged here in their way to Derbyshire. Recomended by George

Bell. ***Mon 16th*** A very stormy day and unwell. A great pain in my head. Wife also unwell. Did not get to Cockermouth. Billy gone to Pardshow-hall school to Isaac Littledale, master. ***Tue 17th*** The miner and his wife went forward yesterday morning for Keswick to try for work. He has a good oppinion of our mine and thinks it will turn out well &c. ***Wed 18th*** Went to Workington with Thomas Robinson to prove Jane Burnyeat's will. Met Thomas Burnyeat, the other trustee, there. Got the same done before Mr. Addison. ***Thu 19th*** Called upon H. Bowman, Mr. Ritson and Ruth Payle, who are all served with notices, about the commission to begin on the 31 inst. at Cockermouth. ***Fri 20th*** With John Mouncey, junior, when at Workington and he told me that our lead would by no means do for pensils, it being too soft and would not abide the saw. ***Sat 21st*** A wet, dirty day. At Mosser, John Pearson's, overseer, in the night. Town met about Jonathan Sumpton and familey. Agreed I should advise with Justice Lucock about the case &c.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At home after. Cold weather. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Met John Brougham. In the evening was served with a subpoene in the cause between John Fearon & Ruth Payle. The commission to begin on the 31st current. ***Tue 24th*** At Monthly Meeting. Papers of denial against John Allason and wife, Crag-end, and Thomas Scott for fornication and marrying by priests read, signed, & orderd to be publickly read &c. ***Wed 25th*** Killed the swine yesterday. Sold the hinder quarters to Joseph Barwise for 3½d per lb., returning him one shilling. The[y] weigh'd 17½ [and] 11 lb. Very good but did not weigh so much as expected. ***Thu 26th*** Yesterday and this day very cold; a strong SE wind and snow in the night. Joseph gone to Whitehaven with the swine, potatoes, butter &c. Also got two swine again from Joseph Black, about 17 week old. ***Fri 27th*** A very stormy day. Got two newspapers last night from John Ware and son. So we gegun [*sic*] with the papers on the 19th current; to come by John Pearson weekly. No.13.[211] ***Sat 28th*** Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon. Met John Ritson, John Payle Walker and Henry Bowman, John Head; prepairing for the commission on the 31st.

Sun 29th A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. Wrote to Richard Dearman in answer to his two last. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. To attend the commission tomorrow between John Fearon for the heir of Daniel Lancaster, plaintiffs, & Ruth Payle and John Payle Walker, defendants. ***Tue 31st*** Went again to Cockermouth. The commission begun this day about 11 o'clock in forenoon. Settled preliminaries, interrogatories &c.

February 1775

Wed 1st At Cockermouth about the commission. Went with John Brougham to Branthwaite in the chaise with a proposal to the defendant R.P. [*Ruth Payle*] but she would not agree with, but would stand on &c. ***Thu 2nd*** At ditto. John Payle Walker made an agreement with the plaintiff about the land, which should be freehold & which tenancy hereafter, which settled that point with regard to the defendant R.P. & sett of the same. ***Fri 3rd*** At ditto. We had subpoena'd witnesses,

about 18, but upon the submission of J.P.W. [*John Payle Walker*], the other defendant, we sent the witnesses home again and agreed not to examine any, as R.P. only claim'd a live's estate. ***Sat 4th*** The commission ended this night about 9 o'clock. The plaintiff keept on examining his own witnesses to prolong the time &c.

Sun 5th Came home late last night. Much fatigued with attending all the week upon the commission. At Meeting. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Brougham, John Head &c. Agreed that Edward Jones house bill be paid off in two weeks, the cash in the hands of John Brougham. ***Tue 7th*** Very stormy unsettled weather. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Wed 8th*** The schoolmaster, Isaac Littledale, very unwell. Requests son John to attend the school untill he be better & able to teach again and he will satisfy him for it &c. ***Thu 9th*** John begun the school at Pardshow-hall this day. Above 30 scholars. He proves very well with it &c. ***Fri 10th*** Went to Whitehaven. Dined at the inn. Went to the Flatt after. Sir James there engaged in settling the Whitehaven accounts. Did not see him. With Garforth about the burgage. ***Sat 11th*** At Whitehaven. Was at Joseph Todhunter's all night. Dined with son Isaac at Dr. Jackson's. With John Nixon, John Casson &c. about business. Came home in the evening.

Sun 12th Went to Meeting in the forenoon; at home after. Weather still unsettled. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. An account that James Fletcher has won his tryal in Chancery. Got the minutes of the decree; the will is fully established. ***Tue 14th*** Went to Bridgefoot, William Herring's. Met Jonathan Fearon & Henry Bowman, John Rudd and James Fletcher. The two last & myself joyned in a bond to Jonathan Fearon for 100£ at lawfull interest for one year for James Fletcher. Called at John Harris's in my return. They are much better of their indisposition: nothing but cold. ***Thu 16th*** A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting being unwell. Agreed with John Usher last night to catch the moles in my estate. I am to pay him 5s a year for 5 years and to find him victuals after the rate of one day for each shilling per annum, which is five days a year during the term & the value of 1s 6d in butter or cheese over at it. ***Sat 18th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. Examin'd George Bell's books for the first time. Found nothing amiss. To go once a month for that purpose & am to receive 40s per annum for it.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Sufferings brought in. Such as are wanting to come in on 3rd day next. ***Mon 20th*** Did not go to Cockermouth as intended. Weather still very stormy. Scarce a day in a week fair. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. The Sufferings of the particular meetings brought in, save Issell who is to send them so soon as can. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Workington. At Joseph Robinson's. Agreed to pay in the 100£ at Whitsuntide next. Pay'd him the last year's interest @ 4¼ per cent. ***Thu 23rd*** Did not get to the Meeting. Unwell: a pain in my breast and back. Got cold yesterday. ***Fri 24th*** Stormy weather. ***Sat 25th*** Weather much same. John continues the school. Master expected back tomorrow.

Sun 26th Unwell. Did not get to the Meeting. Schoolmaster here this afternoon. Intends to begin again tomorrow. ***Mon 27th*** Did not get to Cockermouth. Sent

Isaac with a letter to John & Robert Barclay, London. Return'd Mary Harrison's bill; to settle the accounts in April next. ***Tue 28th*** John Mouncey here, making up the cask of wad dust for John Mouncey, Workington: 3½ cwt. @ 30s per cwt.[212] To send it to Whitehaven. Showry day.

March 1775

Wed 1st John Mouncey went away this day. Settled with him and gave him an authority to sell the cask of lead at Carlisle, weight 76lb. Weather showry. ***Thu 2nd*** Unwell. Did not get to the Meeting. John Mirehouse and boy here about about [*sic*] rendering and plaistering the grainery loft &c. ***Fri 3rd*** John Mirehouse & boy here about plaistering and mending the roofs of the houses. Two fine days. ***Sat 4th*** John Mirehouse & boy here about finishing the grainery &c. A very bad snowy day and severe weather.

Sun 5th At Meeting. At home after. Isaac gone to Pardshow. Little Samuel very ill of a pluresy. The doctor thinks badly of him & hath little hopes. ***Mon 6th*** John Mirehouse here again, and boy, about rendering Joseph kitchen loft. He finish'd his work at present & to bring in his bill about the 25 current. Unwell. ***Tue 7th*** Alexander Patton here about the hedges in Croft & Shortlands & puting the water down the Croft side of the hedge. A cold day & showers of hail. ***Wed 8th*** Alexander here about the Croft hedge. Very ill in a pain in my breast. Can get little ease night or day. ***Thu 9th*** A very violent storm and flood. Wind about SSW and blew very hard. Much ship-wreck on the coasts. ***Fri 10th*** Alexander Patton and man here this day, casting the hedge on the upper side of Shortlands. Weather cold and showry. Schoolmaster gave up the school this evening. ***Sat 11th*** Alexander and man here but a very stormy day. The man threshing. A very great flood.

Sun 12th Was at Meeting, the Preparative Select Meeting after. ***Mon 13th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. The disorder in my stomach still continues. Alexander man here this day. ***Tue 14th*** The disorder continues. Alexander and two men here this day, hedging at the far end of Whinney, next John Nutt. Fine weather. ***Wed 15th*** Alexander & two men here this day hedging. Carry'd a load of coals to the school. John begun the school again on his own account on second day last. ***Thu 16th*** Did not go to Meeting this day. The hedgers all here. To finish this week if the weather prove favourable. ***Fri 17th*** Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. But badly attended: no elders from Whitehaven or Issell. John Wilson & Isaac Hall representatives. ***Sat 18th*** The hedgers here. Finish'd the work at present. Settled with Alexander and paid him in full. This week pretty good weather but a cold southerly wind.

Sun 19th At Meeting, the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Made an agreement with [Edward] Gray for 56lb. black lead dust for the paper mill[213] & I am to take paper for it in exchange. Got a ream fine ditto. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. The London and Northern Yearly Meeting Queries read. Pass'd J. Drewry's marriage. ***Wed 22nd*** Ploughing ley in

Shortlands the 2nd day. It turns up pretty rich. Lads at school. A strong gale from about SSW and looks like a storm. ***Thu 23rd*** A wet night. Ploughing in the Shortlands. ***Sat 25th*** Ploughing in Shortlands.

Sun 26th At Meeting deliver'd to Elihu Robinson the papers for the Quarter Meeting. So unwell can't go. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Samuel Pearson: he agreed to let me have some money about May. ***Tue 28th*** My disorder continues. Not able to write or do any business in that way. Finished the ley ploug[h]ing. ***Wed 29th*** A thick snow and very sharp frost. Threshing. Can do [no] work out of doors. Very cold. ***Thu 30th*** Wrote sundry letters, viz. to Mary Harrison, Daniel Offley, Thomas Barber Esqr., Derby, and Thomas Winn. Weather yet cold and frosty. ***Fri 31st*** Sent Isaac to the paper mill with 56lb. black lead dust. He went to Cockermouth after to put the letters into the post & also wrote to Edward Gray about the lead, paper &c.

April 1775

Sat 1st The frost & snow mostly gone. Ploughing in New Close; fallowing for barley. Weather cold with some hail.

Sun 2nd Did not get to the Meeting. My face much swell'd with the tooth ake. Weather pretty moderate. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not get to Cockermouth. My face continue swell'd. Ploughing in New Close: finish'd the fallows. ***Tue 4th*** Ploughing this day in Corn Close for oats. Joseph cutting & leading wood to the hill top hedge. A fine day for working but cold & showers of hail. ***Wed 5th*** Elihu Robinson here warning to the burial of Sarah Wilson, widow of the late Christopher Wilson. She died at Eaglesfield and is to be buried there tomorrow. They warn at eight o'clock. ***Thu 6th*** Attended the funeral of Sarah Wilson. She was buried at Eaglesfield about 2 o'clock p.m. A pretty large funeral. She has left a will which is in my hands. ***Sat 8th*** Sowing oats in Shortlands ley. It took near six bushels. Got two bushels of early oats from the farmer of Dean New Close. Fine weather.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Went after to Kirby about John Fawcett affair. He continues in his resolution to marry his servant girl as she is with child to him. Agreed to give up his deeds and to depend upon his father's will, which I am to make against 4th day evening next. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman. With Richard Ramsey and Samuel Pearson. I have got the promise of 100£ from S.P. [*Samuel Pearson*] about the midle of May. ***Tue 11th*** Prepairing a draft of Joseph Fawcett's will according to the orders taken at Kirby. Ploughing and sowing big stubble. Got 4 bushels of oats from John Pearson, How. ***Wed 12th*** Ploughing in Near Whinney. Finished the will and got it executed at Kirby this evening. It was given to Jonah Dixon to keep. ***Thu 13th*** This morning about 6 o'clock John Fawcett and Jane Card, his servant, who is with child to him, took each other as man and man [*sic, for 'wife'*] at the meeting house at Pardshow-hall.[214] ***Fri 14th*** Wrote to John Nixon & sent him a copy of the bill of loading of 2 casks of black lead from Bristol. Also wrote to Ware and son about John Fawcett clandestine

marriage.[215] ***Sat 15th*** Yesterday afternoon attended the burial of John Dickinson of High Trees: a pretty large funeral. Sowing oats in the Corn Close. Got in above 20 bushels.

Sun 16th At Meeting. John Fawcett and his bride there. The Preparative Meeting after. Fawcet's affair to be laid before the Monthly Meeting. Cold, showry weather. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair little better than a common market day. With Peter Pearson from Whitehaven. He gives a bad account of trade in general. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was very large. Signed Barbara Drewrey's certificate to Friends in Ireland on a religious visit. Two presentations of marriage. ***Wed 19th*** Wrote a reply to the auditor's remarks on the Indian speech and a letter to John Nixon about John Wilson's letter to me requiring his answer. A fine day but cold. ***Thu 20th*** Finish'd leading manure to the Moss-head for oats. Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon about examining George Bell's accounts. A fine, moderate day. ***Fri 21st*** Wrote a long letter to Richard Dearman reciting the import of John Wilson's letter to me, and keep'd a copy. Made sundry extracts from the Whitehaven paper about John Fawcett's marriage &c. ***Sat 22nd*** Finish'd ploughing and sowing oats this day. Sow'd near 23 bushels in all. Dry weather and a pretty fine season. Begun Jonathan Dixon's lease.

Sun 23rd H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] here in the morning. Agreed to go to Workington on 7 day to make an agreement with Joseph Robinson. Went to Cockermouth after; the adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting. Signed the answers to Queries &c. ***Mon 24th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. About the lease between Jonathan Dixon & Peter Mirehouse; yearly rent 30£ at two equal payments. Ploughing for potatoes. ***Tue 25th*** Richard Dearman came here this forenoon and dined. Went to Jonathan Dixon sale after. It came to upwards of 65£. Things sold in general well. Windy day & showry. ***Wed 26th*** Went to Usebridge. Met Richard Ramsey there. Intended to go to see Samuel Pearson but concluded to return. R.R. [*Richard Ramsey*] to do the business for me with S.P. [*Samuel Pearson*] ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting. But thin on account of the season. Ploughing the ground for potatoes. Adam here 3 days hedging. ***Fri 28th*** Leading manure to potatoes. A very hot day. Weather very fine. ***Sat 29th*** Went to Workington. Made an agreement with Joseph Robertson about the mortgage. To continue for 5 years from 1st May next @ 4½ per cent. Richard Dearman at H.B.'s [*Henry Bowman's*]. Fine day.

Sun 30th At Meeting: the General Meeting. Very large; house much crouded. Richard Dearman and sundry others here at dinner. R.D. stay'd all night and went to Whitehaven next day.

May 1775

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Jackson the carrier. He is to inform me next week what the carriage will be from here to Derby. ***Tue 2nd*** Leading manure to Back of Wood. Dry weather and a very fine season for puting in the barley. ***Wed 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair. Sold a cow and calf for £7 9s.

Cattle that were in good condition sold well. A very large fair. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting. Hannah [*Harris*] preach'd an excellent sermon on watchfullness. Meeting but thin on account of the season. ***Fri 5th*** Sew the Back of Wood: in very good order. Went with wife to Todall to visit Sarah Fawcett. She is very weak & to appearance can't live many hours. ***Sat 6th*** Sarah Fawcett died last night about 10 o'clock and is to be buried at Pardshow-hall tomorrow afternoon. Leading manure to upper side of New Close.

Sun 7th Attended the funeral of Sarah Fawcett which was very large. Hannah [*Harris*] preach'd an excellent sermon. Meeting very still & quiet tho' much crouded. The subject was "Blessed are the undefiled in the Way" (Psal. 119.1); "Blessed are the pure in heart" &c. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. Agreed with T. Jackson, carrier, for the carriage of a cask, weight 12 sto[ne], to Derby, of white mettle to be try'd or assay'd at Derby by John Barber Esqr.[216] ***Tue 9th*** Showry in the forenoon. Leading manure after to New Close. Got it done. Weather now cold and showry. ***Wed 10th*** Ploughing in New Close. Egremont court this day. Did not get: throng, and am to go to Whitehaven tomorrow. Weather showry, cold and broken. ***Thu 11th*** Set forward to Whitehaven. Got there about 11 o'clock. Dined with Richard Dearman and John Skyrin at Mally Brockbank's. About William Skyrin's affairs. Lodged at Hannah Todhunter's. ***Fri 12th*** At Whitehaven. With John Dixon, merchant, about R. Smithson's and stocking company's dividends. 10s per lb. [sic] is paid at two dividends, viz. 4s 6d & 5s 6d. The remaining 10s per lb. to be divided in a short time. ***Sat 13th*** At home. Went yesterday with John Nixon and waited upon Henry Ellison Esqr. about the debt due from the estate of the late Sarah Hicks of £15 18s. Could not get the account settled with him.

Sun 14th Went to the Meeting in the morning. Finished my letter to John Wilson and wrote to John Barber Esqr. at Stansby House near Derby. The cask went by the Kendal carrier on 4th day. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth. Dr. Wilson at last court got William Hudson found free and then Sir James Lowther for the burgage at Cockermouth. This removes all Sir James's objections to it. ***Tue 16th*** With Samuel Pearson yesterday. Agreed to go to Bassenthwaite chappel on 2nd day or 7th day this week for the money I am to have of him upon interest. Joseph gone for slate to Joseph Fisher. ***Wed 17th*** Nothing remarkable. The weather continue cold with showers mix'd with hail; the wind mostly northerly. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Meeting. Spoke with John Harris, John Wilson, Elihu Robinson &c about the school & the opposition likely to be met with from the chapel party. They agree to support the master. ***Fri 19th*** Henry Bowman & Richard Dearman here this afternoon. R.D. stay'd all night. Settled with Thomas Burnyeat & Thomas Robinson: they paid my bill. Gardner here. ***Sat 20th*** Richard Dearman set forward this morning for Kendal in his way home. To keep a correspondence and to write each other upon all necessary occasions.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Some talk about the school. Agreed to continue it &c. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Settled with Joseph Hutchinson and paid him the ballance: £14 13s 0d in full of accounts. N.B. He ows me for 2 skins. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly

Meeting. It was very large. Signed John Fawcett's paper of denial and released the two marriages &c. Much business: much fatigued. ***Wed 24th*** The taylor here this week turning Isaac's clothes. Gardner came again yesterday and to finish this week. Weather came wet in afternoon. Leading stones off Croft. ***Thu 25th*** Isaac and William gone to the coals with 3 horses and two coops. Showry fine weather for the ground. Joseph hedging. ***Fri 26th*** Two drainers came this day, working in Middle-Close hedge. Weather the same as before. ***Sat 27th*** Drainers here this day, about casting the gutter between the Moss and Shortlands. Fine weather.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. The General Meeting to be held at Cockermouth this day week. ***Mon 29th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very dry weather and seems as if it would continue. Drainers here. ***Tue 30th*** Very hot weather. Drainers begun with the gutter in Mosser Moss. It will take them a considerable time. ***Wed 31st*** Went to Cockermouth to the beast fair. Joseph and Billy there with two heffers. Sold them both. Young beasts sold well.

June 1775

Thu 1st At Meeting in the forenoon; with the drainers after. Weather continues hot and dry. ***Fri 2nd*** Drainers finished the gutter on the north side of the Moss and begun the other next the Carr. Much grown up and full of sludge. ***Sat 3rd*** Weather still continues very hot and dry; to appearance a drought. Drainers got up to our meadow this evening.

Sun 4th At Meeting in the forenoon, but very thin on account of the General Meeting. Isaac & John gone to Cockermouth. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. Signed a bond to Joseph Rigg of Black Dyke in the parish of Abbey Holm for 100£, interest £4 10s per cent, attested by Henry Bowman, dated this day. ***Tue 6th*** Gave my note yesterday to Samuel Pearson for £80 @ 5 per cent. To prepare a bond for that & the 20£ I got before, against this day 2 weeks. A throng fair; servants pretty high. Hot weather. ***Wed 7th*** Richard Ramsey here yesterday afternoon. Lent him one guinea; to pay when convenient. A fine rain yesterday & this day. Joseph gone to help Alexander [*Payton*] to shift to Pardshow. ***Thu 8th*** Did not get to the Meeting. Jonathan Wilson, schoolmaster, here this forenoon. He setts forward home this afternoon. ***Fri 9th*** Weather still continues very hot. Drainers working in Moss gutter. The[y] came yesterday morning. Adam here hedging these two days. ***Sat 10th*** Isaac went to Cockermouth yesterday with two bags of black lead sold John Mouncey, weight 73lb.[217] Took R. Noble's note for 4£ @ 6 months. Drainers here 3 days this week.

Sun 11th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. The hot weather still continues. Select Preparative Meeting. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Isaac for provisions. Drainers here. Weather hot and dry. ***Tue 13th & Wed 14th*** Drainers here. Weather ditto. ***Thu 15th*** Drainers here. Wife gone to the Meeting. Weather ditto. ***Fri 16th*** Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. Elihu Robinson & John Wilson representatives. Drainers here. Weather ditto. ***Sat 17th*** Drainers here. They finished this evening. Settled with Alexander Patton and paid him in full.

Sun 18th At Meeting, the Preparative Meeting after. George Jones & Hannah here in the afternoon. George setts forward for London tomorrow. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. Signed a bond to Samuel Pearson for 100£ @ £5 per cent dated the 5th inst for 1 year and took in my notes for the same sum. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Queries read. Received some new books for registers & records in a new method from London. ***Wed 21st*** Went with wife to John Woodvill's, Whitekeld, in the afternoon. Weather appears to be changing; some showers, but warm. ***Thu 22nd*** Two wrights here this day sawing wood for railing off the oak wood. Weather showry. ***Fri 23rd*** Wrights here about ditto. Isaac gone to the coals. Weather seems to continue showry. To go to Workington tomorrow about prepairing the introgataries &c. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Workington. Met John Nixon. Agreed that H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] should go to Lawyer Harrison and give instructions for the introgataries &c.

Sun 25th Isaac Robinson, Suse &c. here in the afternoon. At the Meeting in the morning. Weather fine & showry. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Robinson. Paid him Jonathan's annuity due out of Mosser land to the 25th March last and took his receipt. A fine day. ***Tue 27th*** Alexander and man here about the Bank road. It will take them about two days. They begun to hack up & level the road near the Bank gate. It proves very hard. ***Wed 28th*** About the road. The weather continues very favourable but too dry. Lowry [*Lawrence Hunter*] the taylor here, making Isaac new close. He is to be here this week. ***Thu 29th*** Set forward this morning a quarter before 6 o'clock and got to Hesket in Coldbeck a quarter before ten. Attended the Quarter Meeting, which was well conducted and to satisfaction. ***Fri 30th*** At Hesket. The Meeting for Worship begun this day at 9 o'clock and ended before one. The meeting was pretty large & agreably conducted. Got home about 7 in the evening.

July 1775

Sat 1st Taylor here; Joseph threshing; Isaac gone to the coals. Day cloudy and casts some rain but doth not appear to be much.

Sun 2nd At the Meeting in the morning. General Meeting to be at Whitehaven this day week. Wrote a long letter about 2 weeks ago for Jacob Hudson to the Society of Arts about his new improvement about stills, pott-metal worm; brewing ale without fire. See his minutes in my hand. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the rainy morning. Sent Isaac in the afternoon with a letter to John & David Barclay, London, inclosing a London bill for £50 on account of Mary Harrison. ***Tue 4th*** Two wrights here sawing wood for railing off the young oak wood. Isaac gone to the coals. Joseph threshing the remainder of barley. Weather continue showry. Taylor still here. ***Wed 5th*** Writing out a fair copy of my observations and remarks on tithes. Isaac gone to the coals; taylor here. Forepart of the day wet; rest pretty fair. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the morning. About copying my remarks on tithes. Made some ammendments in the first draft, both in the introduction & remarks. ***Fri 7th*** The taylor still here. He will finish his work this evening. Settled

with him and paid him in full. ***Sat 8th*** Weather showry and seems unsettled. Just beginning to mow. General complaint this year that the hay is very thinn owing to the dry weather.

Sun 9th Went to the Meeting in the morning. Isaac Robinson here in the afternoon. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Thomas Burnyeat about the trusteeship at Mosser. He requests me to bring a copy of the will with me this day week. ***Tue 11th*** Very unwell in the strangery complaint. A suppression of urine and a violent pain in my kidneys. A very great pain in making water. Got some ease this afternoon. ***Wed 12th*** Alexander Patton here working in the Moss. Taking off the hills for making it level. They will be good fireing. Mowing in Undergarth meadow & ley in Corn-Close. ***Thu 13th*** My complaint still continues but am much better. Did not get to the Meeting. Weather continue showry & very slow hay weather; heavy showers. ***Fri 14th*** Thunder and very great showers of rain. Got the horse gelded in the evening. It proved a very difficult operation on account of stoping the blood. ***Sat 15th*** Horse begun to swell. No apparent danger yet. William Mokinson of Winscales was the gelder. Got in the Bleach Yard hay this evening.

Sun 16th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Lads gone to Pardshow in the afternoon. Weather cloudy, but not much rain. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Rudd & James Fletcher. Agreed that James should sign a warrant of attorney to John Rudd on our joint account & to enter up a judgement directly. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was but small on account of the season. The affair about the school came on. It was agreed that William Woodvill, John Robinson, William Allason & self should speak to John Usher about the ground and to purchase it of him if we can & to talk him pretty closely over about it. ***Wed 19th*** Attended the funeral of Peter Hudson this day. He is much lamented. ***Thu 20th*** Throng about the hay. Yesterday got 10 carts. Mowing this day. Weather cloudy in the forenoon; clar'd up in the afternoon. Put the hay into fine order. ***Fri 21st*** Still very throng about the hay. Sent for John Usher this evening. He came. Talk'd him over about the old smithy which he pretends he has sold to the actors for the chappel in order to build a school-house upon, which is within 8 or 10 yards of our school and calculated on purpose to prejudice us & out of a malicious view to injure & anoy our school.[218]

Sun 23rd At Meeting. Gave notice of the General Meeting to be at Broughton this day week. Met John Fearon in the afternoon at Pardshow about Ballantine's bill on account of Thomas Jefferson's trustees. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met John Fearon, T. Benson, Lawson Dykes Ballantine & J. Brougham at Edward Jones's about the bill. It appear'd from a letter wrote by said Ballantine to John Senhouse Esqr. that he made no claim on Jefferson but was advis'd that the said Senhouse must be made a party to the bill & would indemnify him against costs &c. Said letter to be prov'd if thought necessary. ***Wed 26th*** Got 6 carts of hay yesterday afternoon. Alexander here this day & yesterday & is come this week & Joseph to go with him the next. Gardener here this day. Showry in forenoon. ***Thu 27th*** Did not get to the Meeting, so very throng about the hay. Alexander here mowing along with Isaac & Joseph. Weather very hot and inclinable to thunder.

Got Undergarth hay. ***Fri 28th*** Very heavy showers of rain last night and this day. Got the Brakenhill meadow and ley mow'd this day. Alexander & gardener here. ***Sat 29th*** Alex and gardner here. Showry in the forenoon but clear'd up after. About the hay. Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon about James Fletcher affairs. With him & John Rudd.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Very thinn on account of General Meeting. No appearance in publick. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. James Fletcher return'd this evening from Annan on account of signing a deed of trust to John Rudd & signing his and my notes. Showry weather.

August 1775

Tue 1st Concluded that James Fletcher is to return again on 4th day morning to Annan. A bailiff is now keept in the house. The sales of his goods to begin tomorrow. ***Wed 2nd*** Isaac Robinson & son Isaac gone to Keswick to Maudland fair. A very heavy rain and thunder in the forenoon. Went to Pardshowhall in the evening about new school. ***Thu 3rd*** Met about the school-house. Had the affair talk'd over. They agreed to desist from building on yon place and gave the waller orders to proceed no further until further orders. ***Fri 4th*** Throng about the hay. The weather continues broken and showry. Corn very forward this season. ***Sat 5th*** Went to Whitehaven. With John Nixon: told him what I had heard was intended against him. Settled with John Dixon and he paid me the ballance.

Sun 6th At Meeting. Jacob Ostell here in the afternoon. A fine day. Weather seems rather more settled. ***Mon 7th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Rudd. Sale of James Fletcher goods again this afternoon. Sold well. ***Tue 8th*** Jacob Hudson of Water-end died yesterday evening of the bad, putrid fever after about six day's sickness. He lost much blood and is much lamented being an ingenious, inoffensive young man. ***Wed 9th*** Jacob Hudson was buried this day at Pardshowhall. A large funeral; no preachers there. Last night much rain and a flood. Pretty moderate in the afternoon. ***Thu 10th*** A fine moderate day. Cloudy in the forepart. Sent Isaac to Brigham for some salmon fish. John Messenger to meet him there. Messenger disapointed us: did not come. ***Fri 11th*** Got all the hay this day, but a cart load in Back of Wood meadow. Weather still showry and warm with frequent loud claps of thunder. ***Sat 12th*** Showry this day. About mowing the hay. Have got plenty of hay: the meadows fuller than last year; the leys not much more than half.

Sun 13th At Meeting; but very thin on account of the weather. We hear that Barbara Drewry and Mary Robinson is return'd from their visit to Ireland &c. ***Mon 14th*** Sent Isaac to Cockermouth in the afternoon with a letter to H. Bowman. Begun to shear oats this day in Great Whinney. They are pretty good and quite ripe. ***Tue 15th*** A cloudy, warm day. Shearing oats in ditto. Showry in the afternoon. ***Wed 16th*** Shearing in ditto. Finished the early oats in Whinney: about 53 shocks. Weather pretty favourable this day. ***Thu 17th*** At Meeting in the morning. They have now begun to build their school house at the far end of our meeting house

yard. ***Fri 18th*** Set forward this morning with son Isaac for the Assizes at Carlisle. Called at Cockermouth. Got John Rudd & his clerk company. Dined at Red Dial & lodged at the Goat, Carlisle. ***Sat 19th*** At Carlisle. Judges Gould & Ashurst came in yesterday about 6 o'clock. Open'd their commission. They went to church this forenoon and begun to try causes about 12 o'clock.

Sun 20th At Braken-hill. Got here last night about 11 o'clock. Went to Solport meeting & dined with Thomas Irving. Came back to Braken-hill with John Graham's wife & so to Carlisle that night. N.B. Attended the Meeting at Carlisle on 7th day which began at 2 o'clock p.m. No causes from any of the Monthly Meetings. ***Mon 21st*** At Carlisle. Attended the Assizes until this day at 3 o'clock p.m. Went with John Rudd and son Isaac to Annan. Lodged at M. Robinson's, the King's Arms. A very good house & good lodgings. ***Tue 22nd*** At Annan. James Fletcher here and one Buck from Kendal, both absconded from their creditors. To get James' affairs settled so soon as we can. Came away about 3 p.m.; cross'd about 5 ditto.[219] ***Wed 23rd*** Got home last night a little past 12 o'clock, much fatigued. We rode from Boulness near six in the evening. A very agreable journey. Weather fine with some showers. ***Thu 24th*** Throng shearing oats in the Shortlands. They are very good and ripe. There is a very great appearance of a fine crop both here and in the neighbouring parts of Scotland. ***Fri 25th*** Shearing oats in ditto. Weather pretty moderate. Got Whinney haver this day: 56 stooks. ***Sat 26th*** Finish'd Shortlands oats this day. Got it all cutt & sett up in good order. Quantity: 172 stooks.

Sun 27th At Meeting. Showry day. At home afternoon. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. James Fletcher affairs continue in the same distress'd situation. He is still in Scotland. They talk of a statute to be taken out against him. ***Tue 29th*** Weather showry and very slow harvest weather. Corn pretty near all ready. Gardner came this day. ***Wed 30th*** Weather much the same. Shearing in Corn Close. This field is a little droughted but the corn in generall good. Mostly early oats. ***Thu 31st*** At Meeting, but very small on account of the wet season. Jane Pearson came here this afternoon. She intends to stay this week. Weather showry.

September 1775

Fri 1st Joseph at Whitehaven market yesterday: butter @ 7d; cheese 1¼[d] per lb.; potatoes from 2½d to 3d per hoop. Begun to shear in the Mosshead this afternoon. Good oats. ***Sat 2nd*** Working in the garden, manuring the borders all round. A pretty moderate day. A fine wind; some flying showers.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Jane Pearson here. Isaac Robinson &c here in the afternoon. Fine weather. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with Jane Pearson and paid the remainder of her interest in full, viz. 4s 6d. 18s paid long before: together £1 2s 6d. Wrote Thomas Winn & John Nixon. ***Tue 5th*** Gardner came again yesterday. To finish us out this week. Came on rain about 10 o'clock. This day shearing in Moss-head. ***Wed 6th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather continue broken and wet.

Thu 7th At Meeting. Shearing in Whinney. ***Sat 9th*** Gardner finish'd this evening. Settled with him & paid him in full.

Sun 10th At Meeting. John Nixon there. Sett forward with him & Henry Bowman in the afternoon for Kendal to take Lawyer Harrison's oppinion and settle the introgatories on account of the cause if it should be brought to a commission. ***Mon 11th*** At Keswick. Set forward about 8 a.m. Dined at Ambleside and lodged at the King's Arms, Petty's. A very good inn and good lodging. ***Tue 12th*** At Kendal. Went this forenoon to Lawyer Miles Harrison's. Got his opinion and settled the introgatories in C.W.'s [*Christopher Wilson's*] cause in Chancery. He has taken great pains about it. ***Wed 13th*** Sett forward this morning a little before seven. Breakfasted at Ambleside; dined at Keswick and got home about 6 o'clock in the evening. Weather showry. ***Thu 14th*** Got all the oats shorn this day: 683 shocks in all, viz. in Whinney 289; in Moss-head 62; in Shortlands 172; in Corn Close 160. Very showry. ***Fri 15th*** At the Select Monthly Meeting. John Harris, Isaac Hall representatives to Quarterly Meeting. Some new members agreed to be chosen, viz. 4 for Pardshow & one for Cockermouth. ***Sat 16th*** Isaac sett forward about 12 o'clock this day, intended for Scotland to visit Thomas Winn. He intends to go over from Whitehaven to Kirkudbright or Whithorn if can get a passage.[220]

Sun 17th Went to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. A very fine day. ***Mon 18th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Got a cartload of corn. Weather still continue showry and a strong southerly wind. Slow harvest weather. ***Tue 19th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Yearly Meeting agreed to be at Keswick. The same to be offer'd to Quarter Meeting. ***Wed 20th*** Got two cart loads of corn yesterday and fetched in the geese from the common; in number 19. Settled with John Usher and allow'd him 5s in account with wife about butter. ***Thu 21st*** A very wet day; much thunder and lightning & a flood. Clear'd up in the after part of the day. Corn very wet & will take some time to get it in order again. ***Fri 22nd*** Alexander Patton & man & daughter here shearing. A fine day. Settled with Matthew Black and clear'd the account. Got some corn in the afternoon out of Corn Close. ***Sat 23rd*** Got all the barley shorn this day, in all 128 shocks. Very fine corn. Got in all the oats this day. A very fine crop and in good condition.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Went with wife to Joseph Black's in the afternoon. A very hot day. We hear Jane Pearson's son is dead of the fever & the rest of children very ill. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. With George Bell, John Rudd &c. about business. With Peggy Tolson: to look for Martin's lease, if void upon division or sale of the land. A division and sale is intended. ***Tue 26th*** About the barley. Got Back of Wood, 75 shocks. Came on rain in the evening. John Fletcher here in the p.m. upon various subjects, the Materialists &c. ***Wed 27th*** Joseph gone to Cockermouth for Suse Gill line. A fine day. Prepairing for the Quarterly Meeting. ***Thu 28th*** Set forward this morning with wife and John for the Quarterly Meeting which begun about the 10th hour and was pretty large. Yearly Meeting proposed to be at Keswick and a committee appointed to meet at Keswick on the 12th next month, of which I am one, to enquire, agree and report about the accomodation &c. ***Fri 29th*** At Cockermouth. Lodged at George Bell's. ***Sat 30th*** The meetings were well

conducted & believe to general satisfaction. Joseph gone about the coals for himself. He broke the great coup axle-tree & got it mended at Eaglesfield.

October 1775

Sun 1st At Meeting. Got the remainder of the French barley yesterday evening. It is very good and pretty well got. Very fine weather; an extraordinary season. ***Mon 2nd*** Joseph gone to the coals. John Head here in the morning about Ruth Payle cause in Chancery. To go to Branthwaite first opportunity & to go to Cockermouth to speak with Brougham &c. ***Tue 3rd*** Joseph gone to coals again for the lime kiln. Wife gone to Eaglesfield. Agreed with Peter Pearson for the house at Cockermouth, yearly rent £3 3s. Rest same as Jonathan Wilson. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting. Very small. Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon at the request of Ruth Payle. Took instructions for her will. To devise land late James's. ***Fri 6th*** Finish'd the writing out the 1st book Telemachus in English verse. In general a pretty good performance. ***Sat 7th*** Went to Mosser in the evening. Drew an article between John Fearon, the younger, and Jonah Dixon.

Sun 8th At Meeting; but small. Sarah Glaister came here this evening. John Robinson of Pardshow here. ***Mon 9th*** Sarah Glaister here. Went to William Allason's, Mossergate, in the evening with wife and S.G. [*Sarah Glaister*]. Stay'd until bedtime. Pretty moderate weather. ***Tue 10th*** Went to Cockermouth with S.G to the fair. A great number of beasts & horses. Both pretty low, save good horses & milk cows, & young beasts bore a good price. ***Wed 11th*** With I. Fletcher & wife, Low Leys, talking about the school & sundry subjects. With Thomas Scott and others about holding the Yearly Meeting at Keswick. ***Thu 12th*** To go to Keswick. Set forward with William Allason and Peter Pearson this morning about 7 o'clock. Got there about 10. Several of the committee there and agreed that Keswick was a proper place to hold said meeting at. Agreed upon a field very suitable for that purpose offer'd by Joshua Scott. Agreed to errect a shade 24 yards by 20 & also a place for the W[omen']s Meeting. ***Sat 14th*** Joseph Fawcett here. Paid him the free rent and toll rent 1s 9¼d. Egremont court is proclaimed to be held on 3rd day the 17th current. Weather heavy showers of rain & high winds.

Sun 15th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. A very fine day; wind westerly. John Carlisle here in the night. Paid for cows &c. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. Very wett day; a thin market. Butcher meat pretty low: bought very good beef @ 2½d. Very wet in coming home. ***Tue 17th*** Went to Egremont. Attended the court. Several of Mosser people fined for non-attendence and paid their fines to John Benson, bailiff for Lord Egremont. ***Wed 18th*** A fine day. Leading lime from Bouch Field kiln. Got home 54 bushels. Making Ruth Payle's will; but short. Made a devise to convey Joseph James land &c. ***Thu 19th*** Alexander Patton and man here mixing lime. A showry day; turn'd very rainy in the afternoon. They went home soon after dinner. ***Fri 20th*** A wet, showry day. Writing a deed between John Fearon, younger, and Jonah Dixon of a field and houses called Low-how &c. ***Sat 21st*** Went to Dean. Attended the court there. Did

not get the deeds executed. Jane Ritson's attorney did not appear, so a special court is to be appointed for that purpose.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Affair about the school re-considered. A subscription proposed & agreed unto. About £8 3s 0d subscribed & about £4 interest. Jonah Dixon & wife & daughter and John Wilkinson here in the afternoon. A fine day. Isaac came home from Scotland this night; very well. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Isaac came in afternoon. Met about the shade building at Keswick. Several proposals brought in. Thomas Wilson the lowest. Agreed with him & signed article for £32 10s 0d. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting, which was pretty large. David Fell and Jane Piper got their liberty to marry. John Ritson and wife there from Tyrell near Penrith. ***Wed 25th*** Throng about taking up the potatoes. They are pretty good and rank. Isaac gone to Workington. Got the two remaining volumes of Dryden's Virgil; and cash from H.B. [*Henry Bowman*]. ***Thu 26th*** Isaac gone to Whitehaven. Wrote to Thomas Winn about the mines in Scotland. Agreed to take a share with them. Taking up potatoes. ***Fri 27th*** Throng about the potatoes. Weather pretty moderate. ***Sat 28th*** About drawing the bond for building the shade from Thomas Wilson and Thomas Scott to Isaac Hall, John Ellwood and myself, trustees for the meeting, in £100 penalty.

Sun 29th At Meeting. Mally Hodgson there; appear'd in publick. Gave good advice but in a very low dejected voice. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. Ingrossed the bond about building the shade upon stamp and got the same executed by Thomas Wilson and Thomas Scott and attested. ***Tue 31st*** About the potatoes. Fine weather. Nothing remarkable.

November 1775

Wed 1st About ditto. Did not get to the Meeting. ***Thu 2nd*** Nothing remarkable. Gardner here. About drawing an advertisement about the school. ***Fri 3rd*** Attended the special court at Dean. Got Jonah Dixon's deed executed from John Fearon, younger. ***Sat 4th*** John Mirehouse here trying for a quarry on the top of Bankheads. A fine bed of stone appears. Expect there may be sufficient got to make the hedge.

Sun 5th At Meeting. Mally [*Hodgson*] there. Spoke pretty well but too low. Went to see the quarry in the afternoon. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. A cold day and a sharp northerly wind. With Brougham about Ruth Payle's affair. At Sarah Allason's: got instructions for assignment in trust of personals. ***Tue 7th*** At Branthwaite in the afternoon. Executed Ruth Payle's will: Stephen Grave executor and devisee of Joseph James's estate. ***Wed 8th*** About taking up potatoes. Very fine weather. Roads pretty dry. John Mirehouse here on 2nd day quarying &c. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting, but small. Mally Hodgson there. Joseph threshing oats. Weather dry; wind northerly. Isaac gone to the coals. ***Fri 10th*** About prepairing a draft of an assignment from Sarah Allason & Jonathan Wilkinson, her intended husband, to Peter Winder and Isaac Fletcher. Consideration £700 and 1/16 part or share of the

ship *Lively*, Nicholas Marledale commander, of Mary Port. Weather moderate. Isaac at home.

Sun 12th A stormy day. Went to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. Read the draft of assignment to Sarah Allason. She agrees to it and orders it to be ingross'd and made ready for signing on this day week. ***Tue 14th*** A cold day. Made ready 12½ bushels of oats and carry'd it to the mill for meal. Isaac Robinson here. Had a roasted goose for dinner. ***Wed 15th*** Isaac gone this forenoon to Keswick with his gun to Thomas Scott. Joseph at smithy getting the cart wheels naild anew and the iron well'd & lengthen'd. ***Thu 16th*** A sale on 3rd day evening of the late Pen Hutchinson's land but the[y] did not get it sold. Fine weather but frosty and cold. ***Fri 17th*** About ingrossing the assignment on a threepenny sheet of stamp'd paper. ***Sat 18th*** About ditto. At mill yesterday with 12½ bushels oats. N.B. Joseph got six pecks and keept a part for the cow. Very good meal. At Todall Pasture survey.

Sun 19th At Meeting, the Preparative Meeting after. Isaac not returned. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Took the assignment with me. Had it read but it is not signed. J.W. [*Jonathan Wilkinson*] desired a week time for consideration. Settled with Robert Barns. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting. Jonathan Wilkinson and Sarah Allason proposed their marriage. Meeting well conducted and large. ***Wed 22nd*** Alexander Patton & man here this day making up Bank hedge. Close foggy weather. Isaac came home this evening from Keswick. ***Thu 23rd*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. Alex & man here about ditto. To send a copy of article to Keswick and to write to Henry Bowman &c. ***Fri 24th*** Went to Todall Pasture.[221] Met John Ritson, Jonathan Wood & the owners, setting of the respective shares. Some disputes still continue among them. ***Sat 25th*** Went again to Todall Pasture. Measuring the shares over. They got near over them this day. Met again at James Graham's at night and supp'd there.

Sun 26th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Weather still continues very moderate but foggy. Barometer very low. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got the assignment executed. To make them a coppy of it and also of the bond & will. Brought them with me for that purpose. ***Tue 28th*** Went again to the Pasture. Got the owners' shares sett off. Some disagreement yet continue respecting the method of division. Sup'd at J.G.'s [*James Graham's*] as before. ***Wed 29th*** Alexander [*Payton*] and man here this week about the hedges. They are now about Whinney lonning, casting it on the lane side. Weather yet continue moderate. ***Thu 30th*** A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. About writing out copy of the assignment. Joseph threshing.

December 1775

Fri 1st About copying the assignment between Jonathan Wilkinson & Sarah Allason and trustees, and of bond and will ready against 2nd day. ***Sat 2nd*** About Todall Pasture, calcalating and adjusting the shares. Jonah [*Dixon*] gets above 32 acres for 9 grasses.

Sun 3rd At Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Deliver'd the copies of assignment & bond & will to Sarah Allason and the originals to Peter Winder. To keep copy of will in my hand. ***Tue 5th*** About prepairing a draft of Todal Pasture article of division and inclosure. Very long. ***Wed 6th*** About ditto. Alexander and man here about Shortlands hedge. Weather showry. ***Thu 7th*** A wet day. Met at Mosser again. Produced copy of article which was agreed to & order'd to be ingrossed. ***Fri 8th*** Sent to Cockermouth for a large skin of parchment for the article. Got to writing about midday. ***Sat 9th*** Got the article finished about 7 o'clock this evening & got the same executed by all the parties at Mosser.

Sun 10th Very unwell in the common disorder now going. Did not get to the Meeting. Weather moderate & showry. ***Mon 11th*** Unwell as well as all the rest of the family. Peggy [*Thompson*] came home last night late and this morning put up her close & went away home without leave or any provocation given by us, her and Ruth [*Johnson*] having some words between them. ***Tue 12th*** Disorder continue. ***Wed 13th*** A wet day. Joseph threshing. Lawrence [*Witted?*] came this forenoon and brought a hundred & half of thorns for planting. ***Thu 14th*** Nothing remarkable. Alexander and man here.

Sun 17th At Meeting, the Preparative Meeting after. A collection for the poor. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Brougham &c. about business. Got a bad misfortune in coming home by the mare falling with me. The mare falling, I endeavour'd to save myself by my left arm. Fell all my weight upon it which so strained the leaders &c. that I was afraid some bones were broke, knock'd out of their places, but hope it will prove only a severe strain. ***Tue 19th*** Could not go to the Meeting. ***Thu 21st*** Very lame. Can make no use of it. It is much swell'd and a perpetual pain night & day. ***Fri 22nd*** Arm much in the same way. We apply warm vinegar and flannel bandage. ***Sat 23rd*** Arm continues very painfull and useless. Can neither dress nor undress myself.

Sun 24th Begun to apply the Riga balsam. Think it is not quite so painfull. ***Mon 25th*** This being Christmas Day, idleness, gaming and luxury much abound in these parts amongst most ranks of people, to the great scandal of themselves and the religious principles they pretend to profess. ***Tue 26th*** Arm very little recover'd tho' the swelling begins to abate. ***Wed 27th*** Nothing remarkable. During my confinement I am reading over a book called "An Historical View of the Controversy Concerning an Intermediate State and the Seperate Existance of the Soul between Death and the General Resurection, deduced from the Begining of the Protestant Reformation to the Present Times, with some thoughts in a prefatory discourse on the use and importance of Theological Controversy." 2nd edition. By Archdeacon Blackburn. ***Sat 30th*** Arm mends very little yet. Begun to dip it in cold water in the morning and the balsam at going to bed. Get but little rest in the night.

Sun 31st Dare not go out to the Meeting. Much confined. The whole muscular system up to the shoulder is strained and those near the wrist appear to be almost tore from the bone. So ends this year's bood [*sic, for 'book'*].

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January 1776

Mon 1st This being New Year's Day, little or no business done in the country. Arm still continues lame; can make little use of it. ***Tue 2nd*** Confined yet within doors on account of the misfortune of my arm by the falling of my mare near Mosser. We use cold water & the Riga balsam. ***Wed 3rd*** Reading Blackburn's "Historical View about the Intermediate State of the Soul between Death & the Resurection". The author argues strongly for mortal scheme. He greatly blames several eminent and learned men who have wrote on the immortality of the soul as being in its own nature immortal & immaterial. ***Sat 6th*** John Mirehouse here quarying &c.

Sun 7th Did not go to the Meeting. My arm still continues very weak. Can make little use of it yet; the pain continues. ***Mon 8th*** Joseph went yesterday to Bolton to fetch five swine he had bought last week {at Thursby}. They are 20 week old; price about twelve shillings apiece. Got them home. ***Tue 9th*** Isaac at Cockermouth yesterday. George Bell wants to see me so soon as convenient. To get H. Bowman's papers about Collins and him to him tomorrow. ***Wed 10th*** The Quarter Sessions begun this day. Sir James Lowther there about the petition. Concluded to go down. ***Thu 11th*** Went with Isaac to Cockermouth. Sir James gone to Whitehaven last night. He refused to do any business. Intent upon his petition in favour of our enemies, the Americans. ***Fri 12th*** At Cockermouth. The Sessions ended this day about 12 o'clock. Settled the books at the warehouse and received the year's wages. ***Sat 13th*** At home. Extreemly fatigued with walking from Cockermouth. So lame can scarce walk over the floor. Sharp frost.

Sun 14th Very lame. Could not go to the Meeting. Severe frost & snow. ***Mon 15th*** Could not go to Cockermouth. The sale of James Fletcher's land this evening at the George. Philip Cragg, a Scotch lad, came this evening. ***Tue 16th*** I hired Philip to Whitsuntide for one shilling per week. Lawrence Wited here this week. Killed the cow this day: she proved pretty well. Had above 3 stone tallow; good beef. ***Wed 17th*** Joseph gone to Cockermouth with skin and tallow, 2½ stone. Sharp frost & a thick snow. Lawrence and lad threshing. Frost & snow. ***Thu 18th*** About leading out the rubidge from bleachyard to the Croft. Weather the same; showers of snow. ***Fri 19th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather continue very sharp and cold; frost very severe. ***Sat 20th*** Weather the same. Leading out lime and soil into the Croft. Lawrence here this week.

Sun 21st At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Weather the same. ***Mon 22nd*** Did not go to Cockermouth, weather so very sharp and cold. Lawrence Witted here again this week. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Got a

subpoena from Henry Lowes to attend the commission now sitting at the Globe in Cockermouth between Dykes Ballentine and Brisco of Crofton. ***Wed 24th*** Went to Cockermouth on said account but was not called. Got the business done by another. Came home in the night. ***Thu 25th*** Fatigued with walking home last night from Cockermouth. Weather still very sharp. Leading out the lime & soil mix'd and threshing. ***Fri 26th*** Frost very severe but not much snow: cover'd only about two inches dee[p]. Cattle can get very little in the fields; obliged to feed them. ***Sat 27th*** Finished the leading this day. Got about 16 ridges sett in the Croft. Very rank, for wheat next crop.

Sun 28th At Meeting. Extream cold and very sharp frost. Likely to continue. It has been now three weeks frost. ***Mon 29th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the extreem cold & sharp frost. It freezes to the very fire sides. ***Tue 30th*** Joseph gone to the coals. The weather the same. All the water all-most froze up. Can scarce get for the cattle. Nothing but good springs now open. ***Wed 31st*** The weather pretty much the same. A great complaint of the potatoes being frosted, the frost so very severe to [*sic, for 'so'*] no cover can save them.

February 1776

Thu 1st Weather the same in the forepart of the day. It begun to thow in the afternoon. It rained pretty fast and at same time froze it on the ground that it made one continued platt of ice. ***Fri 2nd*** It begun to thaw in earnest the latter part of this day and looks as if it would continue. ***Sat 3rd*** Joseph at coals yesterday. John Seaton here this afternoon. Paid him for the last goods 11s 6d and took up more, value £1 7s 6d.[222]

Sun 4th Did not get to the Meeting. A stormy day. Isaac and John there. They give account of Joseph Saul being there. He preached well upon Lam. 5c. 8v. &c. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. At Jonathan Wilkinson's; took instructions for assignment of lease from J.W. [*Jonathan Wilkinson*] and wife to John Simpson, yearly rent £7 7s for the life of the said Sarah with the reservation of the house she married from at £3 per annum rent if she chose to live in it &c. ***Wed 7th*** Wrote to William Eccleston & inclosed a copy of John Nicholson's will with my answers to some queries. Wrote John Tolson & inclosed draft of deeds. ***Thu 8th*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven with the hinder quarters of the swine which was kill'd on 3rd day by Matthew Black. Weight 20 sto[ne] 11lb. Sold to John Green at 4s per stone: £4 3s. ***Fri 9th*** A very stormy day; wind south and blew very hard in the night. Did damage to several houses &c. Intended to have gone to Workington but prevented by weather. ***Sat 10th*** Wind shifted westerly; more moderate. Barometer fallen about 3 degrees: at 30 this morning. It rose yesterday from 14 to about 33.

Sun 11th Went to the Meeting in the morning. At home after. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth this day. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 13th*** Weather continue very stormy and unsettled. Lads threshing. ***Wed 14th*** Wrote this day to James Stephens at Black-Cragg[223] and let him know I intended to be over in Scotland in a

little time. ***Thu 15th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon about Ruth Payle affairs. ***Fri 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. About R.P. [*Ruth Payle's*] business with John Brougham, who is greatly recovered from his indisposition. He to send in his bill to this time. ***Sat 17th*** Called also upon John Rudd who thinks it will be best to push forward the cause and oblige them to publication of the depositions taken at commission.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Isaac Robinson here in the evening. Agreed to go forward for Scotland the first favourable opportunity. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman, John Rudd &c. At Joseph Hutchinson's with Isaac about getting sea clothes for him. With George Bell & settled books. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Agreed to go forward tomorrow for Scotland. ***Wed 21st*** Set forward this day with son Isaac and Isaac Robinson for Scotland. Dined and lodged at Whitehaven, Joseph Todhunter's. Weather yet wet and unsettled. ***Thu 22nd*** At Whitehaven, waiting for a passage. Agreed with Captain James Steward of Whithorn. Spent the evening at George Miller's. Weather stormy and unsettled. ***Fri 23rd*** At Whitehaven. At John Casson's and other places. Agreed to go with Archibald Candlish, the sloop *Betty*, for Garis-town [*Garliestown*], being the nearest port we could get. A fine day. ***Sat 24th*** Sailed from this place about 3 o'clock this morning and arrived at Garis-town about 3 in the afternoon. Met with a storm of wind and rain. Very sea sick. Lodg'd at William Lawson's.

Sun 25th At Galloway-house. A showry cold day; snow and sleet. Viewed the walks and ground about this place. Good & in great order. Lodged again at William Lawson's. ***Mon 26th*** At Galloway-house. Hired a horse. Lads on foot. Set forward at 12 this day and got to Newton Stewart about 5 p.m. Lodged at the King's Arms, John Lowden's. A good house. ***Tue 27th*** At Newton Stewart. Sent for Thomas Winn last night. He came and stay'd pretty late. Had our conversation upon the new mine at Nocky-bay.[224] Went to Black-Cragg & lodged at Stephens'. ***Wed 28th*** At Black-Cragg. Set forward this morning about 8 for Nocky-bay. Took the chaise with James Stephens. Lads on foot. Stop'd at Glenluce; took fresh chaise to New Luce; went on horse back to the mine, about two miles. Got there about 3 p.m. ***Thu 29th*** At Newton Stewart. Got back to this place last night about 11 o'clock. Fatigued with the journey: about 50 English miles. A very promising prospect of a good mine. Brought some samples.

March 1776

Fri 1st At Black-Cragg. Dined yesterday at Robert Harrison's and lodged here. Wrote the minutes of Nocybay lease. A man kill'd here this morning by falling down the shaft. ***Sat 2nd*** At Black-Cragg, viewing the works. Dined at Stephens's. Came down in the evening to Newton Stewart. William Lawson came here this evening. To sett forward home tomorrow.

Sun 3rd At Newton Stewart. Set forward this day about 12 o'clock. Got James Stephens' horse. Came on a great snow. Stop'd at Casway end near Clary about 4

hours on account of the snow. Set forward again about 5. Got to William Lawson a little before 8. It snow'd all or most of the road. ***Mon 4th*** At Galloway House. Came forward about 2 this afternoon and got the Isle of Whithorn in the evening and lodged at Alexander Crobin's. A pretty good house, the country consider'd. ***Tue 5th*** At Whithorn, waiting for a passage. Thomas Winn left us yesterday about 2 p.m. He took back the horse. A cold day, wind northerly. James Stewart pretty near ready. ***Wed 6th*** At ditto. Wind shifted easterly. The sloop ready this morning but wind contrary. This place a pretty good safe harbour but the inlett narrow: rocky on each side. ***Thu 7th*** At ditto. A great storm of wind with snow and rain from the SE. A very heavy sea setting into this place. Well we did not go out to sea in the night before the storm. ***Fri 8th*** At ditto. Wind about SSW, blowing hard, and a great sea setting into this place. No prospect of a passage yet. Viewing the Isle. Found a vein of lead. It runs thro' the bay. ***Sat 9th*** At ditto. Wind westerly. The sea seems to settle. If the wind continue and weather moderate, intend to sail tomorrow morning.

Sun 10th At ditto. Sailed from this place about 4 o'clock this morning. Wind fair and the prospect of a fine day. Got into Whitehaven a little past 11 a.m. A fine passage. ***Mon 11th*** At Whitehaven. Lads gone home this afternoon and are to send me a horse tomorrow. Weather continues pretty moderate. ***Tue 12th*** At ditto. Billy came this day about 12 o'clock with the horses. At John Nixon's. He agreed to take one tenth share of the mine at Nocky-bay. ***Wed 13th*** Got home last night about 7 o'clock. Found all well. Lawrence Hunter and Jacob Steel here making sea clothes for Isaac. Went to John Harris's. ***Thu 14th*** Showry, unsettled weather. Ploughing ley in Far Whinney. Taylors here. ***Fri 15th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting. Agreed to nominate some more elders in the room of those deceased, viz. William Woodvill, Richard Pike, Jonathan Drewry, Ruth Robinson, Mary Wilson. ***Sat 16th*** Ploughing when seasonable. Weather continues unsettled. Taylors finished Isaac cloths.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. London & Northern Yearly Meeting Queries read & answer'd unto. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris at Benson about the case between him and his farmer. To get fuller evidence about the affair so soon as can. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large, the day considered, which was wet and stormy. Got home about 4 o'clock p.m. much fatigued. ***Wed 20th*** Isaac set of this morning in company with Isaac Robinson for Whitehaven. He is going a voyage of tryall with the *Robinson*, Captain Todhunter, bound for Memell. ***Thu 21st*** Joseph got home last night about 12 o'clock. Isaac in good spirits. Got a letter from William Robinson: he is very willing to take him a tryal &c. Ploughing. ***Fri 22nd*** Taylor here yesterday. Paid him in full {for 8 days work @ 8d}. Also settled with Adam Thompson and paid him in full {for 18 rood of hedge making @ 6½d}. Three wallers at Bankheads. Wet p.m. ***Sat 23rd*** Two wallers at Bankheads. John Mirehouse not here this week, having got a hurt on one side by a fall.

Sun 24th At Meeting. Went in the afternoon to Cragg-end to see old John Allason. He is very feeble and can't go much out of the house. Mary near her time. ***Mon 25th*** This being Lady Day, John Carlisle deliver'd the sheep and land this

morning, viz. 54 sheep: wedders & tups 10; ewes and gimmer twinters 21; wedder twinters 9; and hoggs 14. All in pretty good condition. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Cockermouth yesterday. With John Harris, Isaac Robinson, George Bell &c. Isaac sail'd from Whitehaven on 1st day the 24th current about 4 o'clock p.m. bound for Memell i'th *Robinson*. ***Wed 27th*** Very fine weather. Begun to sow oats in the Croft this day. Sew about 4 bushels and one peck Scotch oats. Pretty good seed. Land in good order. ***Thu 28th*** At Meeting in forenoon. Went to the wallers in the afternoon to Bank-heads. Quary very bad. Went to view some places on the Sate:[225] appear'd good stone. ***Fri 29th*** Went to Workington. Dined at Henry Bowman's. Met Samuel Wales. Did not go to Seaton as intended. Found I had no right to make any exchanges of that value. ***Sat 30th*** Gardener here puting in some more peas & beans & sowed some beds of carrots, turnup &c. A cold day. Sowing oats in Far Whinney.

Sun 31st At Meeting. Some little rain: a moist, growing day. Joseph gone to Ennerdale this afternoon to pay Henry Keddy for the bull. Wrote Richard Dearman on the 29 & sent by John yesterday.

April 1776

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Agreed to go to Whitehaven with Joseph Bell tomorrow week. He to pay my expenses. With John Brougham about Ruth Payle's business. ***Tue 2nd*** Agreed yesterday to push forward the suit and oblige them to a publication of the depositions taken at the commission &c. Four wallers here this week. ***Wed 3rd*** Getting stones this week on Brambley Sate in Joseph Wilson's quarry. Begun to lead stones with two carts of[f] Sate. Fine weather; a strong SW wind. ***Thu 4th*** At Meeting; but small. At home after. Wallers here. Fine weather. ***Fri 5th*** Wallers here about walling and getting stones. Weather ditto. ***Sat 6th*** Ploughing the ley on the far end of Whinney next the moor. Very strong but in pretty good order.

Sun 7th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Nothing remarkable. Weather continues dry. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth Easther fair. Very few people. At the warehouse settled the books to the begining of this month. With sundries &c. ***Tue 9th*** Wallers here. T[w]o of them in the quarry. They get fine stones which put up the wall pretty fast. Fine weather. ***Wed 10th*** Ploughing and sowing the bigg stuble. Ground generally pretty dry and in good order. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting in the morning. At Bankheads after. The wallers get pretty well forward, leading stones &c. ***Fri 12th*** Dr. Tolson called here yesterday evening. Seems to be in distress'd circumstances. Wrote a notice to Sir James for Joseph Bell & a letter to John Nixon. ***Sat 13th*** Wrote a letter to John Barber Esqr. Ploughing & sowing the last of the oat land.

Sun 14th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. ***Mon 15th*** Set forward to the Yearly Meeting at Keswick along with son John. Got there before 12 o'clock. A pretty moderate day. ***Tue 16th*** At Keswick. Lodged at Thomas Scott's. Attended the Select Meeting which begun at 10 a.m. and ended before 1 p.m. The Quarter

Meeting for the county at 3 p.m.; large & well conducted. ***Wed 17th*** At ditto. A publick meeting begun at 9 a.m. and ended before one. And another publick meeting begun at 3 p.m. and ended past 6 p.m. All very well. ***Thu 18th*** At ditto. Meeting for Conferrence begun at 8 a.m. and ended past 12. All well and satisfactory meeting. The parting meeting begun at 3 p.m. and ended past six. All meetings well. ***Fri 19th*** Came home last night late and went this morning to John Harris's to the sale. They sold the horses & cattle this day. Another sale to be tomorrow. ***Sat 20th*** Got a bad cold; can scarce speak to be understood. Went to the Bankheads in the afternoon. Wallers finished the hedge this evening.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Dr. Tolson has found a person to furnish the cash he wants upon the security offer'd. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting, which was pretty large & well conducted. Joseph Mitchel's wife very ill. Has had a miscariage. She is very weak &c. ***Wed 24th*** Egremont court yesterday. Could not attend on account of the meeting. Drafting the assignment from Hugh Shepherd and Ann his wife to Joseph Bell. ***Thu 25th*** Finished the draft this forenoon. Begun to engross it upon parchment after; it must be ready against 7th day to be executed at Whitehaven. ***Fri 26th*** Finished the assignment: it is pretty large. Alexander Patton here yesterday and this day, & gardner also. ***Sat 27th*** Went to Whitehaven to meet Joseph Bell. Got the notice signed by Hugh Shepherd & Ann his wife & attested by John Nixon & Richard Asbridge. Home after.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Son John very ill in a fever. Had Dr. Wilson yesterday afternoon & this morning. Has a violent lax, pain in his head and back, and a burning heat all over. ***Mon 29th*** Dr. Wilson here again this morning. John much better & the fever greatly abated. Went to Cockermouth. Jonathan Scott sale tomorrow afternoon. I am to attend. ***Tue 30th*** Went to Cockermouth this afternoon to the sale. Sold the goods. His brother Robert undertook and paid me the ballance of my account, viz. £6 9s 0d. With Justice &c.

May 1776

Wed 1st Son John continues to recover. Billy keeps the school open and teaches the schollars. Throng about the manure and sowing barley. A cold day. ***Thu 2nd*** At Meeting. John Harris there. John Shepherd, the farmer, has sold the manure, as is believed, to Richard Bell of Graysouthen and is to take it of the premisses, contrary to agreement. ***Fri 3rd*** Drafting the assignment from Jonathan Wilkinson and Sarah his wife to John Simpson, mercer, of houses &c. in Cockermouth; yearly rent £7 7s. during the life of said Sarah. ***Sat 4th*** Finished the leading of manure for barley this day. Weather cold and cloudy; a strong southerly wind. Mercury in barometer rising for rain. John better.

Sun 5th At Meeting; the General Meeting. James Graham from Mary Port. Meeting pretty well conducted. John Pearson here in the afternoon. Northerly wind

and cold. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris. To draw a case for him to be ready for perusal on 5th day. To take Lawyer Harrison's opinion. Paid John Lucock 15s rent for Joseph Bell. To get a receipt. ***Tue 7th*** Got some physick yesterday from Dr. Wilson on account of my leg &c. I am to take it first favourable opportunity. About ploughing the remainder of ground for the barley. ***Wed 8th*** Sew all the barley, 3 bushel, yesterday. Gardner here. Drew the case for Lawyer Harrison's opinion. Pretty long. Gelded the lambs a.m. Joseph at coals after. Showry. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting. Shewed the case to John Harris. He approved if it. He is to send me the notice given him by Shepherd to insert in the case. ***Fri 10th*** Sent off the two beasts sold to Jackson. Showry. ***Sat 11th*** Took a vomit yesterday evening. It wrought off very well. And took a purging draft this morning. It also wrought pretty well. Showry weather.

Sun 12th At Meeting. Got the notice and inserted it in the case. Wrote to Isaac Wilson and inclosed the case for Lawyer Harrison's opinion. Wrote to John Stewardson of Shap about Robert Noble's note &c. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris. Delivered the letter & case to William Woodvill for Isaac Wilson. J.H. paid the fees: £1 3s. 6d. Agreed with John Blakelin for grass for the segg at 40s. ***Tue 14th*** Joseph hedging at moor. Went to John Bushby's sale in the evening. Bought a parcel of hay; price to be settled in account. ***Wed 15th*** Joseph gone to the beast fair. Geld beast did not go well off. Carried the segg to grass. Gardner here: put in some more peas; sew turnups &c. ***Thu 16th*** At the Meeting in the forenoon. Copied David Fell and Jane Piper's mariage certificate. Gardner here moulding up the flower garden. Fine weather but cold. ***Fri 17th*** Went to Ouze bridge. Met Samuel Pearson & Richard Ramsey. Agreed to state a case and take a counsel's opinion. To be ready against beast fair. ***Sat 18th*** Joseph and Philip about the hedges. A strong NE wind and very cold. It stops the spring.

Sun 19th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Some discourse again about the school. They seem free to continue it. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris. He got the opinion from Lawyer Harrison. This pretty satisfactory. Got from Dr. Tolson Lawyer Davenport's opinion. To consider the same; give doctor my opinion upon the whole state of the affair. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. Gave David Fell and Jane Piper's marriage certificate to George Miller to get to them first opportunity. Dry weather. ***Wed 22nd*** About stating a case for Lawyer Harrison's opinion for Samuel Pearson concerning his mortgage of Ullock land late John Peile's. Wrote to Isaac & John Nixon: sent per wife to Whitehaven. ***Thu 23rd*** Wife and Joseph gone to Whitehaven about 5 o'clock this morning. Copied the queries and answers of the case for Davenport's opinion. ***Fri 24th*** Paid John Ware & son yesterday for the newspapers until the 16th inst., begining again May 23, No. 84, and took their receipt. They made a mistake of the time, charging only 9 weeks instead of 17 weeks. Remember to rectify this first opportunity. ***Sat 25th*** Settled with Alexander Patton in the evening and paid him in full. Also paid Philip Craig's wages in full.

Sun 26th At Meeting which was silent. At home after. Weather continues cold. Cloudy this day with some drops of rain. A great scarsity of grass; cattle mostly out.

Mon 27th Went to Cockermouth Whitsuntide fair. A fine day and a great croud of people. Servants pretty moderate, save some few who were well recommended. Old Charles Bowman buried this day. ***Tue 28th*** Got the assignment executed yesterday between Jonathan Wilkinson & wife & John Simpson of houses &c. in Cockermouth, yearly rent £7 7s 0d. About drawing a case for Harrison's oppinion. ***Wed 29th*** Went to the beast fair. Continues much the same as before. Shewed the case to Samuel Pearson & Mr. Monkhouse, which was well approved. Agreed to sett forward for Kendal. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting in the morning. With John Harris about his affairs. Went to Keswick this afternoon. Lodged at the Oak. About arbitration between Joseph Fisher &c. ***Fri 31st*** At Keswick. Set forward for Kendal this morning in company with Samuel Pearson. Dined at Ambleside and lodged at Kendal, the King's Arms, Petty's: a good inn.

June 1776

Sat 1st At Kendal. Got the opinion and set forward about 11 a.m. Dined at Ambleside and lodged at Keswick. Got returned chaise from Ambleside. About arbitration: got bonds renewed for one month longer. To meet at Keswick again so soon as convenient.

Sun 2nd At Keswick. Got home about 12 o'clock this day. Fine weather with some showers. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Paid H. Bowman Rigg's interest due the 5th inst. With Richard Ramsey and Monkhouse about Dr. Tolson's affairs. Bought 8lb. salmon fish @ 2½d. ***Tue 4th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Not very well; got some cold. Showry weather & pretty warm. ***Wed 5th*** Wrote to Thomas Winn at Nocky bay and to William Lawson at Galloway House and inclosed them to the care of John Nixon, merchant in Whitehaven, and sent by Joseph. ***Thu 6th*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. He deliver'd the letters to John Nixon and brought one from Isaac. He is got to Dublin, is well, and intends to go with William Robinson the next voyage, they having met together at Memel and agreed on terms. ***Fri 7th*** About the highways this day. Met at Mosser and begun in Kirby-gate lane. A fine day. ***Sat 8th*** About the highways this day. Was obliged to attend both forenoon & afternoon being surveyor this year. Fetch'd the stones from Pardshow-Cragg. Fine day.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection. The Preparative Select Meeting: very few attended. A wet, showry day. ***Mon 10th*** Joseph gone yesterday afternoon for Rosley Fair with the young horse for sale. Did not go to Cockermouth. A fine day. ***Tue 11th*** At the highways again this day the 3rd. Working at Mosser lanes. Wet in forenoon. ***Wed 12th*** Went to Cockermouth beast fair. Milk cows that were pretty good sold well; the rest low & few buyers. With John Harris &c. ***Thu 13th*** Copied Lawyer Madock's opinion in Dr. Tolson's case and drew a notice and copy for John Harris to deliver to John Shepherd his farmer. Joseph at Whitehaven. ***Fri 14th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting; pretty well attended. A proposition from Cockermouth from William Udale being a warning to inhabitants of Cockermouth & one from Whitehaven about Ann Richardson. At highways. ***Sat 15th*** At

highways again this day, which finished the four days' work. With several in the town and those who are deficient to make it up next week.

Sun 16th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Queries read and answer'd unto &c. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Walker and Richard Bell. The latter agreed to take black lead dust one hundred and half or more, if I would take out the value in goods from J.W. [*John Walker*]. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. Queries read and answered unto. In general a pretty good account. Richard Dearman here from Birmingham. ***Wed 19th*** R.D. [*Richard Dearman*] came here this morning from Cockermouth. Dined here and we went in the afternoon to Whitehaven. Stop'd at Ruth Payle's and Margaret Scott's. Lodged at Black Lyon. ***Thu 20th*** At Whitehaven. About William Skyrin affairs with Henry Bowman, John Skyrin and R.D. Dined at John Coupland's with John Nixon. Agreed to sett forward for Scotland in two weeks. ***Fri 21st*** About settling an old account with William Eccleston. Settled with John Casson & and paid his interest in full to December 25 last and gave him a fresh bond for £100 @ £4 10s, same date. ***Sat 22nd*** Got home very late last night and much fatigued. Stop'd at Dean. With Joseph Walker about John Fearon affairs. Joseph seems to be tired of the law suit &c.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. Dr. Tolson here in the afternoon about his affairs. To meet tomorrow at Cockermouth. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Samuel Pearson, Dr. Tolson and John Rudd. Advised S.P. to fall in with Tolson's proposals. He has taken another week for consideration. ***Tue 25th*** The weather continue cold and showry. Got the "Farmer's Magazine" yesterday. There doth not appear much in it usefull or advantageous. Some pretty good receipts. ***Wed 26th*** Wrote John Nixon this morning and fixed the 3rd of next month to set forward for Scotland & to raise in cash for Ellison's bill, being disapointed other ways. ***Thu 27th*** Set forward for Coldbeck this morning before 5 a.m. Got to Hesket about 9. Attended the meetings which was large and satisfactory. Was sent for yesterday afternoon to make Judah Winder's will. ***Fri 28th*** At Hesket. The Meeting this morning was full and very well. Dined at Woodhall; stop'd at Bassenthwaite chapel about Dr. Tolson's business. At Keswick after about arbitration. ***Sat 29th*** At Keswick. Met about the arbitration. Attempt made to prove the lead sold Fisher was real Scotch lead and got in the shire of Air. Agreed I should go there to find out the truth of the assertion. Got a sample of it to compair it with and M.B. [*Matthew Bennet*] agreed to pay the expence of my journey. Stop'd at Lorton about Dr. Tolson's affair &c.

Sun 30th At Meeting a.m.; at home after.

July 1776

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. Wife & Joseph came in the afternoon. Carried a cask of b[lack] lead to Walker, weight 2cwt. 0qr. 5lb. @ 56s. Took goods for it value £5 14s 6d. About Dr. Tolson business. ***Tue 2nd*** Could get nothing done with

Samuel Pearson. Am afraid that Mr. Rudd has frustrated all our endeavours for private views. Prepairing for Scotch journey. Washing sheep. ***Wed 3rd*** John Nixon & daughter came here last night in their way to Scotland. Very wet all the forepart of the day. Set forward about 11 a.m. Dined at Cockbridge, 14 miles; to Wigton, 7 miles; to Boulness, 10 miles. Cross'd the water about 8 p.m. & lodged at Annan, Mr. Robinson, Queensberry's Arms. ***Thu 4th*** At Annan. Came away about 9. Dined at Dumfriese, the George, 18 miles, and lodged at Carling Works, 18 miles. Good acommodation. ***Fri 5th*** At Carling Works. Came away about 8 a.m. Baited at Gate-house on Fleet, 14 miles; dined at Ferrytown on Cree, 9½ miles; to Newton Steuart, 7½ miles; got to Black-Cragg at 7 p.m. & lodged at Newton Steuart, the King's Arms, T. Lowden's. ***Sat 6th*** Came away about 8 and dined at John McQuistian's, Glen Luce, 16 miles, and lodged at New Luce, Andrew McWhinney.

Sun 7th At New Luce. Stay'd here this day. Very wet and stormy. A great flood, so could not get but little out of the house. For Nockybay in the morning. ***Mon 8th*** At New Luce. Went to the works this morning. Viewed them. A very good prospect of a good mine. Came back and left New Luce about 11 a.m. Dined with Lord Stair.[226] Lodged at Strainrearer. ***Tue 9th*** A wet morning. Came away about 11 a.m. Dined at Glen-luce, 10 miles and lodged at Newton Stuart, 16 miles. Very fine day. Received a letter from Lord Stair with samples.[227] ***Wed 10th*** At Newton Stewart. Wrote to my Lord Stair in answer to his & sent per bearer. Wrote home. Dined at Black-Cragg and lodged at the inn. Very hot weather. ***Thu 11th*** At ditto. Waited this morning of Mr. Stephens & Conawey until 11 a.m. Came away a little after. Cross'd or forded the river Minack 16 times and lodged at Mayboll, distant from N[ewton] Stewart 37 miles. ***Fri 12th*** Exceeding bad road over the moors. Came about 6; breakfasted at Air, 9 miles. Rainy morning. Air is situated upon a river of the same name. Dined at Irwin, 12 miles & lodged at Largs, from Irvine 18 miles. ***Sat 13th*** Came away about 7 a.m. Breakfasted at Gourick, 13 miles. Went to view Sir John Stewart's mine.[228] Came away about one. Came through Greenock, 3 miles & New Port Glasgow, 3 miles. Stop'd at Crosshill, 4 miles; to Glasgow, 14 miles and [*sic*].

Sun 14th At Castle Milk, Sir John Stewart's. Lodged there, 3 miles from Glasgow. Came away about 10 a.m. Sir John accompanied us to King's Well, 14 miles. Very stormy in the afternoon. Lodged there. Fine road. ***Mon 15th*** At King's Well. Came away about 7 a.m. Breakfasted at Galston, 8 miles. Parted with Stephens and Winn a little beyond King's Well. Dined at Old Cumnock, 13 miles and lodged at Sanquar, 17 miles. Roads pretty good & made by Duke of Queensburry. ***Tue 16th*** At Sanquar. Came away about 6 a.m. Came past Drunlenrick [*Drumlanrig*] Castle, a very large, grand building, the seat of the Duke of Queensburry, 9 miles, to Thornhill, 3 miles. Breakfasted there. A fine country. Very showry. Dined at Dumfriese. Lodged at Annan. ***Wed 17th*** At Annan. Came away a little past 6 a.m. Stop'd at Battle-hill for a guide over the water. Got to Boulness before 9; breakfasted there. Dined at Dan Glaister's and got home a little past 8 p.m. So ends this journey. All well. ***Thu 18th*** Pretty much fatigued. The weather showry; very slow hay weather. Did not go to Meeting. Joseph gone to Whitehaven market with cherries, peas, butter &c. ***Fri 19th*** Weather showry. Cliped the three mug lambs.

Got a stone of fine wool, wanting only one ounce. Joseph got a hurt with the bull: he threw him up & tumbled him &c. ***Sat 20th*** Cloudy in the forenoon. A fine afternoon. Joseph mowing; the rest at the hay. Nothing further remarkable this day.

Sun 21st At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Went to Pardshow in the afternoon. John Robinson from Dublin here. He is to go away with Samuel his son tomorrow. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris about his affairs. Wrote to James Stephens, Smith and Company, and Richard Dearman. A fine hay day. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Am appointed register keeper for the Monthly Meeting. Got several carts of hay. Weather inclined to showers in p.m. ***Wed 24th*** Weather still continue showery and slow hay weather. Mowing in Undergarth meadow. Pretty well grown. John Richardson mowing here this day. ***Thu 25th*** Writing letters to Thomas Winn & the Earl of Stair. Joseph Bradock a miner here from Nocky bay. He brings account that James Stephens is broke & a sequestration out against him. ***Fri 26th*** Joseph Bradock stay'd all night. Wrote John Nixon with him. Met him about 5 p.m. at Dessington. Captain Mathews over & came with him, who signed the letter to Thomas with us. ***Sat 27th*** Joseph Bradock to return with Captain Mathews this morning & to take the letters with him. Mathews to copy Lord Stair's before it go and he agrees to write us at all opportunities. Wrote bond of indemnity from John Robinson & William Woodvill to Richard Dearman on his payment of interest to said Robinson, obligation 100£. Richard Dearman gone home yesterday. Bond left unexecuted and no interest paid.

Sun 28th At Meeting. ***Mon 29th*** Very wet in the fore part of the day. Did not get to Cockermouth. Sent the wool in the p.m. by Joseph to Robert Hartley. 7½ stone good weight @ 5s 10d. ***Tue 30th*** A fine day. Throng mowing and getting hay. The great eclipse of the moon begun this night at 9h 45'. Ditto totally cover'd 10h 45'. Continued in total darkness 12.20, or 1h 35'. Moon clear of the shadow and penumbra 1h 20'. These observations were made as accurate as we could with the glasses. We had the night clear until near the end.

August 1776

Thu 1st At the Meeting. John Richardson mowing. Fine weather. Got a good deal of hay. Meadows & leys pretty full this year. ***Fri 2nd*** Throng about the hay. Fine weather. Copying the Quarter Meeting minutes into the book. ***Sat 3rd*** Fine weather. Getting hay out of Corn-Close. Pretty full of fine hay. About copying the minutes; got to no.11.

Sun 4th At Meeting. Very small on account of General Meeting at Broughton at Broughton [*sic*]. Went with Samuel Pearson to Cockermouth in the afternoon about Dr. Tolson &c. ***Mon 5th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Stephen Grave. Sent for Mr. Brougham about Ruth Payle affair. He told him the case and I gave him a draft of the case in writing. With Mr Benson after about S.P. [*Samuel Pearson*] affair. Gave him full information about it & the reason of taking the last mortgage. R.R.

[*Richard Ramsey*] to see Captain Cooper in going to the Assizes &c. ***Wed 7th*** Jonathan Skelton here yesterday. Took instructions from him. Went after to meet John Fearon, Dean, and Joseph Walker at Pardshow. Got 4 writings from John Fletcher [*recte 'Fearon': see 15th Aug.*] to copy for him. ***Thu 8th*** At the funeral of Elizabeth Walker, wife of John Walker of Ullock. John Nixon there. Shew'd him Lord Stair's letter to me. Am to answer it first opportunity. A showry day & thunder. ***Fri 9th*** Wet in the fore part of day. Pretty fair after. Weather very unsettled. Crof[t] hay down in great & little cock. ***Sat 10th*** Wrote to Lord Stair in answer to his and also to Captain Mathews about James Stephens's failure.

Sun 11th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. Very wet in the afternoon. Isaac Robinson here. Copying the letters. ***Mon 12th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent son William in the afternoon with letters for the post &c. Weather very broken; heavy showers of rain but not much wind. ***Tue 13th*** About copying the marriage certificates into the old book. Several still wanting. Weather the same. ***Wed 14th*** About ditto. Finished the marriage certificates this day. Begun the new book. Copied John Hudson & Ann Fisher's certificate; the 1st enter'd. ***Thu 15th*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. Begun to copy the writings for John Fearon of Dean. ***Fri 16th*** Pretty long and tedious. Fearon's writings took two days. ***Sat 17th*** Wrote to Thomas Winn in answer to his. Weather still broken & showry.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Japheth Fletcher very ill. Had the doctor at him three times. He calls it an inflamation of the lungs. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. George Bell has been very ill. He is in a bad way. It appears to be the stone. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Well attended, the season considered. Got 8 cart loads of hay these two days. Showers in the afternoon. ***Wed 21st*** John Richardson here this day mowing. Lawrence here helping about the hay and in the garden at leasure time, sowing cabidge & diging the peas ground. ***Thu 22nd*** Attended the sale of Ann Christian's land at Pardshow this evening. It was sold in parcels for the sum of £1176. The sale continued 'till after six in the morning. ***Fri 23rd*** At the sale this morning. Breakfasted at John Robinson's. Did not go to bed. Went in the afternoon to Green in Lamplugh. Paid J.H. {Jonathan Harris for interest: £4 4s}. Am owing him yet about 1 guinea. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Branthwaite in the afternoon. Met Henry Bowman. Got copies of the sale ticketts. Agreed to meet at Cockermouth on 2nd day to sign the article. To get notice to purchasers.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the morning. Went with wife to Brandlingill in the afternoon. Joseph & John gone to see the bull segg. They give a good account of him &c. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] and the purchasers. Got the articles of sale signed. Six out of seven of the purchasers chose me to draw their deeds by livery. To write H.B. ***Tue 27th*** Fine, warm weather but cloudy and little sun. Throng about the hay. Got all mow'd on 7th day last. A great quantity of hay & in general very well got. Corn pretty near ready. ***Wed 28th*** Copying the Quarter Meeting minutes into the book. Finished no.17; have but three more. Got all the hay but about 3 cart loads amongst the corn. ***Thu 29th*** Agreed to go to Keswick about the arbitration. To be there to dine. Weather very wet. Co'd

not get away this day. Prepaired a draft of the award in readiness. ***Fri 30th*** Very heavy showers in the forenoon. Went to Keswick in the afternoon. Met the other arbitrators. Sit till late. Agreed in our judgment. ***Sat 31st*** At Keswick. Drew the award. Got the same executed in the presence of two witnesses. Thomas Scott to make a fair coppy and deliver to the defendants.

September 1776

Sun 1st Jane Pearson here. She came last 4th day. Settled with her and paid the ballance, 9s 6d. At Meeting in the morning; at home after. John Nutt and John Mirehouse here. Took instructions for their deeds. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Examined the books at the warehouse for the last 3 months and agreed to them. With John Nicholson, Richard Jackson &c about the deeds. ***Tue 3rd*** To go to Dean this afternoon to the sale of a field of John Fearon's. Attended the sale. Show-bank fields was sold to Robert Rudd for £60 10s. Got home at 3 morning. ***Wed 4th*** Got Leadbetter's "Gauging" last night from John Fearon. The best book yet published of gauging, both in the theory and practice. At John Woodvill's afternoon. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. Lasses about the hay in Back of Wood meadow and Far Whinney. Got it up into dry cock. ***Fri 6th*** John Woodvill to read our newspapers. To have them once a week & to return them back. He begun with No.98 yesterday. Begun with Pardshow deeds this day. ***Sat 7th*** Begun shearing this day early oats in Back of Wood field. Got all the hay yesterday, about 80 cart loads. Finished transcribing Quarter Meeting minutes. Wet p.m.

Sun 8th At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Peter Head here in the afternoon. Took what further instructions was wanted about Pardshow deeds. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Fisher, Scot and Daniel Crosthwaite about the award. Went to Thomas Webster and made affidavit of our meaning concerning the two promissary notes. ***Tue 10th*** Begun Pardshow deeds this day. Shearing Back of Wood field. Early oats pretty good and ready for taking. ***Wed 11th*** About the deeds. Showry weather. ***Fri 13th*** Attended the Select Monthly Meeting which was in general pretty well conducted. Weather showry. Shearing barley. ***Sat 14th*** Finished John Steel's deed this day. Shearing in Shortlands barley. It is much bet down & grown through.

Sun 15th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. At home in the afternoon. ***Mon 16th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Fisher of Keswick. To send him a copy of the award to be given to Matthew Bennet &c. ***Tue 17th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. Queries read and answer'd unto. ***Wed 18th*** A fine harvest day. ***Thu 19th*** Fine weather. Shearing the remainder of barley in Shortlands. ***Fri 20th*** Shearing oats in the Croft. A fine crop. ***Sat 21st*** Wrote to John Nixon in answer to his. Also to Thomas Winn. To go by a sloop to Glen-luce. Wrote Richard Dearman about John Robinson's affair about interest of bond.

Sun 22nd At Meeting. At home after. Jonah Dixon and wife and John Wilkinson dined here. Ann Allason here in afternoon. ***Mon 23rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. About indorsing and backing Pardshow deeds. Weather pretty moderate and favourable. Throng shearing. ***Tue 24th*** The deeds of feoffment on account of Ann Christian's land to be executed at James Mirehouse's, Pardshow. Got the deeds executed by livery of seisin. Henry Bowman there. A fine day. ***Wed 25th*** Throng with the harvest. Shearing Croft oats. A very fine crop and pretty rank on the ground. ***Thu 26th*** Went to Cockermouth with John to the Quarter Meeting. But thinn on account of the throng season. The business pretty well conducted. Lodged at G. Bell's. ***Fri 27th*** At Cockermouth. Meeting pretty full this forenoon. Came home with wife in the evening. A hard gale of wind and rain. Got wet in coming home. ***Sat 28th*** Weather wet and showry but pretty moderate in the afternoon. Shearing in Back of Wood.

Sun 29th At Meeting in the morning. Went to Pardshow with wife in the afternoon. Came home in the night. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. A thinn markett on account of the season. Got a letter from T. Winn and John Nixon.

October 1776

Tue 1st Wrote to Lord Stair & Thomas Winn and sent them by Lawrence to the post. ***Wed 2nd*** Wrote to William Lawson in answer to his about Peter. Shearing in Farr Whinney & housing the Croft oats. ***Thu 3rd*** Shearing in ditto. Got in all the Croft oats: 231 shocks. Got all the oats shorn this day. ***Fri 4th*** A close foggy day with rain. Could get nothing done about the corn. Oats in Far Whinney: 308 shocks. The far end very good corn; the rest slender and thinn. ***Sat 5th*** Agreed with Ruth & Rachel for the winter half year at the same wage, viz. Ruth 30s; Rachel 20s the half year. Got in the Back of Wood oats this afternoon.

Sun 6th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. Weather showry and very uncertain. ***Mon 7th*** Joseph gone to Cockermouth this morning with the calf. He is to buy the seed wheat, 2½ bushels & to get the salmon fish. A very stormy day and a flood. ***Tue 8th*** A showry day. Sorting the blown aples. Joseph gone to the lime p.m. Got yesterday 92lb. salmon fish @ 1½d per lb. To pay Shadrick [*Peat*] for it. Joseph got 18lb. of ditto; 2s 3d. ***Wed 9th*** Begun to plough in the Croft for wheat this day. Lasses taking up potatoes: very good. A close day with some showers of rain; wind westerly & cold. ***Thu 10th*** Went to Cockermouth; the fair. Beasts and horses pretty moderate, but a thinn fair. Very dirty: a thick foggy day with some showers. ***Fri 11th*** Wet in the forenoon. Joseph gone to the lime in the afternoon. A very close day: growing weather & warm. ***Sat 12th*** Weather continue close and foggy with some small rain. Have about 400 stooks oats out.

Sun 13th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for the poor. Went in the afternoon with wife to John Woodvill's. Elihu and wife there and William Woodvill. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries. Paid John Dover the ballance of interest due Samuel Pearson. Paid Shadrick Peat for 92lb. fish @ 1½d per lb.

Tue 15th Went to the court at Egremont. Very few from this township: got them all excused. Weather close. Much corn out on this road. ***Wed 16th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Got in Mosshead corn. Weather looks pretty favourable. ***Thu 17th*** Went to Whitehaven. Attended the Privey Sessions as surveyor for this township. Got the accounts signed and John Pearson, farmer, appointed new surveyor. ***Fri 18th*** A fine day. Very throng about the corn. Got it all inn this day. Matthew Black here helping us. ***Sat 19th*** Weather came on showry and blew pretty strong from the SW. Stormy in the afternoon & a flood.

Sun 20th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Elihu and wife dined here. John Woodvill & wife & William Allason and Sarah Ostell here in the afternoon. ***Mon 21st*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very bad in my teeth and throat. Lost 5 lambs in the brake sought and one of the muggs. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended Monthly Meeting. Thomas Wyley and Edward Hatton from Ireland there on a religious visit. The meeting large and satisfactory. Four marriages &c. ***Wed 23rd*** About physicking the lambs. Gave them swine's dung, rue & milk boiled together and put them after into the best fogg to purge them. ***Thu 24th*** Leading ashes & lime upon the Croft for wheat. A very fine day; wind east. Throng sorting my papers & cleaning the drawers & table. ***Fri 25th*** Writing to the Earl of Stair in reply to his. Throng about the wheat. At Meeting appointed for Thomas Wiley and Edward Hatton. A long meeting. ***Sat 26th*** Finished my letters to Stair and James Stephens. Finished the sowing wheat. Sowed 2 bushels and 3 pecks. A fine season.

Sun 27th At the Meeting. Isaac Robinson here in the afternoon. Agreed to sett forward for Scotland next week. A very fine day. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Pearson Younghusband, John Fisher and others about business. Received an order from David Briggs, Virginia, on Isaac Heslop for neet proceeds of a hogshead of tobacco. ***Tue 29th*** Taking up potatoes: pretty good. Writing marriage certificate for Anthony Saul and Susannah Pearson. Moderate day. ***Wed 30th*** Went with wife & sons to the marriage at Broughton. Got a fall from my horse in going: not much worse. Read the certificate. All pretty well conducted. ***Thu 31st*** At Meeting. Taking potatoes up. Fine moderate weather and warm. The wheat beginning to appear above the ground.

November 1776

Fri 1st David Duckett at Meeting. He was much favour'd in opening and speaking to the different states of the people. He divided the word with wisdom &c. ***Sat 2nd*** Weather turn'd showry. Isaac Robinson not yet gone forward for Scotland. Intends to go to Whitehaven next week & so proceed first opportunity.

Sun 3rd At Meeting in the morning; at home after. Nothing remarkable. Weather showry and uncertain. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Eaglesfield to visit old Jonathan Dixon. He is in a bad state of health. Took instructions for his will & paid him his interest due: 10s for £12. ***Tue 5th*** Finished Robert Rudd's deeds and went to Dean to get them executed but was disappointed on account of John Fearon's feigning himself

drunk. Signed deeds to Charles Lutwidge of the houses & lands at Jericho on account of W. Skyrin. ***Wed 6th*** Writing letters to William Lawson, Thomas Winn & to son Isaac and John Nixon. Sent them with Isaac Robinson to Whitehaven to forward. ***Thu 7th*** Inclosed David Briggs order on Isaac Heslop for the net proceeds of a hogshead tobacco in John Nixon's letter. About writing Sossgill deeds. ***Fri 8th*** About the deeds &c. Got up all the potatoes this day. Have about 80 bushels of Dunns for about 3 setting and very good. White Ruffs little worth. ***Sat 9th*** Finish'd Sossgill deeds. Joseph gone to Pearson's to grease. John Richardson here threshing. Executed the deeds in afternoon. Fine weather.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Order'd a collection. Received from John Nixon David Briggs' order. At Mossergate in the afternoon. Bought of William Allason a twinter tipp for 15s. ***Mon 11th*** Went to Eaglesfield. Executed Jonathan Dixon's will. He is very ill; not like to continue long. Went to Cockermouth after. With sundries. A wet, dirty fair. ***Tue 12th*** Joseph gone to gather in the bull money.[229] A pretty moderate day. Received an account of Jonathan Dixon's death this day by Jonathan Wilson. No particulars. ***Wed 13th*** Jonathan Dixon to be buried tomorrow. They warn at 8 o'clock a.m. Joseph salving the hoggs; in pretty good condition. 21 in number with those bought in, viz. 7 @ 2s 6d. ***Thu 14th*** Self and wife attended the funeral of old Jonathan Dixon, which was very large & well conducted. Took up the corps about 2 p.m. Meeting held about 2 hours; in general pretty well. Got home about 10 p.m. ***Fri 15th*** Three greesers this day. A very stormy day and a flood. To make copies of Judah Winder's and Jonathan Dixon's wills for the Surrogate in order to prove them. ***Sat 16th*** John Nicholson here about cleaning the clock. Got it done very well. At Mossergate after about taking instructions for Joseph Fawcett's will.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 18th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the stormy day. A flood. Isaac Robinson at Whitehaven waiting an opportunity for Scotland. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. The three marriages all got liberty. A paper of denial to be drawn against Joseph Hudson for drinking to excess & other bad conduct. Elihu Robinson and myself appoint'd to draw up the denial against next month. ***Thu 21st*** Received an account this day of Joseph Ullock's death. He is to be buried tomorrow. ***Fri 22nd*** Attended the funeral of Joseph Ullock: a great funeral. Cold, frosty weather. His flesh was much mortified before he died. ***Sat 23rd*** Wrote and executed Joseph Fawcett's will. Made some alterations by his order from the former will: grandchildren get nothing until after their father's death.

Sun 24th At the Meeting. Cold weather. ***Mon 25th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Copied Jonathan Dixon's will. Agreed to go to Workington tomorrow. Cold. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Workington with Jonah Dixon. Proved the will before the Surrogate. To send the same to Lancaster & have the probate by post. ***Wed 27th*** John wrote the certificate for Robert Barns and Ann Allason's marriage to be solemnized tomorrow. A very cold, frosty day; wind SE. Joseph gone to coals. ***Thu 28th*** Attended the marriage with wife. Read the certificate. Went to Cockermouth after. The whole well conducted. A frosty day; ways very dry &c. ***Fri 29th*** Nothing remarkable. John Richardson threshing. At mill with nine bushels of oats. ***Sat 30th***

Joseph gone to the coals. A fine moderate day in the forepart, but cold and like storm approaching.

December 1776

Sun 1st A great storm & flood. Did not get to the Meeting. Ruth Ritson and Barbary Drewry there. They were here yesterday afternoon upon their visit. Nothing remarkable happened on that account. ***Mon 2nd*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Henry Bowman and John Nixon about naming commissionars in the cause against the executors of C.W. [*Christopher Wilson*] & others. We named eight attornies. ***Tue 3rd*** Henry Pearson & servant and James Graham came with warrant from justices and made distress for tithes. Took 3 sheep, sold for £1 8s 0d; a cheese 2s: in all £1 10s 0d. £1 2s 7d. received and 6s costs. ***Wed 4th*** Son Isaac came home yesterday evening from Dublin with the *Matilda*, Captain Dickinson, of Mary-Port. Well. ***Thu 5th*** Isaac went to Whitehaven this forenoon. Taylors here. John Richardson threshing; Joseph gone to smithy with horse. Got it shod & dock'd. ***Fri 6th*** Made another copy of Jonathan Dixon's will. Gave Jonathan the other. Richardson & Joseph guttering in the meadow. Fine moderate weather. ***Sat 7th*** Joseph and J.R. [*John Richardson*] guttering in the meadow. Fine moderate weather; wind southerly.

Sun 8th Went with son John to Workington. Met John Nixon. Consulting about the commission. Examining sundry books & papers &c. To meet H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] tomorrow at Cockermouth about the affair. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth with son Isaac. Met Henry Bowman. With Isaac Fearon, John Harris, Micah Gregg &c. about C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs. With John Brougham about Ruth Payle's business, pushing to have an end of it soon. They now threaten a new commission &c. ***Tue 10th*** Moderate day. Joseph gone to the coals. ***Wed 11th*** John Richardson here these two days about threshing and hedging. Moderate weather. ***Thu 12th*** At Meeting. John Wilkinson junior gave account of his father being unwell and requested me to go over the first opportunity. He died before he got home. ***Fri 13th*** Fine weather. Went to Brandlingill in the afternoon. Find he has left no will of any validity. He died sudenly and much unexpected. ***Sat 14th*** Went with wife and son to the funeral. A great burial. The meeting very well and much favoured. The doctrines of the Gospel clearly opened &c.

Sun 15th The Select Preparative Meeting after. John Wilson representative to Monthly Meeting. Thomas Wilson junior &c. here at dinner & p.m. ***Mon 16th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Isaac with a letter to Isaac Robinson in reply to his. Wrote to John Dixon for sundries for house. Account of John Fearon, Dean, being press'd. ***Tue 17th*** John Mirehouse and Robert Rudd here about 6 o'clock a.m. Wrote J.M. the form of an indorsement for £10 &c. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Wed 18th*** Account that they would not take John Fearon owing to his bad state of health caused by excess of drinking and intemperance. ***Thu 19th*** At Meeting. Concluded not to go to Graysouthen to the Monthly Select Meeting to be held there tomorrow. Gave John Wilson the book. ***Fri 20th*** Nothing remarkable this day.

About looking over some papers relating C.W. [*Christopher Wilson's*] affairs and prepairing for the commission which is intended to be brought on in next month or soon after as they can. ***Sat 21st*** John broke up school this evening for 3 weeks.

Sun 22nd At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A stormy night and a flood. At Pardshow in the afternoon. Paid James Mirehouse his bill in full. ***Mon 23rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Fisher and John Rudd. Concluded to take Harrison's opinion. ***Tue 24th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting: pretty large. Declined going to the Quarterly Meeting. Weather cold; hard frost. ***Wed 25th*** Nothing remarkable this day, being Christmas Day. H. Bowman here. No notice yet about the commission. ***Thu 26th*** Requested to go to Whitehaven tomorrow on account of a difference between M. Mason, late Casson, & John Casson, her uncle. ***Fri 27th*** Went to Whitehaven. Met William Wood, John Casson &c. Advised J.C. to get an account drawn regular & to referr differances &c. ***Sat 28th*** Fatigued after yesterday's journey. Weather very severe: frost and snow. Very cold.

Sun 29th At Meeting. At home after. Joseph Bacon here in afternoon. ***Mon 30th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of the weather: a snowy day. At Bramley in the night at land sale. ***Tue 31st*** The land was struck together for 804£; payments at Whitsuntide & Martinmas by equal payments. Writing R. Rudd's deeds. So ends this year's memorandums.

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January 1777

Wed 1st Sent John & Isaac to Dean to execute the deeds from John Fearon and Sarah Fearon to Robert Rudd of Stock-beck-field, consideration £38 10s. ***Thu 2nd*** The weather continues very severe frost and snow. Can do nothing out of doors. Threshing. Nothing further remarkable. ***Fri 3rd*** Weather the same; very cold. Reading "The Independent Whigg": a very well wrote book & very severe upon the clergy.[230] ***Sat 4th*** Weather the same: the snow covers the ground about three inches deep and hard froze, so that the goods [*i.e. cattle*] can get little.

Sun 5th Weather the same. At Meeting in the morning; at home after. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth in the afternoon to meet Henry Bowman about the commission. With Brougham about R.P. [*Ruth Payle's*] business & the commission. ***Tues 7th*** John Mirehouse came in the afternoon. Went to view the quarry at Bramley Sate. ***Wed 8th*** Weather very severe frost, which has continued now two weeks. Joseph gone to the coals for lime killn. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting in the a.m. At home after. John Mirehouse here. Begun a quarry on Dicah-hill.[231] Weather the same. ***Fri 10th*** J.M. [*John Mirehouse*] here. Went to the quarry on the afternoon. A good post of stone but they dib wrong way. Severe frost & snow about 3 inches deep. ***Sat 11th*** Change of weather this morning: thow; the snow mostly gone. J.M. here this week 2½ days. Joseph gone to the coals.

Sun 12th A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. N.B. Matthew Johnson from Allondale was at Meeting on 5 day last: a plain, well meaning man. ***Mon 13th*** A stormy day. Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Joseph to pay for seven swine &c.[232] John begun the school again this day. ***Tue 14th*** Attended the funeral of John Fletcher of Mockerkin, aged 74. Went to the church and came back again to the house. He leaves to his daughter £5 and to his grandson £100 to pay when at age; otherwise to lapse.[233] ***Wed 15th*** Went to Cockermouth, the Quarter Sessions. But little business. Kill'd the cow yesterday. She proved pretty well. Sold the skin to J.H. for 29s. Weight six stone wanting 1lb. ***Thu 16th*** Sold the tallow to John Fearon, 5 sto[ne] 1lb. for 4s 9d per stone: 24s. The beef weigh'd 20 stone per side. Pretty good. A showry day. John Mirehouse here. ***Fri 17th*** Wrote a letter to Henry Bowman. Sent by Joseph Iredell. ***Sat 18th*** A very fine suny day. Nothing remarkable this day. Settled with John Richardson {for 3 days work: 2s} & paid odds.

Sun 19th Went to Meeting in the morning; at home after. ***Mon 20th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. William Allason here at the quarry on Dickah-hill. A prospect of a pretty good quarry in time. Stones good. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting

which was pretty large. Barbary spoke much about the visit with sundry disagreable remarks upon some families. ***Wed 22nd*** Wrote to Henry Bowman and let him know that I intended to be at Workington tomorrow about proving Judah Winder's will. To acquaint Addison &c. ***Thu 23rd*** Set forward to Workington this morning. Got there a little past 11 a.m. Met Peter Winder, the widow, & John Walker. Got the business done. ***Fri 24th*** With Henry Bowman about the commission. Think they will not get it forward. An eclipse of the moon yesterday. Begun about 2¼ p.m. & ended a little past 5. ***Sat 25th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Cold, sharp weather.

Sun 26th At Meeting in morning; at home after. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business. Cold weather. ***Tue 28th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather ditto. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting.

February 1777

Sat 1st Weather very severe: frost and snow.

Sun 2nd Unwell. Did not go to the Meeting. A pretty thick cover of snow and very cold. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman. Agreed to meet at Wigton on 6th day evening, the 7th inst. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the forenoon. ***Fri 7th*** Sett forward this morning with William Wilson for Wigton.[234] Dined at Cock-bridge and got to Wigton about 4 p.m. ***Sat 8th*** At Wigton. Got the deeds all executed last night and the fine acknowledged. Went to Brayton. Got nothing done; the steward not at home.

Sun 9th At the Meeting. Thomas Carrington there from Pensilvania: a very good old man. Gave good advice to the youth &c. William & John Harris here all night. ***Mon 10th & Tue 11th*** About prepairing a draft of the deeds about Peter Spencer's mortgage. The draft is long and takes time in prepairing properly. The recitals take up more than half the deed. Cold hard weather. ***Wed 12th*** Wrote the lease and release. Got John to write the assignment. It was wrote on a 15d skin parchment and so close that could get no turn up. ***Thu 13th*** Finished the deeds this night. To be executed at Brigham tomorrow afternoon. ***Fri 14th*** Went to Brigham in the afternoon. Met at Isabel Lindsay's. Got the deeds executed and cash paid to the respective parties accordingly.

Sun 16th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Sufferings mostly come in and read &c. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With sundries about business; Joseph Fisher, Rudd &c. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. The weather very severe; frost & snow. Pretty well attended the season considered. ***Wed 19th*** Went to Dean yesterday afternoon. Made and executed an article of bargain [&] sale between John Fearon of Dean & Isaac Simon of Hoadyoad. ***Thu 20th*** A thick snow about a foot or half a yard deep in general. Some considerable drifts. ***Fri 21st*** A strong east wind & showers of snow. John Richardson threshing and Joseph gone to the coals. Snow pretty deep and blown into drifts. About writing remarks. ***Sat 22nd*** The snow yet continues. Obliged to

fodder the sheep twice a day. About making remarks on Scott's book respecting the Poor and Vagrant Acts.

Sun 23rd Did not get to the Meeting on account of the weather. It now thaws pretty fast; the snow going off. ***Mon 24th*** Wrote a letter this morning to William Lawson about Peter's bad conduct; could not get him to learn. Sent Isaac to Cockermouth. Thaw continues. ***Tue 25th*** William Lawson's letter come back. Forgot to be put in the post. Peter begun with the smallpox yesterday. Went to John Harris to consult about an entry &c. ***Wed 26th*** Taylor here making William new close [*sic, for 'clothes'*], mending &c. ***Thu 27th*** A very stormy forenoon. The smallpox come out pretty well. He appears to be very favourable. Not many; fever low. ***Fri 28th*** Wallers here about the moor hedge. Joseph & Richardson about leading manure. Fine day.

March 1777

Sat 1st Peter continues very hopefull: small pox rise very well. Wallers here about the hedge. A fine day; weather seems settling.

Sun 2nd At Meeting; at home in the afternoon. Weather continue good. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Isaac there. He goes to Whitehaven with the coach. Sold Richard Bell a large cask of black lead @ 6d per lb., to go to Newcastle to Cookson & Hodgson. ***Tue 4th*** At mill this day with 20 bushels oats; 6 ditto for Joseph & 2 ditto for Hannah Gill; in all 28 bushels. At Wood in the afternoon. Met John Fearon & Richard Allason: to meet on 7th day week. ***Wed 5th*** Drew a surrender for Sarah Fearon. Went to Dean in the p.m. Executed the deed to Joseph Walker. Met John Steel in the evening. Made an extract of indenture &c. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Peter past the height. The pox seem to go back very well. Wallers here. Joseph gone to Cockermouth with black lead. ***Fri 7th*** Weather continue pretty moderate. Leading coals for the lime kiln. Went to Whitehaven about Mason and Casson. ***Sat 8th*** Very ill in a complaint of my teeth. Can scarce do any business. Weather cold with snow. Came home from Whitehaven this night.

Sun 9th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection; the Select Preparative Meeting after. John Bacon & son and Jo here in the afternoon. Sold the horse to James Wilson, Eaglesfield, for 5 guineas; to return 2s 6d. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. At warehouse settled the two months' accounts. Isaac there about his new cloths. With John Peile & Joseph Rothery about their difference. Advis'd to referr. ***Tue 11th*** Joseph Benson here. He brought instructions for his father's will. Made the same ready. Joseph gone to the coals. ***Wed 12th*** Wallers near finished their work. At present getting stones for the hedge at Whinney end. ***Thu 13th*** Nothing remarkable. Throng with the husbandry. Weather continues cold & moist. ***Fri 14th*** Attended the Monthly Select Meeting. John Wilson & Isaac Hall were appointed representatives to the Quarterly Meeting.

Sun 16th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. John Robinson from Dublin here. At Pardshow in the afternoon. He is going to London for his

daughters. ***Mon 17th*** Went to Cockermouth. With George Bell and others about business. Corn very low & meat pretty moderate. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting, which was pretty large. John Robinson and Joseph Todhunter there. Quarter Meeting is to be adjourned on account of the visitors coming. ***Wed 19th*** John Robinson of Dublin and his father dined here & stay'd afternoon. He intend to sett tomorrow morning for London. To take the chaise at Keswick. ***Thu 20th*** Throng with burning lime. John Richardson and Joseph manages it. They get very good lime. Weather still cold and moist. ***Fri 21st*** Got the articles of division executed between Fearon and Allason at James Graham's in Mosser. To make an indorsement thereupon against 2nd day. ***Sat 22nd*** Went to Mary Port. Met Henry Bowman and Charles Udale at the Golden Lion, John Nelson's. Executed mortgage deed of Underwood land lat[e] Jonathan Harris's to Henry Curwen Esqr.; term 1 year; consideration [£]500; yearly interest £4 10s.

Sun 23rd Came home last night by Dean. Got deeds executed John & Sarah Fearon to Isaac Simon for remainder of said Fearon's estate in Dean for 110£. At Meeting; at home after. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. A very bad storry going, about J. Rook making an attempt upon his brother-in-law Joseph Benson by breaking into the house, presenting a pistol &c.[235] ***Tue 25th*** Went to Cragg End. Made some alterations in John Allason's will. He is grown very feeble & much pain'd in making water. Came home by Jonah Dixon's. ***Wed 26th*** Declined going to the Quarter Meeting on account of the pain in my teeth & head. Sent the papers by John Wilkinson. A very fine day. Ploughing ley in Whinney. ***Thu 27th*** Carried wedders and twinters to the fell, in number 15. Left down 26 ewes and 18 hoggs. Isaac gone off this morning to Workington for Dublin. Wind easterly. ***Fri 28th*** Joseph gone to the coals and John Richardson threshing. A cold, showry day; wind about east. ***Sat 29th*** Isaac sailed from Workington yesterday afternoon with Jonathan Hayston for Ireland, what port not known.

Sun 30th At Meeting. Got Thomas Ritson old account in this day: £1 3s 10d. To pay him first opportunity. A very cold day. Joseph gone to Ullock, William Thompson's, to pay him cash borrowed. ***Mon 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. With Richard Bell. Received the cash in full for Messrs. Cookson & Hodgson. With Jonathan Robinson; paid his annuity now due. With Joseph Benson, William Irving & Joseph Peile &c.

April 1777

Tue 1st A thinn fair yesterday. Ploughing ley in Whinney. Peter Lawson gone home this day. Mally came for him. A very fine day but frost in the nights. ***Wed 2nd*** Throng ploughing. Finished the ley this day. John Richardson casting hedge in the same field. ***Thu 3rd*** Went this morning to Stanger to endeavour a reconciliation between Joseph Rook and Joseph Benson but could not get the same effected on any account without J.R. quitting the country. Agreed that Joseph and Mary his wife (it being her estate) should convey their estate at High Abbey to trustees for uses. They are George Rook, John Benson and Joseph Peile. ***Fri 4th*** Begun to sow oats. ***Sat***

5th Throng ploughing & sowing. Got all the Shortlands sow'd this day. Anthony Saul and wife here this night. Brought the ticking web, 23 yards @ 6½d.[236]

Sun 6th At Meeting. Anthony Saul and wife and John Nixon dined here. Paid John Nixon my share of advance {£16}. They went home in the evening. ***Mon 7th*** Gardener here. Went to Cockermouth. With H. Bowman. Settled our accounts and gave him my note for £7 3s. He is to get me 20£ against this day week. ***Tue 8th*** Gardner here. Ploughing in Moss-head. Hard frost in the nights. At William Allason sale in the afternoon: the cattle sold pretty well at year day. ***Wed 9th*** Sowed the Moss-head and ploughing in Far Whinney for oats. The gardner went home last night. Writing to Lord Stair & Isaac Robinson. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting in the morning. About sowing the ley. Cold showers from the NE. About the letters. ***Fri 11th*** Went to Dean with wife on foot yesterday afternoon. Roads are yet pretty dry and good walking. ***Sat 12th*** Heavy showers of rain and cold weather. About sowing oats in Whinney. It harrows better for the rain.

Sun 13th At Meeting in the morning. Went with wife to John Woodvill's in the afternoon. To send him "The Independent Whigg" by John. Cold weather. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Samuel Wales, Henry Bowman & Joseph Peile. We perused the draft of deeds for Joseph Rook & wife and approved of it. To take it to Stanger tomorrow. ***Tue 15th*** Paid Frances Danson in full for Dr. Gill principal & interest £41 17s 0d. ***Wed 16th*** Went to Stanger yesterday afternoon. Read over the draft; made some alterations; ordered to be ingross'd. To meet on the 24th current at Stanger to execute the deeds &c. Leading stuff to Whinney. J.R. [*John Richardson*] here. A fine day; wind easterly. ***Thu 17th*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven market with two hinder quarters of swine. It weighed above 6 stone a quarter.

Sun 20th At Meeting in the forenoon; the Preparative and Select Meeting after. Held on account of the Friends on the visit to Monthly Meetings &c. ***Mon 21st*** Went to Cockermouth. Met the trustees of John Fletcher, John Allason and John Clerk. Got the writings all executed.[237] John Scott did not appear: he to sign after. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. William Rathbone, Thomas Rutter, Anthony Mason and George Benson there on a religious visit to the Monthly & Quarterly Meetings in this county. The Select Meeting begun a little last eight o'clock & the Monthly Meeting at eleven, which continued until near 5 o'clock in the evening. Very good advise was given & the meeting ended well. ***Thu 24th*** Finished a general power of attorney from Joseph Rook to Mary his wife during his absence. At Stanger in the afternoon. Got the writings all executed & fine taken before H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] & I.F. [*the diarist*]. ***Fri 25th*** Gardner here. Prepairing for my journey to Wigton &c. Very cold weather with frequent showers of snow and hail. Dressing and pruning some trees in low orchard. ***Sat 26th*** Set forward for the adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting at Wigton about 10 a.m. Got there about 3 p.m. Attended the Select Meeting which begun at 5 and ended about 7. In general pretty well.

Sun 27th At Wigton. Attended the adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting which begun at 10 and ended about 3 p.m. A very good and satisfactory meeting. Went with David

Hodgson to Scotby & lodged there. ***Mon 28th*** At Scotby. Came away about 10 a.m. Went to Carlisle; dined at John Mitchinson's. Came away in the afternoon with John Nixon and lodged at John Graham's, Brakenhill, about 12 miles.[238] ***Tue 29th*** At Brakenhill. Came away about 9 a.m.; baited at Gratney Green, 8 miles; to Annan, 8 miles; to Dumfries, 18. Lodged at the George, John Bushby's. Weather mostly cold and wet. ***Wed 30th*** At Dumfries. Came away about 8 a.m. Baited at Carling Works, 18 miles; to Gatehouse on Fleet, 14 miles; to Newton Stewart, 17. In all 49. Took post chaise from Gatehouse to Newton Stewart.

May 1777

Thu 1st At Newton Stewart. Sent for Matthews and McCaa; also old Stephens. They seemed friendly. Had some discourse about the works. Came away about 2 p.m. Got return'd chaise to Gelenluce, 16 miles; to New-luce, 6 miles. ***Fri 2nd*** At New-luce. Very wet in the morning. Went to Nockibea. Viewed the works which seem promising. Came away about 4 p.m. and lodged at Stonraer, 9 miles. ***Sat 3rd*** At Stranraer. Waited upon Lord Stair about 10 a.m. He will not admitt Stephens, nor the Scotch partners, nor grant a lease till we quit them. Left our horses at Stranraer and took the chaise to [Port Patrick] 6 miles.

Sun 4th At Port Patrick. Wind contrary this morning. Went on board the *Charlot* packet about 2 p.m. Landed at Dunoghada about 8: about 6 hours on the water. Was sea sick. Lodged there. We paid 1s a bed for our lodging. Bad usage. ***Mon 5th*** At Dunagadee. Hired horses to Newtownards, 8 miles. Went to the coach inn and from thence to the park and mountain. Viewed the works and ground. It appears very promising. ***Tue 6th*** At Newtownards. William McMullan with us and shewed us the works & informed what was done. Got samples of the ores, green & blue. Lodged at the Crown & Thistle, James Agnew's. We could not get beds at the Coach. Landlord behaved very ill so left the house. ***Wed 7th*** At ditto. Sett away for Bangor this forenoon. Waited on Robert Stewart, Esqr. Agreed about his mine.[239] Dined at Donaghada and took the boat about 11 a.m. [*sic, for 'p.m.'*] ***Thu 8th*** At Port Patrick. Got here this morning about 3½ this morning in the *Janes*, Captain Cossh. Passage about 4½ hours. Came away about 11 p.m. [*sic, for 'a.m.'*] (sent for our horses her[e]) & dined at Stonraer. ***Fri 9th*** At Stranraer. Went to Lord Stair's this afternoon. He will not admitt Stephens & his party on any account so we must protest against him. Came back in the evening. ***Sat 10th*** Dined at Glenluce. Met old Stephens. Came that night to Newton Stewart. Sent for William McMullan; protested against Stephens, and went to Gatehouse that night.

Sun 11th At Gate-house. Came away about 9 a.m. Dined at Carlingworks and lodged at Dumfries. Fine weather; roads very good. Country people throng about planting potatoes. ***Mon 12th*** At Dumfries. Came away about 7 a.m. Baited at the Brow; dined at Gratnoh and lodged at Carlisle. Came over the Esk river below Garishtown to Rowcliff: saved about 4 miles. ***Tue 13th*** At Carlisle. Stayed here this day on account of John Nixon having to settle with his farmer and other business in this town. A wet morning & looks showry. ***Wed 14th*** Came away about

7 a.m. Breakfasted at Newtown. Came away a little before 9; got to Red Dial before 11. Dined there; baited at Cockbridge & got home about 6. ***Thu 15th*** Fatigued with riding. Got little out this day. Leading manure for barley. It has been wet, showry weather since we went away here. ***Fri 16th*** Plowing for barley. Sew about six pecks this day in Far Whinney. Weather cold & unsettled. ***Sat 17th*** Planting potatoes this day in Far Whinney. Gardener here this day and yesterday cleaning up gardens.

Sun 18th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. At home in the afternoon. ***Mon 19th*** Went to Cockermouth. With George Bell, Henry Bowman &c. Old Joseph Robertson of Workington is dead and dyed very suddenly. A fine day & a throng fair. ***Tue 20th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Signed a paper of denial against Joseph Rook. The papers from the visitors & the letter from Martha Nixon read in the meeting &c. ***Wed 21st*** Attended the beast fair. Sold a heffer. A pretty throng fair. Cattle in good condition and milk cows sold pretty well. Settled the books at the warehouse. ***Thu 22nd*** Tabitha Candler here this week. Throng in puting in the barley and potatoes. Weather pretty good. ***Fri 23rd*** Got all the barley sown this day. About 3 bushels & planted between four and five bushels of potatoes. Gardener here on 3rd day, sticking and howing the peas. ***Sat 24th*** Went to Dean in the afternoon. Received John Fearon's money.

Sun 25th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. John Mirehouse here. Agreed to meet at Dean again on 3rd day at 5 p.m. to settle and pay off John Fearon's debts. ***Mon 26th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled with George Beeby and Robert Barns for rent. Joseph Sergeant has not paid his rent. He requests a little more time, which I granted him.[240] ***Tue 27th*** John Richardson here leading stones of Corn Close and repairing the Bank road. Making out John Fearon's account. Went to Dean; paid sundry bills for him. ***Wed 28th*** Went to Workington. Dined at Henry Bowman's; went after to Jane Robertson's. Paid her interest in full to the 1st inst. and took her receipt. With Samuel Wales, John Ellwood &c. ***Thu 29th*** About the mortgage deeds between the trustees of J. Rook and John Peile the elder; consideration £130 @ 10d; term five years. Fine weather. ***Fri 30th*** About writing the deeds. Finished the same this evening. Settled with John Richardson and paid him in full for 8 days @ 8d: 5s 4d. ***Sat 31st*** Went to Stanger. Met George Rook and the other trustees. Got the deeds executed to the satisfaction of the parties. Paid William Pearson for 18 score of straw @ 7d: 10s 6d.

June 1777

Sun 1st Did not get to the Meeting. A wet day but warm. General Meeting at Cockermouth; at home after. Joseph gone forward to Rosley for John Robinson to sell his young horse. ***Mon 2nd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Joseph Green here. Sold him a calf for 20s. To take it away on 6th day. A very fine day and warm after the rain which has been pretty plentifull. ***Tue 3rd*** Went to Dean in the afternoon. Met John Fearon and others. Settled his account and got him to sign the same. Gave him my note for £60 @ 10d payable in seven years. ***Wed 4th*** Went to the beast

fair. Sold two cows. Milkers pretty high if in good condition. Samuel Pearson there: to meet him at Ouze Bridge on 7th day afternoon at 3 p.m. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting in the morning. At home after. Joseph gone to Whitehaven market. Butter sold @ 5½d per lb. Meat pretty moderate. Weather pretty moderate and fair. ***Fri 6th*** Joseph & William at the highways this day. ***Sat 7th*** Went to Ouse Bridge in the afternoon. Met Samuel Pearson & John Dover. Paid S.P. [*Samuel Pearson*] one year's interest {£5} of £100 due 5th current & 50£, part of the principal. Took a receipt on back of bond.

Sun 8th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. Weather cold. ***Mon 9th*** Went to Cockermouth. With George Bell, John Rudd, James Fletcher and others about business. Weather cold. ***Tue 10th*** At the highways, this day being the 3rd at that work. Weather continue dry and a cold easterly wind with snow on the tops of our mountains. ***Wed 11th*** Made a settlement this morning with Ruth Johnson and paid her in full for wages to Whitsuntide last past. At the highways 4th day. Weather the same. ***Thu 12th*** Wife gone to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. Weather cold and dry. ***Fri 13th*** Attended the Monthly Select Meeting which is not well attended since the alteration of the time of holding it. None from Whitehaven nor Issell. ***Sat 14th*** William and Joseph at the highways, this day being the sixth and last for this year. Working chiefly in Tarrendale and Akebank lanes. Weather showry.

Sun 15th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. An Epistle from Martha Nixon and the Friends who visited the meetings read. John Woodvill and wife here in the afternoon. ***Mon 16th*** Did not go to Cockermouth on account of my leg. It is much inflamed; attended with a continual burning pain. It is most uneasy in the night in bed. ***Tue 17th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large & pretty well attended. ***Wed 18th*** Beast fair this day: did not go to it. Little selling; cattle low. Joseph gone to the coals. Showry. ***Thu 19th*** My leg very painfull & much inflamed. Can get but little sleep in the night. A wett day. ***Fri 20th*** Leg continues painfull and runs some little. Joseph gone to the coals with three horses: great coop & little one. ***Sat 21st*** Weather showry. Leg much the same. Joseph gone to coals again. Nothing remarkable.

Sun 22nd Could not get to Meeting on account of my leg. A very thin meeting. Very few from Graysouthen. Sent the Quarterly Meeting papers to Elihu with a letter by John. Rainy in the afternoon. ***Mon 23rd*** Could not go to Cockermouth; sent William. Wrote this morning to Isaac Robinson. Let him know that I had got the take note[241] from Robert Stewart; signed with remarks. Fine day. ***Tue 24th*** Got a letter from I. Robinson yesterday. He says Lord Stair refuses to allow the expence of our journeys to Scotland in account, so Isaac gave them up. A good account of the works. ***Wed 25th*** Wrote John Nixon again this day. Desired his coming here this week to consult about the Irish mine & endeavour to settle the partnership. Sold Joseph Green 4 sheep @ 16s 6d each. To take them away in 2 weeks. Sent J.N.'s [*John Nixon's*] letter by him. ***Thu 26th*** A wet day. Was leading stones the last 3 days to the out hedge on Whinney end. Had John Richardson. Quarter Meeting this day but could not go on account of my leg. ***Fri 27th*** Very

lame. The inflamation doth not abate. It works as a burn & is very painfull. Can't sleep in the night on account of its extreem heat, smarting & burning. ***Sat 28th*** Weather continue showry. John Richardson here seven day[s] which is yet unsettled for. He is to come next week about mending the Moss & Bank road. The road into the other Moss is got finished last week.

Sun 29th Could not go to the Meeting on account of my leg. Got the Select Meeting book & papers back from the Quarter Meeting by Elihu Robinson. ***Mon 30th*** Wrote John Rudd, attorney, about James Fletcher affair with Banks. Also wrote to Robert Stewart Esqr. at Bangor. Sent William to Cockermouth with letters &c.

July 1777

Tue 1st Inflamation begins to abate a little but continues very sore and troublesome. It runs very hot sharp matter which blisters the parts it touches. ***Wed 2nd*** Yesterday Joseph gone for slate for John Jackson of Hill. To be carried to Great Clifton: he has about 12 carts. They carried them to Clifton this day & brought coals back. ***Thu 3rd*** Richard Radcliffe from Cockermouth & a gentleman along with him in a chaise came here this forenoon. He says he is Mary Harrison's brother of Philadelphia and has a power of attorney from her or her son about the estate at Seaton. Gave him a few lines to Samuel Wales to shew him the houses & estate. He says he purposes to stay in this country only about 3 days. He was going to Whitehaven. ***Sat 5th*** The inflamation of my leg abated a little but continues still very painfull. Showry weather.

Sun 6th Could not go to the Meeting. General Meeting at Whitehaven this day. Jonah Harrison from London down at Meeting. Paid Jane Head Mally's annuity due in April last past: £10 0s 0d. ***Mon 7th*** Very lame. Can't go much out. My leg is still pretty much inflamed. Weather more settled. ***Tue 8th*** Leg continues the same. The inflamation drawn into a less compass. It runs a little sharp humour. ***Wed 9th*** About drawing a deed of sale between John Jackson of Hill and Mabel Coulthard of Great Clifton. Consideration £14, with a schedule of goods anexed. ***Thu 10th*** Joseph gone to Whitehaven market with oats, butter and cheese. Sold the whole pretty well. An account of more ships being taken by the American privateers near Dublin. ***Fri 11th*** No account of the *Isabella*, Captain Robinson, from Riga. The north seas are more and more infested with American, or rather French pyrates. ***Sat 12th*** No further accounts to be depended on with any certainty, tho' great firing of guns have been heard.

Sun 13th Can't go to the Meeting: very lame. Had the cliping on 6th day last. John Carlisle helped us. Sheep in pretty good order. ***Mon 14th*** Could not go to Cockermouth. Sent William to get the needfull for the house. Joseph mowing in Bleachyard and Back of Orchard. Pretty full of grass. ***Tue 15th*** Joseph & John Richardson mowing in Moss head and Moss Close. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Wed 16th*** Got a letter from Isaac on 2nd day last from Riga. All well: they intend to sail in about 10 days for Dublin. ***Thu 17th*** Matthew Smith called here this

forenoon and presented a bill from Daniel Offley and company on me for £100 which I refused acceptance for want of effects. He view'd the wool. ***Fri 18th*** Jane Pearson here yesterday and this day. John Green came for the sheep this day along with John Carlisle. A fine day. Mowed out the Croft this day. ***Sat 19th*** Ruth got a hurt yesterday evening with attempting to drive the bull into the byar, but the dog rescued her from him. A little bruised & much afrighted.

Sun 20th Could not go to the Meeting on account of my leg. Went in the afternoon to Cragg End. Old John Allason very ill. Think he can't get over many days. Jane Pearson went home this afternoon. Warm weather. ***Mon 21st*** Sent Joseph to Cockermouth with the wool. He received cash for it, £2 10s 6d. Very warm weather. Throng with the hay. John Richardson mowing in Undergarth meadow. ***Tue 22nd*** Monthly Meeting this day: did not get on account of my leg. Abraham Scott here. Sent for to make John Allason's will. Got the same done. He appears to be a little better. ***Wed 23rd*** Joseph mowing in Undergarth meadow. Weather showry & unsettled. The grass back this year. Wet meadows thinn this season on account of the cold spring. ***Thu 24th*** My leg much better but dare not walk much for fear of bringing on the inflamation again. It is now brought into a little compass. Weather showry & cold. ***Fri 25th*** Throng with the hay. Got some of the Croft hay this day. Joseph [*Mitchell*] begun this day to open out his grievances which are very trifling & not worth notice. ***Sat 26th*** Joseph wants to lay much of the blame on Nancy [*Chorley*] but without any cause or foundation, he being in his sulky way for some time before she came here.

Sun 27th Rode to the Meeting for the first time being out. My leg continues easier but mends very slow. The inflamation never goes quite off. ***Mon 28th*** None of us went to Cockermouth this day. John Richardson here mowing in Corn-Close meadow. The weather very slow and cloudy. ***Tue 29th*** J.R. [*John Richardson*] here again this day. Joseph broke out again when at dinner. I offer'd to pay him off but he agreed to continue till the hay was got in. So made a final conclusion about it, & Ruth declared then she would go away too. But told her she could not, being a hired servant and must either serve out her term or go to the House of Correction. She at last cooled and continued in her service. The ill counsel he has given her appears the cause.

August 1777

Fri 1st Yesterday evening was Thomas Robinson's pay night. Sent John and William with the money. They paid him in full to this time {£3 12s 9d}. Showry weather. ***Sat 2nd*** Paid Christopher Wilson and John Steel their bills in full for shoes. Got the Croft hay and some out of the Undergarth meadow.

Sun 3rd At Meeting on foot for the first time. Proved pretty well. General Meeting at Broughton. John & William there. Samuel Spavall there: preached very well. He is to be at our meeting on 5th day. ***Mon 4th*** Weather continues very wet; little hay got for some time. My leg continues to mend but very slow. It begins to swell again

towards evening. ***Tue 5th*** Samuel Spavall at Cockermouth this day and is to be at Whitehaven tomorrow. A very plain, honest man. ***Wed 6th*** Weather much the same. Cloudy, close and moist. Can get very little done with the hay. ***Thu 7th*** At the Meeting in the morning. Samuel Spavoll there. He said very little to us but what he said was very favourable. No harshness nor uncharitable suggestions, as is common at home, were uttered by him but what tended to stengthen and encourage the weak minds of the people almost sunk with terrifying words &c. ***Sat 9th*** A wet day. Two wrights here sawing wood and making the byar door and bleach yard gate.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Went to Eaglesfield after with wife. Dined at Elihu's; drunk tea at Joseph Harris's. A wet afternoon. ***Mon 11th*** A rainy day. Sent William to Cockermouth for provisions for the house. Got a letter from Dr. Gill from Antigua. He has been 29 weeks confined in a chronic rheumatism. ***Tue 12th*** A wright here yesterday about the bleach yard gate. Finished it. A fine day: got five cart loads of hay [from] Undergarth. ***Wed 13th*** John Richardson here mowing in Corn Close. Got six carts of hay out of Corn Close. Drafted Jonathan Fell's will. ***Thu 14th*** At Meeting. Shew'd Elihu the draft of Jonathan Fell's will; he approved of it. To execute it on 2nd day at Cockermouth. Weather pretty good; throng about the hay. ***Fri 15th*** About ingrossing Jonathan Fell's will on a large sheet of paper. About Corn-Close hay. ***Sat 16th*** Finished J.F.'s will and also Peter Head's lease. Weather very slow and showry.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Wife gone to Broughton to see Anthony Saul's wife. Went to John Nutt's afternoon. ***Mon 18th*** Went to Cockermouth for the first time. My leg better but mends very slow. Dr. Wilson orders me to take the barks &c. Got Jonathan Fell's will executed. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. Weather pretty moderate. ***Wed 20th*** Throng with the hay. Got Corn Close and two carts out of Jemmy meadow. J.R. [*John Richardson*] mowing. Weather showry & uncertain. ***Thu 21st*** A wet day. About mewing hay in high hay-loft. Wrote on 2nd day last to John Robinson, Dublin, Isaac Robinson, Lord Stair and Robert Stewart, Esqr. ***Fri 22nd*** Got a letter this day from son Isaac from Dublin. They got there last 1st day after a passage of 7 weeks & 3 days. All well. The[y] have miss'd the American privateers. ***Sat 23rd*** Weather still continues to be very showery and uncertain. Corn much laid down. Wheat appears to be a very bad crop. A great complaint of its being blasted.

Sun 24th At Meeting. It came on a very great storm and flood. Much wet before I got home. The greatest flood here that hath been seen for several years. Water run thro' the byar, fill'd the cellar and the swine house, so was obliged to remove the swine. ***Mon 25th*** Weather wet & stormy. Did not get to Cockermouth. Hay in many places wash'd away by the floods or almost cover'd with water upon the ground. ***Tue 26th*** Went to Pardshow in the afternoon. Made and executed Jonathan Watson's will of Ullock. At John Robinson's after. News of a Whitehaven ship being taken by an American privateer, which had a ring of bells on board for Cockermouth. As several of the people there are much in favour of the American rebellion & against Government, some say it is just on them. ***Thu 28th*** William Nixon, son of John Nixon, Whitehaven, died this morning at Thomas Wilson in

Lowswater about 9 o'clock. A young man of an universal good character and much lamented by all that knew him. ***Fri 29th*** John at Waterend last night. He sitt up and came home this morning. They intend to fetch him home this day and to bury him tomorrow, warning at 10 o'clock. ***Sat 30th*** John gone to the funeral which was very large and attended by Joseph Saul and Betty Robinson from Yorkshire. She preach'd very well to a crouded assembly.

Sun 31st At Meeting. A very showry day. Got very wet in coming home.

September 1777

Mon 1st Went to Cockermouth. With John Harris and others. George Bell not yet got to the warehouse but is in a hopefull way of recovery. A wet day. ***Tue 2nd*** Wrote Henry Bowman yesterday and sent by post. A showry day. Can get little done with the hay. We have got it all mow'd last week. ***Wed 3rd*** Weather still continues wet and very unseasonable. Got the most of the hay into great cock. About 7 or 8 cart loads yet out. ***Thu 4th*** At the Meeting in the morning. ***Fri 5th*** About ingrossing the draft[242] on parchment; a 15d skin. The stamps are again advanced by 1s 6d additional duty which makes the whole duty 5s on each skin &c. ***Sat 6th*** Got about 4 cart loads of hay this afternoon.

Sun 7th At Meeting. Nothing remarkable. John went yesterday p.m. to Workington and brought home a sheeting web, 53 yards; a diper ditto 2 yards; half anchor; cask gin. Got home well. Jo Bacon here in the afternoon. He brought a handkerchif for wife & a silver stock buckle for William. ***Mon 8th*** Sent William to Cockermouth for a fish and 2 sickles. No letters yet from Isaac Robinson, which makes us uneasy at the delay. Begun to sheer wheat this day. ***Tue 9th*** A wet day. About drawing the agreement of the last town vestry about the out-hedge for Joseph Wilson. ***Wed 10th*** Nothing to be remarked. Weather unsettled and showry but warm and growing. Corn late. About the wheat shearing. ***Thu 11th*** At the Meeting. ***Fri 12th*** Got the remainder of the hay yesterday. Joseph about washing the lambs: tobacco paper, broom and chamberley to kill the lice &c. ***Sat 13th*** Finish'd the washing of the lambs; 25 in number. Very warm, close weather. Settled this evening with Joseph Mitchel and paid him in full: 9s.

Sun 14th At Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting this day. Elihu Robinson representative to the Monthly Meeting. Went to John Woodvill's with wife in the afternoon. Captain Joseph Bacon here. Sent letters with him to Isaac at Dublin. ***Mon 15th*** Sent William to Cockermouth. About shearing wheat; a very fine day. The wheat is not much worse for the wet weather but is pretty good and near all ripe. ***Tue 16th*** This day Peter Murray entered here in place of Joseph Mitchell who has left us, he having behaved in a manner very disagreable. Passion and ill nature are mostly predominant with him. ***Wed 17th*** Shearing wheat in the Croft. Peter here. A warm, moderate day but little sun. Settled the bull book: 142 to this day, exclusive of our own cows. ***Thu 18th*** Wrote Henry Bowman and Shadrach Peet and sent by Hannah Gatey to Workington yesterday. Got all the wheat cutt this

forenoon. Carried the lambs to the fell after. Went with Peter to the fell. ***Fri 19th*** Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. John Wilson and Richard Pike representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. Wet in the forenoon. Went to Cragg End after. Old John much worse. ***Sat 20th*** A very fine day. Peter is threshing wheat. Very small but sound and dry. Henry Bowman called here this day with orders to name commissioners.

Sun 21st At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At home in the afternoon. Weather cold and showry. ***Mon 22nd*** Sent Peter to Cockermouth with oats, 9 pecks. Sold them for 6s 6d per bushel. Could get no fish for salting until the water rise. Got some wheat housed after. ***Tue 23rd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting. At Mosser in the evening at a vestry. Agreed not to go forward with the presentment as the hedge was in part repaired & some prepairation made for more. Egremont court on 3rd day first. ***Wed 24th*** Got all the wheat in last night. Very dry. Isaac Robinson came home on 3rd day evening. ***Thu 25th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife and son John to the Quarter Meeting which was but thin on account of the season. Pretty well conducted. ***Fri 26th*** Went to Cockermouth again with wife. The meeting rather larger this day. Ended about 12 o'clock. Came home in the evening; got a shower. Nothing to be remarked. ***Sat 27th*** Shearing barley in Far Whinney. A very poor crop and much grown over with weed. Barley in general a bad crop this year & very small.

Sun 28th At Meeting in the morning. Isaac Robinson here in the afternoon. He says they have at last found the vein at Knockibea which is pretty promising. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got 4 fish, weight 95lb. @ 2d = 15s 10d. With Henry Bowman and John Nixon examining the introgatories ammended by Lawyer Wilson. ***Tue 30th*** Lame: could not go to the court at Egremont. Shearing oats in the Shortlands: much laid and grown thro'. Gardner here planting out the early cabbage.

October 1777

Wed 1st Examining the papers about the difference between Mary Ribton and Jonathan Sergeant of Great Broughton respecting leasing some ground called Coldgill &c. ***Thu 2nd*** Did not get to the Meeting. Very heavy showers of rain. Peter gone to Whitehaven markett with fruit & butter. A very great flood this night. ***Fri 3rd*** Went to Broughton about the arbitration. Got the bonds signed to John Fisher, John Robinson, Nicholas Martindale & self, or any three of us. Time to the 11 November next. Agreed to meet again at Broughton on 3rd day come a week. ***Sat 4th*** Weather still continues to be unsettled. The corn in bad condition; beaten down to the ground and much grown over with weed. Peter here.

Sun 5th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. John Woodvill and wife here in the afternoon. ***Mon 6th*** Went to Cockermouth. Settled the books at the warehouse for 5 months back. Rectified some errors and mistakes. Corn much on the advance. ***Tue 7th*** Shearing in upper Near Whinney. Corn very light this year and in general a

failing crop. ***Wed 8th*** Shearing in ditto. Rain came on soon in the afternoon and continued all day. A stormy night. Getting off the plumbs for Whitehaven market. ***Thu 9th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven. Wrote John Nixon and John Skyrin and sent by Peter. Alexander Patton here sheering. A moderate day; barometer at 6°. ***Fri 10th*** Attended the fair. Sold two heffers. Cattle dropp'd 20s a head after the morning. Supposed to be on account of the great number of Irish cattle come & gone for. ***Sat 11th*** A wet day. Gardener here. Peter guttering in the brow. Got letter from Isaac yesterday. Corn wet and in bad condition.

Sun 12th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. A fine drying day; wind easterly. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. At the warehouse. Got a pair of stockings for Isaac. With John Fisher about the refference: to meet tomorrow at Great Broughton. ***Tue 14th*** Went to Broughton. All the arbitrators met. Heard the complaint and the alegations and evidences of Jonathan Serjeant which appear to be very weak & insignificant. ***Wed 15th*** Throng with the harvest. Got Moss-head oats and the barly ready yesterday and this day. Housing out of Whiney and Shortlands. A strong easterly wind. ***Thu 16th*** Did not get to the Meeting: very lame. Throng with the harvest. The season very unfavourable. Expect to get corn all cutt tomorrow. ***Fri 17th*** Shearers here this day. Wet in the forenoon; pretty fair after. Got all shorn this day. Corn wett. ***Sat 18th*** A pretty favourable day. Throng working amongst the corn. It is very wet. Got some of it bound up.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Amongst the corn in the afternoon. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met again about the arbitration. Got no conclusion. They proposed to have six pound out of the rent due for a year short in lease & short entry. ***Tue 21st*** At Monthly Meeting: a pretty full meeting. A fine day: got all the corn in this evening. ***Wed 22nd*** A pretty favourable day. Several throng about the corn. Weather seems to be changing. ***Thu 23rd*** Gardener here about trenching the strawberry banks; the soil very good. Got plants from James Arnot of Papcastle, Branthwaite Hall &c. ***Fri 24th*** Gardner about the banks. Weather broke; stormy and unsettled; great floods. ***Sat 25th*** Weather still continues unsettled. Gardner here. Got the west and south-east banks planted.

Sun 26th Did not get to the Meeting. Weather stormy & unsettled. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. About John Peile's business of Lorton. Went to the Globe; before the Surrogate. Got the administration granted to John Peile. ***Tue 28th*** Peter was at coals yesterday. Prepairing for the market; about taking off plumbs &c. ***Wed 29th*** Weather continues wet and very uncertain. Gardner here diging and manuring the borders in low garden. ***Thu 30th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. A very wet day. ***Fri 31st*** Begun to take up potatoes this day: the[y] are not large but pretty rank.

November 1777

Sat 1st About the potatoes. Gardner and George Patton helping them. Cold showers of hail.

Sun 2nd A stormy day. Did not go to the Meeting. Wrote Thomas Winn in answer to his two last. Isaac Robinson agreed to write T.W. on 5 day last. ***Mon 3rd*** Went to Cockermouth. Gave him [*sic*] James Fletcher's note to me of £16 16s to get for me out of James Fletcher's estate now sold. With John Fisher about the arbitration; to meet this day week. ***Tue 4th*** Very throng with the potatoes. They are but small in comparison of the last year; not much more than half. A fine day with some showers of rain. ***Wed 5th*** About examining law cases and making my remarks and observations on the case and evidences in the difference between Mary Ribton and Jonathan Sergeant. ***Thu 6th*** Making a fair copy of my remarks for the arbitrators in the above case. Got up all the potatoes this day: not much more than half the quantity we had last year. A fine day. ***Fri 7th*** This day finished the copy of my remarks on the difference &c. and making further search about law cases. ***Sat 8th*** Gardner here about manuring the borders in low garden and digging the same. Finished them.

Sun 9th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. Weather very broken, showry & unsettled. One Peile Wilson dined here. Saw Isaac lately at Dublin: he was well and hearty. ***Mon 10th*** Paid servants there wages. Ruth hired to Kirby. The fair very throng and crouded. Servants pretty moderate. About the arbitration in the evening. ***Tue 11th*** Peter here. He bought a cow and calf yesterday. A number of small Scotch chattle and some Irish pretty good. Gardner here. ***Wed 12th*** Sent Peter in the afternoon to collect a part of the bull money. A fine day. Wrote Joseph Mason and sent him £4 10s by Peter &c. ***Thu 13th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. A wet day but pretty warm. Butter 7d: had 30 lb. and plumbs. ***Fri 14th*** Gardner here about the tulip beds, prepairing them with dung and diging. They are in very good order. ***Sat 15th*** About puting in the tulips and graveling the walks. Weather continues wet & unfavourable.

Sun 16th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. ***Mon 17th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. With Henry Bowman &c. Settled with the farmers. Came home in the night. Very wet. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. William Robinson from Dublin here. Greesers here: finished the sheep this night. ***Wed 19th*** Peter gone to Workington for a quarter beef sent by Isaac; weight 14 stone 7lb. @ 2d. Very good beef. To write him by Joseph Bacon. ***Thu 20th*** About Musgrave Walker's lease between him and Joseph Fearon, yearly rent £22 1s. A fine fore part of day; wet in afternoon. ***Fri 21st*** Peter gone to the coals for himself. Wife gone to Isaac Ritson's of Dean. William Robinson here yesterday afternoon; stay'd 'till bedtime. A fine day.

Sun 23rd Did not get to the Meeting. Very lame; my legs but little better. Weather very moderate. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Musgrave Walker & Joseph Fearon. Read the lease which was satisfactory. To ingross the same upon stamp so soon as convenient. ***Tue 25th*** Isaac Ritson and man here about making a pair new wheels. Weather moist and rainy. ***Wed 26th*** I.R. and man here. Finished the wheels this day and did some other thing in afternoon. ***Thu 27th*** Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. Two strangers (men) there. I could not go for my legs and pain in my hipp. ***Fri 28th*** A great fall of snow last night. Peter gone to the fell. Frost

after. The snow mostly gone in the evening. Cold uncertain weather. ***Sat 29th*** Peter gone to collect the remainder of the bull money. A pretty moderate day; no frost.

Sun 30th Did not go to the Meeting. Still very lame; little or no better.

December 1777

Mon 1st Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Peter to get iron for the wheels but could get none in the town on account of the high price. They durst not buy any. ***Tue 2nd*** Very lame in my hipp: can scarce go over the floor. ***Wed 3rd*** Weather moderate but moist and inclinable to rain. Peter threshing barly: very small. ***Thu 4th*** About ingrossing [*Musgrave Walker's*] lease. Got the same finished this day. William gone to Cockermouth to see the militia exercise. ***Fri 5th*** Captain Walker and Captain Edward Knubley of the militia here, and Joseph Fearon here also. Got the lease signed. To keep it. ***Sat 6th*** Joseph Bacon here in the night.

Sun 7th Could not go to the Meeting; continue very lame. A fine moderate day but frosty. ***Mon 8th*** Could not go to Cockermouth. Sent William. Peter gone to the mill with 8 bushels oats for the swine. ***Tue 9th*** Wrote Thomas Winn yesterday in answer to his. He gives a bad account of the mine in Scotland, trying the vein at the bottom of the old shaft &c. ***Wed 10th*** Walked to John Woodvill's yesterday afternoon with wife. Stay'd till bedtime. Got the lease executed. Weather moderate; frost seems to be over. ***Thu 11th*** William Robinson & Isaac here in the afternoon. Stay'd till bedtime. To make out copies of my accounts with the late William Hudson from begining to this time. ***Fri 12th*** About making out W.H. [*William Hudson's*] accounts to this time. Sett son William to copy them for William Robinson that he may send them by first opportunity to Joseph Robinson. ***Sat 13th*** About the accounts. Finished the same this day. Ballance in my favour £58 19s 3d. And no interest charged since the settlement of W.H. note in 1773.

Sun 14th Very lame; could not go to the Meeting. ***Mon 15th*** Could not go to Cockermouth. Sent William for provisons &c. Nothing remarkable. ***Tue 16th*** Very fine winter weather for the season. Warm & moderate; little rain or winds. ***Wed 17th*** About drafting Mary Ribton's assignment from Jonathan Serjeant which is to be ready again[st] Monthly Meeting. ***Fri 19th*** My lameness still continue. No prospect of better. Am advised to try an issue in my left leg. ***Sat 20th*** Peter at coals most of this week with great coop; one day for himself.

Sun 21st Could not go to Meeting; the Preparative Meeting this day. ***Mon 22nd*** Finished the ingrossing: the assignment pretty long with large recitals. ***Tue 23rd*** The Monthly Meeting this day. Sent John with the book and papers. Still very fine weather. ***Wed 24th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. A cold day; some frost. Wrote John Nixon about the success of mine in Scotland and to Joseph Mason. ***Thu 25th*** This is what is called Christmas Day. Some observe it as a holy day but we observe it not at all. ***Fri 26th*** Peter threshing oats. They are but small and bad

couloured this year. Barley worth little but swine. ***Sat 27th*** John came home last night from Wigton, the Quarter Meeting. Very fine weather & pretty well attended.

Sun 28th Still at home. Can't yet go to the Meeting. Weather cold and inclining to frost. ***Mon 29th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Wrote Thomas Winn in answer to his. Let him know that I had ordered John Nixon to send him a London bill value £20 for himself & me, Isaac Robinson having sent his share in goods by the sloop before. ***Tue 30th*** Sharp frosty weather. Wrote John Nixon again about the success of the mine in Scotland, the vein being open'd out to a yard wide and eight inches of ore with a small mixture of sparr. ***Wed 31st*** John gone to Cockermouth. Put in the letter to Thomas Winn. Wrote to Isaac and gave him an account of the success of the mine, of my lameness, and other things needfull. Very hard weather with frost & snow, which concludes the year.

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January 1778

Thu 1st Very lame. John gone to the Meeting. Weather very hard; sharp frost and snow. Lowrence here threshing. ***Fri 2nd*** Very hard frost; cold, sharp weather. Lawrence & Peter threshing wheat to save it from the ratts. ***Sat 3rd*** A very bad day with a hard gale of wind from the SE with snow. Threshing wheat.

Sun 4th Sons gone to the Meeting. Thow in the night with showers of hail. Froze again in the morning. Very slape and dangerous walking. ***Mon 5th*** Still continues very lame. Dr. Wilson came this day and cutt an issue in my left leg a little below my knee. Felt little pain in cutting it. He put in pepper corns which are [to] continue about twenty-four hours and then to put in two or more peas in their places. ***Wed 7th*** John gone to Whitehaven with William Robinson who is for Dublin the first opportunity. Lawrence here this week threshing. ***Thu 8th*** Sharp frost with a little cover of snow upon the hills. Still threshing wheat. It is very sound and makes very good bread. ***Fri 9th*** John not yet come home from Whitehaven. ***Sat 10th*** John came home this night.

Sun 11th The issue exceeding painfull. It runs bloody matter & the leg swells much. Elihu Robinson, William Woodvill, John Robinson & Peter Pearson here p.m. ***Mon 12th*** Very lame. The issue continues very sore and runs a thin sharp humour. Is obliged to dress it twice in 24 hours. Weather frosty. ***Tue 13th*** Wallers finished the wall in the orchard side and are to come again when seasonable to quarry stones for the hill top hedge. ***Wed 14th*** This is the first Sessions day: do not hear of much business. Lawrence here this week threshing. A very cold, sharp day; wind easterly. ***Thu 15th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. A fine moderate day and Lawrence cleaning out the shade &c. where the calves lay in the night. ***Fri 16th*** Joseph Fisher from Keswick here. I gave him the papers which I had in custody about the arbitration. A jury of enquiry is to sitt on 2nd day. ***Sat 17th*** A showry day but very fine winter weather. Peter & Lawrence about rudding out old house stead in the orchard. Very large stones at foundation.

Sun 18th Lads gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. John Harris came to see me and dined here & stay'd the afternoon. ***Mon 19th*** The issue still troublesome. Very sore and doth not run much. As lame as ever; can't go over the floor without the help of a stick. ***Tue 20th*** Lads both gone to Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. The case of Dr. Woodvill's shooting a man on the ninth current, in the night or between the hours of one and two in the morning at his mother's house in Papcastle came before the meeting, who appointed a committee to hear the case from both sides and to give judgment as evidence may appear. The

young man's name was William Tickell, son of John Tickell, smith in Cockermouth. It appears that said Tickell and a soldier were about the house at Papcastle at said time & try'd the kitchen door and then look'd in at the window. The doctor not being gone to bed, he took them for robbers & fired thro' the window, and unfortunately killed the man who it is said had no bad design but wanted the servant girll.[243]

Sun 25th Lawrence here putting in the peas, threshing &c. ***Mon 26th*** Lawrence Witted here about diging the old house steed and prepairing it for turnups. Very cold, frosty weather with some snow. ***Tue 27th*** A very cold, snowy day. Wind from south to SSW. Lawrence threshing this afternoon. Wrote William Wilson's will: Joseph devisee & executor. He charges the estate with 100£, viz. to his brother John 40£ and to his sister Ann 60£. ***Wed 28th*** A moderate day; wind southerly. Lawrence diging as before. ***Thu 29th*** Lost the young calf on 3rd day night; disorder not known. It died in a few hours after it was discovered to ail anything. ***Fri 30th*** Lawrence here about the old house stead. Weather in general very moderate and fine for winter. Very little frost this winter. ***Sat 31st*** The issue continues still very troublesome. The hot burning pain seems to fix upon the place so that it runs very little.

February 1778

Sun 1st Lads gone to the Meeting. Nothing further to be remarked this day. ***Mon 2nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. He carried Joseph Bacon's watch to Lot Barwise to clean and put to right. Weather moderate. ***Tue 3rd*** Killed two swine this day. They proved very well. John Jackson, butcher. Weight 27st. 5lb. & 22st. 8lb. Sold to Joseph Green for 3s 3d per stone. ***Wed 4th*** Peter to carry the swine to Whitehaven tomorrow. Weighed them this afternoon. Weight as above. They cutt up very fine. ***Thu 5th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven with the swine. They gave great content and were soon sold. They cutt very fine when open'd at Whitehaven. ***Fri 6th*** The issue still continues very troublesome and painfull and runs very little, yet the colour comes into my legs better than expected. ***Sat 7th*** Peter threshing oats. Sent him and William in the evening to Pardshow to pay James Mirehouse bill for work to this day.

Sun 8th Lads gone to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable this day. Weather cold but little frost. ***Mon 9th*** Not yet able to go much out. My leg still very painfull; the issue runs little but hope the disorder will wear off in time. ***Tue 10th*** Killed the other two swine this day. They also proved very well. We keept two fore quarters and a hinder quarter except the ham. ***Wed 11th*** Weighed the swine this afternoon. Weight 24st. 11lb. [&] 23st. 8lb. Very fine pork. To send one swine, one hinder quarter & a ham to J. Green. ***Thu 12th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven with the swine and 14 lb. butter. A cold day but fine winter weather. Begun to tickett the books. ***Fri 13th*** About ticketing the books with my name and number. Got 300 tickets printed by John Ware.[244] Peter threshing oats. ***Sat 14th*** About ticketing the books. Got about 180 done this evening. Peter threshing oats for meal.

Sun 15th Wife and lads gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. To prepair abstracts of marriage certificates & sufferings against Monthly Meeting. ***Mon 16th*** A very cold frosty day with frequent showers of snow. Wind about NE. Peter and William deighting & making the corn ready for the mill. ***Tue 17th*** John gone to the Monthly Meeting. Peter & William about the corn. Very cold; hard frost & snow. Sent the abstract of marriage certificates & Mosser sufferings to the meeting. ***Wed 18th*** Sent the corn to the mill: 18 bushels. And six pecks of oats more for Hannah Gill for meal. Weather continues frost & cold. ***Thu 19th*** About ticketing the books and making out a catalogue of them. Begun with the folios and then the others according to the volume. ***Fri 20th*** Mally Nicholson here. Agreed to go over to Whitehaven to make a settlement with James, her father, who is waisting the effects &c. ***Sat 21st*** Sent a copy of John Nicholson's will along with her to Wenington, the attorney. To prepare a draft of writing to trustees for uses when convenient.

Sun 22nd Lads gone to the Meeting. Still very lame; the issue very sore. John was at Thornthwaite yesterday: got some trees and grass. ***Mon 23rd*** Perusing the writings about the late Thomas Jefferson's affairs & the bond sent me by John Fearon. To write him my opinion thereupon. ***Tue 24th*** Wrote John Fearon in reply to his, viz. our power of attorney from Joseph Senhouse is limitted to collect the outstanding debts and distribute the same to the relations according to the statute. And that the bond tyed us to act accordingly, but no further than against our own acts and against any act of relations in law or equity at charges thereupon, but not against any act of the executors of said Jefferson. ***Thu 26th*** Wrote John Nixon a long letter in answer to his about the works in Scotland, my sentiments thereupon, with some remarks about I.R. [*Isaac Robinson?*] &c. ***Fri 27th*** Wrote Thomas Winn in answer to his about our short advance &c. Also wrote son Isaac & sent to J. Nixon to be forwarded by the first opportunity. ***Sat 28th*** Yesterday was the fast day appointed by Government. John Mirehouse here four days this week quarying stones for the hedge on hill top.

March 1778

Sun 1st Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. Nicholas Beeby & Elihu Robinson here in the afternoon. Isaac Fletcher, Leys, & John Robinson, Pardshow, &c. here. ***Mon 2nd*** John Mirehouse here getting stones. Peter and William sledging them to the hedge. The stones rise very thinn and slatey. A fine day. ***Tue 3rd*** Wrote Dr. Gill on the 1st inst. About copying it this day. To send it by the *Lowther & Senhouse*, Captain Leonard Hind, for Antigua. ***Wed 4th*** Wrote Mary Nicholson, Whitehaven, and finished the copy of my letter to Dr. Gill. To send them tomorrow by Peter. ***Thu 5th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Sent Dr. Gill's letter &c. to Mary Nicholson to forward. She will send the chaise on 2nd day morning. Wrote William Nicholson's deed. ***Fri 6th*** A very snowy day; it lays now above six inches deep. John gone to Mockerkin. Got the deed executed. Peter threshing oats. ***Sat 7th*** A cover of snow yet upon the ground. John Mirehouse here. James Johnson here. Paid his bill in full.

Sun 8th Very unwell. Got a severe fitt of the ague upon me. Shaked and had very hot fitts and cold. John gone to the Meeting. ***Mon 9th*** Sett fo[r]ward about 10½ a.m. with wife in the chaise for Whitehaven. Got there at one a clock. Examined the conveyance in trust to William Eccleston and self. Got some alterations made in it; and got it executed by James Nicholson &c. ***Tue 10th*** At Whitehaven. Dined yesterday at J.N.'s [*John Nixon's*] & this at Joseph Todhunter's. ***Wed 11th*** At Whitehaven. At John Nixon's & sundry other places. Came away at 3 p.m. & got home before six. An agreable journey. Tabitha [*Chandler*] very poorly yet. ***Thu 12th*** John Mirehouse here this week, getting stones. Wife & Peter gone to Raize about buying a bull of Isaac Bacon. ***Fri 13th*** They bought the bull yesterday. To pay 10 guineas down & to receive back again 15s; or £9 15s is the money he is to receive for him. The bull will be two years old about May next. He is a dark brand with a streak of white along his back & speckled face. To bring him home when the other bull goes away and to pay for him when we take him away.

Sun 15th Pretty moderate day; weather seems to settle. ***Mon 16th*** Two wallers here about the hill top hedge. The stones are very bad and very slow to work. Begun to plough in the Croft. ***Tue 17th*** Broke the gray filley to work on 7th day and yesterday. She was very furious at first but came too by degrees. She is now very tractable & quiet. ***Wed 18th*** Copying the deed of uses from James Nicholson to self & William Eccleston. Got the same finished; it is pretty long. Ploughing ley in the Croft. ***Thu 19th*** Peter gone with the heffer (Tom) to Lamplugh Cross. Delivered her there to John Jenkinson by order of John Jackson of Ulverston, beast buyer. ***Fri 20th*** John Seaton here yesterday. Bought a pair of spectacles and some other things of him and also 8 yards of linnen cloth @ 1s 6d on credit, viz. 12s. ***Sat 21st*** Wallers here. A cold day. The stones are so very thinn and somall [*sic*] that it will be very tedious as well as expensive.

Sun 22nd A very wet, stormy day so did not go to the Meeting as intended. Joseph Proctor here on a religious visit. ***Mon 23rd*** Wet in the fore part of the day. Peter threshing oats. Weather seems unsettled; some cold showers of hail and rain intermixed. ***Tue 24th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Joseph Proctor there: he gave good advice. Did the business of the meeting. A very cold day. Much fatigued. ***Wed 25th*** Wallers here. Peter & William ploughing stuble in the Croft. They finished the ley yesterday. Joseph Bacon here on 2nd day night. Got a letter from Isaac. ***Thu 26th*** The *Isabella* sailed for Drontheim [*Trondheim*] in Norway on the 18th current by Isaac's account. The Quarter Meeting at Carlisle begun this [day]. ***Fri 27th*** Ploughing Whinney stubble, intending to sow it with oats again. Two wallers here this day. A very cold day; wind about SSW. ***Sat 28th*** A wet day and a flood. Peter threshing oats. Finish'd my remarks on John Scott's treatise on the poor laws & plan for new modeling the said laws.[245]

Sun 29th A wet day. Did not get to the Meeting. John & William gone. An account of a school master wanted in the county of Suffolk. To enquire of Richard Pike. ***Mon 30th*** Two wallers & gardners here. Jonathan Robinson from London here. Paid him part of his annuity. Ploughing in upper Near Whinney. ***Tue 31st*** Went to Cockermouth. At the warehouse; settled the year's account and also the month of January. No mistakes this time. Dined with G.B. [*George Bell*] at Edward Jones's.

April 1778

Wed 1st Wallers here. Finished the ploughing in upper Near Whinney. Intend to sow it with oats again. This year in pretty good condition. ***Thu 2nd*** Begun to sow oats this day in the Croft ley. Sew five bushels. The land in pretty good order, the rains considered. A fine day. ***Fri 3rd*** Sowing oats this day in High Near Whinney; the 2nd year's oats. This field in pretty good condition. Weather seems to settle. ***Sat 4th*** Finished the sowing oats in High Near Whinney; the field took 8 bushels. The two wallers here this week.

Sun 5th A very rainy day. John very ill in a rott of the middle finger of his right hand. Joseph Hutchinson of Cockermouth buried yesterday. Could not attend his funeral. ***Mon 6th*** A cold wet day, so did not go to Cockermouth as intended. It faired in the afternoon. Weather seems to settle again. ***Tue 7th*** Joseph Green came for the bull this day. Peter went with him and put him to beyond Branthwaite. Brought home the young bull, 2 years old in May next. ***Wed 8th*** John very ill in his finger. Can't attend the school this week. Obliged to sitt up all the night, the pain is so very severe. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting. A very fine day. Ploughing in Far Whinney. Four wallers here this week since 2nd day. Very hot weather for the season. ***Fri 10th*** 5 wallers here this day. They will near finish the hill hedge this week. Weather very hot and thunder this day and yesterday. ***Sat 11th*** 4 wallers here. Ploughing bigg stuble in Far Whinney. The ground come again into pretty good order.

Sun 12th At the Meeting. Went with wife in the afternoon to John Woodvill's. Jonah Dixon and wife there. Come on rain in the evening. ***Mon 13th*** A wet day. Could not get to Cockermouth as intended. Gardner here sowing beans and remainder of the peas & some seeds. John Rudd here sowing. ***Tue 14th*** Got a stamp last night from Jonathan Dixon. About drafting the bond for him respecting the sheep; obligation £100 &c. ***Wed 15th*** Ingrossed the bond upon stamp; the condition and recital pretty long. Sent William to Cockermouth for three stamp for John Grave.

Sun 19th At Meeting in the morning; the Preparative Meeting after. Son John gave them notice that he intended to give up the school in a short time &c. ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair this day but very thinn on account of season. Paid Henry Bowman [John] Christian's interest {£22 10s} due 22nd ult., to send by his clerk {to Charles Udale}. ***Tue 21st*** Attended the Monthly Meeting and signed a paper of denial against Jonathan Serjeant for bad conduct.[246] A very snowy day & very cold weather. ***Wed 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth with wife to get Isaac's sea cloths, shirts, stocks &c. With Henry Bowman. Got him to sign a notice and copy it over for Joseph Mitchel. ***Thu 23rd*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Two wallers here about the moor hedge. Weather continues very cold and much snow on the hills. Severe frost in the nights. ***Fri 24th*** An account of an American privateer off Whitehaven. They made an attempt; landed about 30 armed men on the 23rd in the night with powder, matches &c. Sett fire to one ship in the harbour, the *Thompson*, Captain Johnson, a new ship laying under one of the hurrys & lay matches to sundry

others, but the tide being coming in they got the fire extinguished by help of the engine. Sent expresses different ways. Got the militia from Penrith. Ship still off.[247]

Mon 27th Went to Cockermouth. It is reported this day that some of the king's ships has appeared off Whitehaven & in the North Channel, but little certainty yet about it. ***Tue 28th*** Peter Murray's family came here this day from Ullock. Joseph Mitchel & his family removed to Pardshow on 7th day last. Wallers & gardner here. ***Wed 29th*** Wallers & gardener here. Peter leading stones to the wall. Planted out about 300 winter cabage: very cheap this year. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting. Wallers here. To finish the wall tomorrow adjoining the moor. A warm day; clouds look very fiery; thunder-like.

May 1778

Fri 1st Went to Cockermouth this afternoon. With Jonathan Skelton about his affairs. Two warrants out against him for an assault and threatning words at Stainburn. See the affidavits against him sworn before Joshua Lucock Esqr. Thomas Webster to go over tomorrow & try to agree with them on as moderate terms as he can.

Sun 3rd At Meeting; the General Meeting held here which was pretty large &c. John & Mary Pearson dined here. Weather not yet warm & inclinable to showers. ***Mon 4th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Jonathan Skelton. They got the affair agreed. It cost him in the whole near 40s. Nothing new from Whitehaven; some king's ships near. ***Tue 5th*** Wrote Henry Bowman & sent him a copy of Jeremy Thompson's letter & requested him to advance the money for me until I got it raised of my own. ***Wed 6th*** Intended to send the letter by Matthew Black but he doth not go until tomorrow. Shall send by him. Finished the planting potatoes yesterday; about 3¼ bushels. ***Thu 7th*** Lawrence Hunter, taylor, here yesterday and this day making Isaac's sea cloths. Leading manure for barley. Old Lawrence here helping us to full manure. ***Fri 8th*** Taylor here about Isaac's cloths. Wet cold weather. Can get little forward with the husbandry. Gardner sticking the peas and weeding the banks. ***Sat 9th*** The report of some more American privateers in and about the North Channel. The *Boston, Glasgow, Thetis* and several king's ships have been spoke with on a cruise in pursuit of the *Ranger* privateer.

Sun 10th At Meeting. John gone to Workington with a letter to H. Bowman and £12 1s 6d in cash. He was at Rogerscale. ***Mon 11th*** Did not get to Cockermouth. Very bad in the strangary complaint. Can't go much out. Received a letter from Lord Stair and one from Thomas Winn about the mine. ***Tue 12th*** Wrote an answer to Lord Stair's and sent it to the post by Lawrence. Weather continues wet and showry & very cold for the season. ***Wed 13th*** Peter gone to Workington markett with potatoes. Carried Isaac's new cloths, viz 1 upper jacket & two under ditto; six white shirts & 6 stocks. Deliver'd 'em to Joseph Bacon. ***Thu 14th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. We hear by a vessel arrived at Whitehaven that the *Isabella* was in company with her in the North Channel & all well. Hope they are in

safety. ***Fri 15th*** Ploughing for barley. Begun to sow barley this afternoon in the low side of the Croft. Came on very wet before night. Lawrence dressing potatoes. ***Sat 16th*** Sew the remainder of barley this day; about seven pecks in the whole. Lawrence here. Weather continues very wet and cold for the season.

Sun 17th The Preparative Meeting after [Meeting]. A subscription sett forward for our suffering Friends in America. No encouragement for the school amongst Friends: it must be drop'd. ***Mon 18th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth with two loads of potatoes. Lawrence here about finishing the potatoes in the house. A very cold day; inclinable to snow. ***Tue 19th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was large. Two Friends from Ireland there in their way to London. One publick Friend. Two marriages there: William Stead & Isaac Bragg. ***Wed 20th*** Peter gone to Workington market. Billy gone to the fell. A pretty moderate day. Much barley yet to sow, weather has been so very wet & cold. ***Thu 21st*** Peter gone to Whitehaven with corn, butter, cheese &c. Little or no news this week. The Toulon fleet sailed but their destination not known. ***Fri 22nd*** Peter hedging. A very fine day. Sold a calf to Joseph Green. Sent for it this day. Bought one of Richard Jackson which he got of John Jackson. Not a week old yet. ***Sat 23rd*** Peter hedging. A fine day; the weather seems to settle and be more moderate. People throng with their barley. Several not yet got it all in.

Sun 24th At the Meeting, which was pretty large, tho' a very small appearance from Graysouthen. Went after to view the new hedge adjoyning the moor. A fine day. ***Mon 25th*** Went to Cockermouth. Got a letter from Isaac at Drontheim in Norway dated the 16th April. All well; very cold weather; they will be ready in a few days to sail for Dublin. ***Tue 26th*** Had a strong attack of the hipp gout. Very lame; can't walk over the floor without great pain. Received another letter from Lord Stair. ***Wed 27th*** Wrote to John Nixon; to send by John Pearson tomorrow. Peter gone to Workington market with potatoes. Some showers on the fore part of the day. ***Thu 28th*** A fine day. Peter about the hedges. Prepairing a cask of wad. The remainder of the dust to go to Clifton furnace. Bill of parcels to draw out & send with cask.[248] ***Fri 29th*** Sent the lead this day by Peter to the furnace; the cask pretty full, and to bring coals back with him. A fine day but cold for the season. ***Sat 30th*** About the sheep. Carying to [*sic, for 'the'*] ewes and lambs to the fell. A very low stock: only 13 lambs. Sheep generally in this part bad. A very great loss amongst them.

Sun 31st Very lame. Could not go to the Meeting. John gone to Cockermouth with John Nixon, who was here last night, to the General Meeting. A fine day but cold for the season.

June 1778

Mon 1st Lame and very unwell. Peter gone to Cockermouth market with potatoes. Weather cold and showry, which is very dangerous for the cattle just put out. ***Tue 2nd*** A little better this day. A very great lax upon me. Sarah Fletcher of

Thrushbank buried at Pardshowhall this day aged about 60 years. ***Wed 3rd*** Peter gone to Workington markett with potatoes. Weather showry and cold. Wrote to John Nixon in answer to his with remarks about Skyrin & company &c. ***Thu 4th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. The militia there but are ordered to go to Sunderland in a few days. Butcher meat pretty high; rest moderate. ***Fri 5th*** Nothing remarkable this day. The weather continues cold and wet for the season. Sheep very low & in bad condition this season. ***Sat 6th*** Went with John to Cockermouth. Settled the books at the factory to the begining of this month. With George Bell after about William going apprentice &c.

Sun 7th At Meeting, but a small appearance from Graysouthen. Agreed to go to Broughton on fourth day to Mary Ribton's to make out an inventory of her late husband's effects. ***Mon 8th*** Went to Cockermouth. The fair pretty throng; servants moderate. With sundries about business. Ann Pearson's husband refuses to pay the half year's rent for his wife. ***Tue 9th*** Tabitha here. Came yesterday in a cart. She could not ride. Seised with a great weakness in her back so that she could not ride on horse back. ***Wed 10th*** Peter gone to Workington market with potatoes, being the remainder of them. Went to Great Broughton to an apprizement of the late John Ribton's goods. ***Thu 11th*** At Meeting. Agreed with John Wilkinson to meet him at Crag-end on 7th day afternoon about 4 o'clock. Ploughing the potatoes the last time. ***Fri 12th*** Made John Allason's will of Cragg-end. And drew out a fair copy of the schedule of the late John Ribton's goods for the widow. A very wet day. ***Sat 13th*** Went to Crag-end in the afternoon. Met John Wilkinson there. Got the will executed without the knowledge of the familey from whom he wanted to secret it.

Sun 14th At Meeting. Got John Harris and Joseph Pearson along with myself to sign the schedule and inventory of John Ribton's personal estate. The Select Preparative Meeting after. At home in the afternoon. William gone to Whitehaven. ***Mon 15th*** Went to Cockermouth with wife. Dined at home, it being rainy in the forenoon. With George Bell, Robert Barns &c. Wrote to John Nixon in answer to his. With John Rudd: he to raise me money to pay Samuel Pearson. ***Tue 16th*** Agreed to go again to Cockermouth on 4th to get the cash and to go the next day to the Ouze Bridge or the chapel to pay the money according as demanded. ***Wed 17th*** Went to Cockermouth; the beast fair. They sold very high. With John Rudd. Got a London bill at last from John Simpson. Got cash {£50} for it from Thomas Bowman. ***Thu 18th*** Went to Ouze-Bridge & dined there. Then went to the chapel. Met John Dover and Samuel Pearson there. Paid off the bond and interest in full {£52 10s} & got in the bond. ***Fri 19th*** Much fatigued with yesterday's journey. Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. William Sowerby there. The Queries read and answered unto and good advice given.

Sun 21st At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. At home after. Very hot weather. N.B. The *Isabella* sailed for Onega this day. ***Mon 22nd*** Went to Cockermouth. A very warm day. With Joseph Hutchinson about affairs of his late father. There appears to be a fine sued about the land at Pardshow-hall. ***Tue 23rd*** At the Monthly Meeting. William Sowerby and some other friends there. The meeting large and in genreral pretty satisfactory tho' it sitt much too long: above 4

hours. ***Wed 24th*** Finished my draft this forenoon. Went in the afternoon to Branthwaite. Met John Nixon and Isaac Robinson about the Scotch adventure. Agreed to drop it. ***Thu 25th*** About ingrossing the deeds, Peter gone again to the coals. ***Sat 27th*** Lawrence Hunter, taylor, here yesterday and this day about making William's cloths before he go to Cockermouth. Hot weather.

Sun 28th Very unwell. Did not go the Meeting. The pain and complaint was in my stomach and bowels. ***Mon 29th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Jonah Dixon, Peter Pearson and John Fisher. Sent my deed to Wordsworth to make an extract to draw his from.[249] ***Tue 30th*** Wrote Thomas Winn in answer to his. Let him know we had sent them a 40£ London bill to put on with. Other things left to consideration.

July 1778

Thu 2nd At Meeting in the morning. Told Jonah Dixon that we had fixed to take the fine and execute the deeds to Thomas Robinson on 3rd day 1st at Lorton. ***Fri 3rd*** Peter fetching lime this week from Jonathan Thompson. ***Sat 4th*** Very hot weather.

Sun 5th At Meeting. Very thin on account of the General Meeting being at Whitehaven. Wet in the afternoon. Weather warm but showery; clouds fiery; air very hot. ***Mon 6th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Peter leading lime from Jonathan Thompson's killn at 5d a bushel. Green here; bought 3 sheep at 13s 6d apiece. To fetch them in two weeks. ***Tue 7th*** Went to Lorton in the afternoon. With Thomas Robinson & Jonah Dixon. Met H. Bowman. Got the deeds and fine executed to general satisfaction. A very hot day. ***Wed 8th*** Writing to Lord Stair in answer to his three last open letters sent under cover to Skyrin and company for their perusal by way of contempt or exposition. ***Thu 9th*** At Meeting in the morning. Received 50£ in cash from Jonah Dixon upon my note @ 10d. Went in the afternoon and paid it to John Simpson, mercer, for his London bill. ***Fri 10th*** Peter and William at the highways; about Whinney lane. William at Workington yesterday for Matthew Black. He brought some tray scoups &c. from Isaac. Showry day. ***Sat 11th*** Copied Lord Stair's letter. Went to John Woodvill's yesterday afternoon. He has got our English herbal from Cockermouth to peruse it. Sultry weather.

Sun 12th Did not get to the Meeting, it being wet in the forenoon. Wife and John gone to the funeral of Sarah Pearson, wife of John Pearson of Mosser. She is buried at the chapel. Wrote Joseph Robinson, London, in answer to his. ***Mon 13th*** Went to Cockermouth. With William Eccleston and Sally Piper who breakfasted here this morning from Whitehaven. Son William entered upon his apprentiship this morning at Cockermouth. To have indentures; term not yet fix'd. ***Tue 14th*** Joseph Pearson came yesterday morning. Agreed with him until the harvest be over at 3s 6d a week and 2s over for mowing. They are mowing in Undergarth meadow. The meadows are pretty full where dry. Sultry weather. ***Wed 15th*** Finished mowing the Undergarth meadow and also the Corn-Close meadow. The last very thinn this year. Begun in the Low Meadow. A very hot day. ***Thu 16th*** At Meeting; very thinn on

account of the season. Received Thurlow's oppinion on Quakers being lotted to serve in the militia not having effects. No commitment nor personal punishment can legally be inflicted upon such as have no effects being Quakers, but a certificate must be produced to the Deputy Lieutenants & justices certifying by two or more substantial house keepers of that persuasion that they are Quakers and of that profession. ***Sat 18th*** Soft, showry weather and slow hay weather.

Sun 19th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A collection for our suffering Friends in America brought in about £12 10s.[250] ***Mon 20th*** Went to Cockermouth. With the purchasers of Mossergate land late Wise's. They paid to John Fisher the 1st payment. To meet on 7th day afternoon to sign the deeds. ***Tue 21st*** At the Monthly Meeting. American collection brought in: amount £20 4s. To be remitted by Richard Pike to London. Slow hay weather; some showers. ***Wed 22nd*** At ditto. Wrote John Nixon to send by John for his assistance at the meeting at the courthouse tomorrow about militia. Peter and Joseph guttering in the Pasture. ***Thu 23rd*** John gone to Whitehaven according to order. Sent his certificate required by the late Act of Parliament. He delivered it in. They dismiss'd him with orders to the constable to make enquirey into his affairs and to return that day two weeks whether he had effects to make distress upon or not.[251] ***Fri 24th*** Showry weather. ***Sat 25th*** A very wet day. At James Graham's in the afternoon. Met P. Pearson and John Fisher from Lorton. Got P.P.'s [*Peter Pearson's*] deed executed and some notes signed.

Sun 26th My leg very painfull. Could not go to the Meeting. William Allason very ill of an obstruction of the bowels. His life is much feared. Wife gone there. ***Mon 27th*** Went to Cockermouth. Met Joseph Jackson and Musgrave Ellwood upon the Irish and Scotch mines. Agreed that I should write to Robert Stewart Esqr., Bangor, about the lead mine & let them know his answer. ***Tue 28th*** Wife and John at Cockermouth yesterday afternoon. Took up some cloths for John of Matthew Smith. Very wet in the forenoon. Men guttering in the Pasture. ***Wed 29th*** The weather still continues showry; no hay weather. Men yet guttering in the Pasture. It was very much flowed with water. ***Thu 30th*** At Meeting in the morning. Very thin on account of the season. Alexander Patten and man here opening the gutter in the Low Meadow. Got 3 carts hay. ***Fri 31st*** Drainers here. Peter and Joseph are mowing in the forenoon; about the hay after. Got about eight cart loads of hay. A very fine afternoon; weather looks a-settling.

August 1778

Sat 1st Drainers here. Very throng about the hay. Got the Low Meadow 12 cart loads. Took the drainers to assist us. Got in the whole, about 34 cart loads. The wet meadows very course; the dry pretty good.

Sun 2nd A very stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. The General Meeting is at Broughton this day. Joseph Pearson gone to the Meeting; to return in the morning. ***Mon 3rd*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent with William for the marketing. One

drainer here. Men mowing in the Shortlands. A fine day. ***Tue 4th*** Two drainers here. Peter mowing in the Corn Close; pretty full of grass this year. Sent three letters yesterday to the post by William: one for Robert Stewart, Esqr., one for Lord Stair, and one for Thomas Winn. ***Wed 5th*** A very stormy day and a great flood. Drainers not here. Copying the case about the militia and London manuscript for the other Monthly Meetings. ***Thu 6th*** At Meeting in the morning. Drainers here again. John at Mossergate again last night. William Allason still continues in a dangerous way; not much hopes of him. ***Fri 7th*** Drainers here guttering in the Low Meadow. Went to Mosser in the afternoon. Met Joseph Ashley. Got his deed executed by livery; got the notes signed and delivered them up to John Fisher of Lorton. ***Sat 8th*** Drainers here. Throng with the hay. John Bushby here. Account of an action between the English and French fleets. It is reported the French only made a runing fight and got into the harbour of Brest.

Sun 9th Very wet in the forenoon. Did not get to the Meeting. Joseph Bacon here in the afternoon. No account as yet from Isaac. We can't expect them till near Martinmas. ***Mon 10th*** Went to Cockermouth. With Joseph Ashley Esqr. and others. Settled the extra charge of my bill, J.A. [*Joseph Ashley*] & T.R. [*Thomas Robinson*] each 10s and Peter Pearson 7s, making together the sum of £1 7s 0d. ***Tue 11th*** Three drainers here this day cutting drains in the Low Meadow. They make them slouping above to the shoulder and open below, puting in the top sod as it came out, green side up. ***Wed 12th*** Drainers here in the forenoon. Very stormy after. They made out about half a day. This is Lamas fair. Wrote to John Nixon and Joseph Mason. ***Thu 13th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Drainers came in the afternoon to finish their work. Joseph Pearson away yesterday afternoon & this day. ***Fri 14th*** Drainers here. Throng with the hay. Weather has been very broken and uncertain but seems now for to settle a little. ***Sat 15th*** Drainers finished their work this day. Got nine carts of hay out of the Corn Close. Very fine hay and very well got in.

Sun 16th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A very fine day. ***Mon 17th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent for the marketing with William. Throng with the hay. Fine weather; the hay generally got in very well. ***Tue 18th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting, which was pretty large. Business in general well conducted. John Nixon here in the afternoon. Mally Nicholson &c. here. ***Wed 19th*** Mally Nicholson & George Jones dined here. Went with them and wife to Sosgill in the afternoon. Came home in the evening. Very hot. ***Thu 20th*** Throng with the Moss hay. Very fine weather. Got about 8 carts out of the Moss. Generally good hay but bad to get out. ***Fri 21st*** Fine weather and very hot which will bring in the remainder of the hay in very good condition. Got the remainder of the hay this forenoon. ***Sat 22nd*** Drainers came again this day; working in the Moss-head. Peter about taking off the lambs this day. Only 12 lambs in all.

Sun 23rd At the Meeting. Very thin; Graysouthen not there. They do but very seldom attend, tho' fine weather. Joseph Pearson went away this morning. ***Mon 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. This being the time of the Assizes, several people gone there. Wrote John Skyrin on Lord Stair's account & sent by post. Two drainers here.

Tue 25th William at home. Unwell; griping and a lax. Three drainers here. Peter gone to the coals with double coup. Very fine weather. ***Wed 26th*** Three drainers here working in the Moss, cutting a new gutter near the old one to take the water. Peter gone to coals. Mowing in afternoon. ***Thu 27th*** William gone again to Cockermouth this day, he being something better. At Meeting in the forenoon. Two drainers here who finished the work this day. [*'Peter at coals' erased.*] ***Fri 28th*** Peter gone again to the coals. Very fine weather and likely to continue. The harvest comes on very fast. ***Sat 29th*** Peter gone to the coals. Weather very favourable. An account of the English quitting Philadelphia and an action happen'd in their retreat. They got safe to New York with their bagage but lost a general, some officers and men as well as the enemy.

Sun 30th Did not get to the Meeting. ***Mon 31st*** Did not go to Cockermouth. The stranguary complaint continues, so can't go much from home. Got two carts of hay out of the Moss.

September 1778

Tue 1st Peter at coals both days. Very fine weather for leading them. The harvest comes on very fast; a fine season for wheat &c. ***Wed 2nd*** Peter gone to the coals again. William Allason here this forenoon about the window lists, rates upon the houses and servants.[252] Drew him out a form for them. ***Thu 3rd*** Peter gone to the coals. Was at Meeting in the forenoon. Weather warm but came on rain about 9 o'clock a.m.; a fine warm rain. ***Fri 4th*** Peter gone again to the coals. A very fine day. The hay in the Moss near ready for housing. The weather makes it pretty good. ***Sat 5th*** About the Moss hay. Got two carts of it this afternoon. Peter mowing bryars &c.

Sun 6th At Meeting in the forenoon; at home after. Barley near ready for shearing. Weather very fine. ***Mon 7th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. My leg very painfull & troublesome. Also much afflicted with the stranguary or pain in making water. ***Tue 8th*** Weighed the wool ready for carrying to Cockermouth. Sold the same to Matthew Smith, viz. 5½ stone @ 5s 6d and 23lb. mugg wool @ 10s; amount £2 4s 7½d. ***Wed 9th*** The weather still continues very fine and warm; inclinable to thunder. Shearing barley in the Croft. It is in general pretty good and fine corn. John Tolson and Henry Pearson here. ***Thu 10th*** At Meeting in the morning. Peter about laying bridges in the Moss for the benefit of husbandry and the cattle. Wife gone to Jonah Dixon's who has got a son. ***Fri 11th*** Peter gone to the coals for himself. Weather now turn'd showry & uncertain; thunder heard at a distance. Harvest is now near ready; the oats seem good. ***Sat 12th*** A very wet day, so can get nothing done in the field. Account of the fever spreading in several families in this neighbourhood. Joseph Black's familey yet very ill. Four of them in it.

Sun 13th At Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. William Woodvill representative. Collected upon the briefs 7s 9d. At home in the afternoon. ***Mon 14th*** Went to Cockermouth. The Commissary court this day at the Globe. Paid

James Collison the brief money, 7s 9d, and took his receipt. A fine day. ***Tue 15th*** Joseph Mason here in the afternoon. Paid him 50£ half principal and £4 10s interest to the 29th March last. Peter gone to Cockermouth with 1 coup lime. ***Wed 16th*** Joseph Bacon here last night. He is now out of his place with Captain Grayson as mate of the *Liffey*. Not yet determined what to do. A stormy night and a great flood. John Seaton here yesterday. Paid him in full ¦for linnen cloth left last time (12s); for a razor (1s 6d); for fine white thread (7d)¦. ***Thu 17th*** Writing out Dr. Hulme's receipt for the stone, gravel, scurvey &c. with his observations and remarks on the effects of salt of tarter & weak spirit of vitriol. ***Fri 18th*** At the Monthly Select Meeting. Elihu Robinson and Isaac Hall are appointed representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. Queries read and answered; generally a good account. ***Sat 19th*** Very slow harvest weather. Peter begun to shear oats this afternoon. The oats are generally very strong & a good crop this year. Barley on the contrary.

Sun 20th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Queries read; things generally pretty well. At home after. Weather seems to settle; glass very low. ***Mon 21st*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Throng shearing oats in High Whinney. They are very good but beat down by the late rains. A very fine day; weather seems settled. ***Tue 22nd*** At Monthly Meeting. Pretty well attended. Queries read and answered to in writing &c. ***Wed 23rd*** Very throng with the harvest. Got the barly in very well. About 120 sto[ok]s. It is pretty good and well fed. Weather pretty favourable. ***Thu 24th*** Went to Cockermouth. Attended the Quarterly Meeting which was but thin on account of the season, being just in the very height of harvest. ***Fri 25th*** Went again to Cockermouth to the Quarterly Meeting which ended about 12 this day. Things in general pretty well conducted. ***Sat 26th*** Throng shearing oats in the High Whinney. They are generally very good. Weather yet favourable.

Sun 27th At the Meeting in the morning. John Thompson from Richmond and Thomas Cuttworth from Newcastle at the meeting on a religious visit to this county. ***Mon 28th*** Went to Cockermouth. Wrote Musgrave Ellwood for him and Joseph Jackson to meet me here this day week. Thomas Winn here. He gives a good account of the mine. ***Tue 29th*** Throng housing corn. Got all the Croft oats, 144 sto[ok]s, and some out of Whinney. The weather seems now changable & blows pretty hard. ***Wed 30th*** A stormy day. Joseph Pearson gone to Cockermouth. The weather seems to sett in very rough and stormy. Begun to take the salts &c.

October 1778

Thu 1st Weather rough and stormy. Taking my salt of tarter and spirits of vitrol twice a day. It seems to agree pretty well with me. ***Fri 2nd*** Weather still unsettled. Corn much blown down and very wet. Setting it up to dry. Gardner here. ***Sat 3rd*** A fine day in the fore part but turned showry after. Shearing in Far Whinney. Joseph here again today.

Sun 4th Did not get to the Meeting. Bad in the stranguary and lame. Wet in the fore part of the day but moderate; a fine afternoon. ***Mon 5th*** Went to

Cockermouth. A very thinn market on account of the season. Met Joseph Jackson. Agreed that I should write to Robert Stewart so soon as convenient. ***Tue 6th*** Throng shearing. John Bushby and wife, Joseph Pearson, and old Lawrence here. Got all shorn this evening. Weather very changable and uncertain. ***Wed 7th*** Peter gone to seek the fillies. He can't find them; has been over most of the fells here. About the corn in the afternoon. Looks like storm. ***Thu 8th*** A very wet day. Can do nothing among the corn. Gardner here cleaning out the weeds &c. from the borders, trees &c. Found the fillies. ***Fri 9th*** Lawrence here about righting up the stooks. Very few left standing. Weather more moderate & seems to settle. ***Sat 10th*** Peter gone to the fair. Lawrence gone away this morning. The fair but thinn on account of the season. Milk cows sold well; the rest no great demand.

Sun 11th At the Meeting. A fine day for the season. William came home yesterday about noon on account of the fair. ***Mon 12th*** Throng housing corn. Alexander Patton and Lawrence here helping about it. Sharp frost and a great ragg. Turned the stooks in the field to the sun. ***Tue 13th*** Housing corn; the same hands. Jane Pearson here; came 1st day night; to stay this week. A very fine day. Got all the corn in this day very well. ***Wed 14th*** About cleaning out the potatoe house and making ready to begin taking up. Peter preparing for the market at Whitehaven tomorrow. ***Thu 15th*** Peter and Alexander Patton gone to Whitehaven market with corn, butter, geese and ducks. A fine day but frosty in the nights. ***Fri 16th*** Begun taking up the potatoes this day. Had Alexander Patton & wife and two children. Also John Bushby and wife. They are pretty good and rank. ***Sat 17th*** Throng about the potatoes. Had the same people, but John Bushby. Had Lawrence the gardner also. The weather continues very good but frost in the nights.

Sun 18th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Agreed to meet this day week and to come to some conclusion about the school. J[ane] Pearson gone home this p.m. ***Mon 19th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Sent Peter to buy the seed wheat. A very fine day. Finished the potatoes this day; they proved pretty well. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large. Joshua Robinson and Mary Wilkinson got their clearance. Marriage to be tomorrow at Cockermouth. Ploughing for wheat in the Croft this day. ***Wed 21st*** Leading manure into the Croft. Lawrence here this week. Showers of rain in the night and came on again this afternoon. ***Thu 22nd*** Leading out the lime and ashes upon the potatoe ground and ploughing for the wheat. Ground in fine order and turns up very dry. ***Fri 23rd*** Leading manure into the Croft. A wet, showry day. About sorting the potatoes in the afternoon. Lawrence here helping us. ***Sat 24th*** A very stormy day. Nothing to be done out of doors. Can get no further done about the wheat this week, weather so very unseasonable.

Sun 25th At Meeting. A number of Friends met after, according to appointment about the school. Agreed that if 6, 8 or 10 Friends to unite and hire a master & if John Fletcher would continue, to give 25*£* for one year. ***Mon 26th*** Did not get to Cockermouth. Throng leding manure and sowing the wheat. Weather very warm in the days but cold and frosty in the nights. ***Tue 27th*** Lawrence here about helping to full the manure and also about manuring the gardens, and laying the manure upon the top. Sew all the wheat this day. ***Wed 28th*** Heard from Isaac on 2nd day

last. They are got to Dublin last week; all well. To write him first opportunity. Went to Cockermouth with wife. Settled the books at the warehouse. Settled with John Rudd &c. ***Thu 29th*** A wet day. Could not get to the Meeting. Leg very ill & inflamed. Lawrence covering the garden beds with manure and soil & graveling the walks. ***Fri 30th*** Drawing out the bull notes for Peter to take with him to the sale at Mockerkin, late John Mirehouse. Number of cows bulled this year 114 per list. ***Sat 31st*** Wrote Isaac and sent by Joseph Bacon to forward to Dublin. A stormy day and a flood. Wind about SSW. Peter threshing oats for swine.

November 1778

Sun 1st Did not get to the Meeting. A strong gale of wind from the SSW and cold showers of rain. No letter from Isaac yet. ***Mon 2nd*** Did not get to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable this day. About threshing barley for malt. It is pretty good but not large grain. ***Tue 3rd*** Got the magazines last night & a letter from Isaac Wilson, Kendal, on account of Smith & Co. To answer it this week. Fine weather; wind easterly. ***Wed 4th*** Went with wife to Cragg-end in the afternoon. Old John Allason is very ill. His leg is much mortifyed so that the sinews on the back of the leg from the heel to the calf is bare & jaged much. ***Thu 5th*** At Meeting with wife in the forenoon; but thinn. People throng about greasing their sheep. Peter threshing barley. Very fine weather; wind easterly. ***Fri 6th*** About writing to Dr. William Gill in answer to his received from Isaac Eccleston from Antigua. He appears to be very infirm & much affected with the gout. ***Sat 7th*** Wrote to Isaac Wilson of Kendal in answer to his. Weather wet; wind southerly. Peter gone to Thomas Robinson's sale at Pardshow Hall.

Sun 8th At Meeting. Gave notice of a collection for the National Stock. Desired that it may not fall short of three common collections. A fine day. ***Mon 9th*** Peter and Nancey gone to the fair. Unwell; did not get. A wet day. John & William at home these two days on account of the time. ***Tue 10th*** About copying the letter to Dr. Gill. Advise him to return home so soon as he can get his affairs collected and settled in the island. ***Wed 11th*** Very bad in the stranguary complaint. Taking the salts and spirits of vitrol as directed but have yet found little benefit. ***Thu 12th*** Weather wet and stormy. Very seldom a fair day. Prepairing for salving the sheep. Got the sheep salve ready for use. ***Fri 13th*** Peter Murray and John Bushby about salving the sheep. They are not in good condition. Got 26 sheep salved this day. Henry Pearson and man here making distress for small tithes. Took from me by warrant from Lucock & Hoskins three sheep and seven pecks of barley worth about £1 5s. Recovered 17s 11½d. Costs 6s 0d. ***Sat 14th*** About salving the remainder of the sheep this day: 24 in number. Weather pretty moderate but much inclined to rain and cold showers.

Sun 15th At the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The affair about the school again before the meeting. Six agreed to hire a master for one year & to settle the prices &c. ***Mon 16th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. A wet, rainy day. Wrote to Smith & Co. in answer to theirs and explained my reason for refusing to pay their

demand. ***Tue 17th*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty full, the season considered. Sent Dr. Gill's letter to William Eccleston & Smith's by Isaac Wilson for the post. Killed the cow this day. She proved pretty well. ***Wed 18th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth with the skin and tallow. Weather cold and showry. Snow on the hills. John wrote to Isaac. No letter from him yet. ***Thu 19th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven on his own account. Wrote Musgrave Ellwood & sent him a copy of my letter to Robert Stewart Esqr. and his answer. ***Fri 20th*** Took a copy of my letter to Musgrave Ellwood, exclusive of the above. Weather continues wet and showry. ***Sat 21st*** Peter threshing. A wet day. No letter yet from Isaac. Received an account from Pardshow that he intends to come home this winter.

Sun 22nd Did not get to the Meeting. Weather still very wet and the roads exceeding dirty. John gone to Pardshow with W.A. [*William Allason?*] in the afternoon. ***Mon 23rd*** A very wet day. Did not get to Cockermouth. William did not go there neither on account of the weather, it being so very wet and dirty. ***Tue 24th*** Peter threshing and making ready the barley for malt. William gone to Cockermouth this morning. John received a letter from Isaac this day. He is well &c. ***Wed 25th*** Nothing remarkable this day. About dressing, making the barley ready to carry away tomorrow. In all ten bushels. ***Thu 26th*** Went to the Meeting. James Graham from the Boarder there. He preached very well on the love of God and that of our neighbour &c. ***Fri 27th*** Peter carry'd the barley away yesterday to Ullock, John Walker's, for malt. Six bushels for our own malt and four for sale. In all ten bushels. The barley was to be put into the cistern pretty directly. To be ready in about two weeks. Weather very changeable and uncertain.

Sun 29th At Meeting in the morning; at home after. A very windy day and came on storm in the evening. Got a letter from Isaac last night. ***Mon 30th*** Went to Cockermouth. With several of the tenants about the rent.[253] Have not yet received Joseph Serjeant's nor Ann Pearson's. Desired Robert Barns to do it.

December 1778

Tue 1st Joseph Bacon came here yesterday to board for some time and go to the school to improve his learning. He is going through navigation again. Peter at coals for himself. ***Wed 2nd*** Weather continues very wet and stormy so that little can be done in the fields. ***Thu 3rd*** Did not get to the Meeting. The roads are so wet and dirty that one can't go any way without being wet and dirty. ***Fri 4th*** Went in the afternoon to Pardshowhall and Pardshow to the sale of some parcels of land late Joseph Hutchinson's of Cockermouth, taylor. The land sold together for 181£ to Dorothy Wood; quantity about 3 acres statute measure. To pay six guineas on hand; rest equally on 1 July & 1 January.

Sun 6th Went to the Meeting. The roads exceeding bad. Got a fall in coming home. Not much worse but dirtied my cloths and bruised my knee. Wrote Thomas Winn and Smith & Company. ***Mon 7th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Very wet in the forenoon. William did not get away till after dinner. Peter threshing oats in upper

barn. ***Tue 8th*** Weather continues still very wet and stormy with hard gales of wind from the SSE to the SW. Peter threshing oats in ditto. ***Wed 9th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Wind and weather near the same. Nothing to be done out of doors; threshing the sole business of this wet season. ***Thu 10th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Very wet in the night. A fresh gale from the south with frequent showers of rain. Nothing further remarkable. ***Fri 11th*** Weather very stormy; almost one continued storm and floods. The ground very full of water; the meadows mostly overflowed. ***Sat 12th*** Weather a little more moderate this day. John gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon for William. The roads very wet & bad traviling.

Sun 13th Went to the Meeting; the Preparative Select Meeting after. John Harris representative to the Select Monthly Meeting. A pretty moderate day. ***Mon 14th*** Nothing remarkable. Weather more settled and moderate. ***Tue 15th*** Weather continue the same. Reading the book called "New England Judged by the Spirit of the Lord". The said book setts forth the heavy and cruell sufferings of the people called Quakers at Boston and through New England for conscience sake. Several they put to death; others whip'd in a most cruel manner for the pretence of not swearing & not puting of the hat &c. Many predictions were given forth by the sufferers of the judgments of God upon them, which in time overtook them and were remarkably executed upon them. Perhaps the whole not yet fully accomplished upon that wicked people.[254]

Sun 20th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. The Quarterly Meeting Queries read and answer'd unto. ***Mon 21st*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Weather very fine for the season; the double barometer very low, below all the divisions. Air foggy and moist. ***Tue 22nd*** Attended the Monthly Meeting which was pretty large the season of the year consider'd. ***Wed 23rd*** Weather continue the same; moderate, mild and foggy. Peter is threshing. Nothing very remarkable or worthy observation. ***Sat 26th*** Very ill: a suppression of urine.

Sun 27th Did not get to the Meeting. The complaint something abated. Robert Barns & wife & William Allason here in the evening; stay'd till nine o'clock. ***Mon 28th*** A cold NE wind with frequent showers of rain. Peter and John Bushby casting the beck race in the loning. ***Thu 31st*** A very stormy day and a hard gale of wind from the south. John gone to Cockermouth with the bonds to execute.[255] Peter & John Bushby threshing. Son Isaac came home this night about 10 o'clock. He came with the *Liffey*, Captain Grayson. They got in at Workington the morning tide before the weight of the storm came on. He is well but fatigued for want of rest. He has brought a quarter of beef, some liquor, tea &c.

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January 1779

Fri 1st Isaac and John gone to Workington for the beef, Isaac's chest and some other things he has brought with him from Dublin. A moderate day. ***Sat 2nd*** Waited last night to near one a clock before they came home with the beef, chest &c. Got well home. Sharp frost.

Sun 3rd Did not get to the Meeting, being unwell. Three sons gone. Weather pretty moderate as to wind; the cold and frost much abated. ***Mon 4th*** Did not go to Cockermouth; Isaac and John gone there. Weather moist. Barometer very low, below the divisions & in the boale. ***Tue 5th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Weather very moderate & inclining to frost. Barometer ditto. ***Wed 6th*** Peter gone to the coals. They are raised one halfpenny a load or three half pence a coop load. At the burial of John Grayson at Pardshow-hall. ***Thu 7th*** Peter gone to the coals for himself. Weather frosty and cold. John Rudd here yesterday and this day mending cloths for the lads. ***Fri 8th*** Frost continues; the cold very intense. Can't stirr much out of the house. Taylor yet here about making and mending William and Isaac's cloths. ***Sat 9th*** Taylor here about ditto. Hard frost and seems to continue. Threshing oats & cleaning them for the mill.

Sun 10th At Meeting. Matthew Johnson from Corn-wood [*Coanwood*] there visiting this county. A good preacher and very good and conscientious man. ***Mon 11th*** Isaac and William gone to Cockermouth. William at home last week on account of getting his cloths made. Weather frosty and very cold. ***Tue 12th*** Peter & John Bushby threshing oats. Frost continues. Cloudy and close this day, like snow was coming. Lads gone to the tarren to skeet. ***Wed 13th*** Frost still continues. Weather more moderate; the cold not so severe as some days before. At mill with the melder: 18 bushels. ***Thu 14th*** The Sessions at Cockermouth yesterday and this day. Some tryals about roads, settlements, basterdy &c. Did not get out to them. ***Fri 15th*** Weather continues more mild and moderate, still inclining to frost. John Rudd, taylor, here about mending Isaac's cloths. ***Sat 16th*** Weather pretty much the same. Wrote Elihu Robinson in answer to his on account of Smith & Company.

Sun 17th At Meeting; the Preparative Meeting af[t]er. Delivered E.R. [*Elihu Robinson*] my letter and agreed to referr the cause &c. ***Mon 18th*** Did not go to Cockermouth. Isaac gone about his cloths. John begun school again this day. Weather moderate; some little frost in night. ***Tue 19th*** Went to the Monthly Meeting. Isaac and John there. Pretty well attended. Some appointed to attend the adjourn'd Quarterly Meeting on account of Serjeant's appeal. ***Wed 20th*** Wrote William McMullen in answer to his about the Irish mine. Also wrote to Musgrave

Ellwood on said account. To send one or more over to view &c. ***Thu 21st*** Sent the letters with Peter for the post. Frost not yet quite gone. Weather moderate and foggy. ***Fri 22nd*** An account [of] Admiral Keppel's tryal now in the papers. It appears to take up a considerable time. ***Sat 23rd*** The stranguary complaint still continues, so can't go from home. Weather cold and showrey.

Sun 24th A stormy day. Did not get to the Meeting. Sent a 2nd letter to Elihu Robinson about the difference between me and Smith & Co, London. ***Mon 25th*** A stormy forenoon. William did not go to Cockermouth. Pretty fair in the afternoon. Weather very unsettled and variable. ***Tue 26th*** John Rudd here again making new cloth[e]s for son John. William gone to Cockermouth this forenoon. Weather still showry & unsettled. ***Wed 27th*** About drawing the draft of articles of agreement for Joseph Bacon for the building or buying a ship in order to get owners for the s[a]me. Taylor here. ***Thu 28th*** Weather moderate & frost. Yesterday and this day John Rudd about making my new cloths. Sent Peter to Cockermouth this morning for trimmings. Isaac gone to Whitehaven. ***Fri 29th*** John Rudd, taylor, here. Nothing remarkable this day. Weather continue pretty moderate. ***Sat 30th*** John Rudd not here this day. He is gone to the funeral of Sarah Fearon of Dean who died on 5th day last.

Sun 31st A wet, stormy day; wind about a SSW and blows a strong gale. Did not get to the Meeting this day.

February 1779

Mon 1st William gone to Cockermouth this morning. John Rudd here. A very moderate day; wind about a south or S by W. Came on showry in the night. ***Tue 2nd*** A fine day; wind southerly and blows pretty fresh. Isaac came home from Whitehaven this night. Paid Jonathan Thompson in full for lime. ***Wed 3rd*** John Rudd here yesterday and this day about finishing my new cloths. A wet, stormy day; wind southerly. Justice Lucock struck with a dead palsy and is not expected to recover. ***Thu 4th*** Weather pretty moderate. Peter hedging in the Croft. The appeal day about the windows. No warrant come to hand. ***Fri 5th*** Peter gone to Dean for straw. To go again in the afternoon. He brings 100 waps at a time. Isaac gone to Cockermouth. A showry day. ***Sat 6th*** Weather close & showry; the barometer very low. John Rudd here again this afternoon about Isaac's cloths.

Sun 7th Did not go to the Meeting. Wether showry but no great weight of rain; moderate and moist. ***Mon 8th*** Wrote to Thomas Winn in answer to his and sent by William for the post. ***Tue 9th*** Peter at Dean again yesterday. Got four cart loads of straw. Weather very open & growing. Thorn & berry tree leaves quite out; grass forward. ***Wed 10th*** Accounts from Cockermouth bring advice that Joshua Lucock Esqr. continues yet alive, but little or no hopes of his recovery. He grows weaker. ***Thu 11th*** Peter gone to the coals. The roads are now very bad & founderous. Weather moist and inclinable to showers of rain. ***Fri 12th*** Isaac gone to Mary Port along with William Allason. Joseph Nicholson here: came to see Isaac. He proposes

to come again when he is at home. ***Sat 13th*** A hard gale of wind and a very stormy day. Wind about a south. Copied all the birth and burial notes into the register.

Sun 14th A blowey day but not much rain. Isaac and John gone to the Meeting & to Eaglesfield after. William at home. ***Mon 15th*** Isaac gone to Cockermouth. No better yet of the stranguary complaint. Taking the salts and vitriol with some gums but no good effect from them. ***Tue 16th*** Isaac gone to the Monthly Meeting. Killed two swine this day. They proved pretty well. They are to go to Whitehaven on 5th day. ***Wed 17th*** A strong gale of wind from the SW but not much rain. The two Greens gone to Kendale about buying beasts, so must take our chance with swine. ***Thu 18th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market with the swine, viz. one swine weight 22st. 13lb., a hinder quarter & a ham weight 7st. 11lb., together 30st. 10lb. @ 3s 6d per stone is £5 7s 6d. ***Fri 19th*** Isaac went to Whitehaven yesterday and came home in the night. He has got orders to make ready for the sea again by the first opportunity. To go to London: the ship is taking in goods for that place. ***Sat 20th*** Weather still very uncertain with hard gales of wind from the south to the SW.

Sun 21st Isaac and John gone to Graysouthen Meeting. Rode along with two young women from Pardshow. Did not go to the Meeting: disorder no better. ***Mon 22nd*** Very throng in making Isaac's cloths ready. He must go away so soon as the wind and weather will permitt. Peter hedging in the Croft. ***Tue 23rd*** Weather still unfavourable; a hard gale of wind from the south & SSW. No prospect yet of getting to sea soon. He grows very uneasy on that account. ***Wed 24th*** Peter gone to Tallentire, shifting Joseph Dobson from the Fellside. A very fine day. Weather seems to settle. Another letter to hasten Isaac's departure. ***Thu 25th*** Isaac went forward this morning about 10 o'clock for Whitehaven. William gone with him to accompany him. Peter gone with his chest & cloths. A fine day. ***Fri 26th*** Thomas Ritson brought the corn machine yesterday; made anew with new ridles &c. He took 4 chairs to mend. Had 4 drainers on the 24 & 25 inst, cutting the far end of the Far Whinney. A wet day. ***Sat 27th*** John gone to Whitehaven this morning to know if Isaac intend to return home or not, the wind being still contrary. Peter cutting hedge on low side Croft. Fine day.

Sun 28th John and William came home late this night. Isaac not yet gone; wind still contrary and blows strong from SW. Weather fair; spring very forward.

March 1779

Mon 1st Begun to take Swinfen's electuary for the stone and gravel. It has wrought extraordinary cures in that way as appears by the paper of directions. ***Tue 2nd*** Peter gone to Mosser to help John Pearson to shift to Mockerkin. Went twice with mare and cart. Weather moderate; wind continues the same. ***Wed 3rd*** Peter gone to the coals. A fine moderate day; wind westerly. Throng dressing the meadows. Betty Bushby here on that account these two days. ***Thu 4th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Old John Allason of Cragg-end died yesterday afternoon and is to be buried tomorrow at Pardshow-hall. A very fine day. ***Fri 5th*** John Allason

buried this day. Wife and John gone to the burial. Isaac sailed for Dublin yesterday about 1 o'clock in the afternoon in *Hawke*, pacquet of Liverpool. ***Sat 6th*** Very fine weather. The spring uncommonly forward: trees buding and puting out their leaves like the middle of May. Isaac Ritson & apprentice here felling wood &c.

Sun 7th At Meeting in the morning. Went with wife to John Woodvill's in the afternoon. Stay'd until the evening. John begun to be very unwell in the night. ***Mon 8th*** John very feverish; could not go to the school. William gone to Cockermouth. Begun to plough in the Croft for potatoes. John Bushby and wife here. ***Tue 9th*** Ploughing for barley. An extraordinary fine season. Gardner here setting peas. Got two quarts of green and one of early peas. A very hot day. ***Wed 10th*** John got better and gone again to school this day. Ploughing ley in the Corn Close. It turns up very well. John Bushby here helping us. ***Thu 11th*** Got the ley finished; about half of the Corn Close. It will take near five bushels of oats. Ploughing in the Croft for barley & potatoes. ***Fri 12th*** Finished ploughing the fallows in the Croft this forenoon. Peter gone in the afternoon to Isaac Bacon's for half a bushel of early potatoes. ***Sat 13th*** Gathering stones in Far Whinney for filling the drains. Had a fine rain in the night. Extraordinary fine spring weather; season very forward.

Sun 14th Did not get to the Meeting this day. It was wet in the forenoon. The Select Preparative Meeting held this day. Clear'd up & fine weather in the afternoon. ***Mon 15th*** A fine day. William gone to Cockermouth. Gathering stones for the drains in Far Whinney. Wrote to Smith & Co. and also to George Bell about my disorder. ***Tue 16th*** Throng ploughing and planting potatoes. Had Betty Bushby and Alexander's two children. Got planted about 10 pecks of different sorts of potatoes in Croft. ***Wed 17th*** A very wet, stormy day. Peter and John Bushby threshing oats. About transcribing the Sufferings these two days; got them finished this day. ***Thu 18th*** A very fine day. Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Wife gone to Meeting. The forwardest spring known in the memory of any one here. ***Fri 19th*** Attended the Select Monthly Meeting. William Woodvill and Jonathan Drewrey appointed representatives to the Quarterly Meeting. Ploughing Near High Whinney. ***Sat 20th*** Ploughing in ditto. Betty Bushby here driving the plough. A windy day with some rain.

Sun 21st Did not get to the Meeting. The stranguary complaint still continues to afflict me. A great pain in my right kidney and along the urinary passages. William Allason & Mary Robinson offered their intentions of marriage this day. ***Mon 22nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. A strong gale of wind from the SSW. Ploughing in High Whinney. Betty Bushby here driving the plough. A drainer here. ***Tue 23rd*** Ploughing in ditto. B.B. [*Betty Bushby*] here and also three drainers here filling up the drains in Far Whinney. They got them finished this day. ***Wed 24th*** The gale of wind continues. Peter ploughing in Far Whinney himself. John Bushby here cutting & casting the Corn Close hedge. ***Thu 25th*** A very fine day. Little wind. B.B. [*Betty Bushby*] here driving the plough on account of the young mare. Jonathan Robinson here about a writing to prevent survivorship &c. ***Fri 26th*** Ploughing in Far Whinney. B.B. here. Weather continues very favourable. Spring very forward; the

leaves out on the thorn and some other trees. ***Sat 27th*** Ploughing in ditto in the forenoon. B.B. here. Harrowing the potatoe ground after. Peter and John gone to smithey to get the young mare shod for the first time. Weather ditto.

Sun 28th Did not get to the Meeting. The complaint continues. Went to Pardshowhall in the evening with wife to see old John Woodvill. He is very feeble & infirm. ***Mon 29th*** Begun to sow oats this day in Corn-Close ley. Kept William at home to help us. Peter gone to the coals with one coop. William harrowing. A fine day. ***Tue 30th*** Sowing oats in High Near Whinney. William and Nancey harrowing. Weather continues very dry; some frost in the nights; wind stands southerly. ***Wed 31st*** Sowing oats in Far Whinney. The end next the common is now very dry. The drains seem to answer very well. Hoar frost in the nights.

April 1779

Thu 1st Finished sowing oats this day. Sew about 11 bushel in Far-Whinney; five in Near ditto and four in Corn Close. In all twenty bushels of oats. ***Fri 2nd*** Throng ploughing for potatoes in the Croft. Put in young Mall to plough these two days. She takes too very well; is very quiet and tractable. Weather same. ***Sat 3rd*** Rowing and manuring the ground for the potatoes. Got about 18 rows through the Croft & headland planted. Had Lawrence and Betty Bushby helping.

Sun 4th Went to Meeting. Was much pained and fatigued in walking. A very hot day but mostly some frost in the night. Spring very forward. ***Mon 5th*** Easter fair. William at home leading manure and planting potatoes. Finished them this day. Planted about six bushels for ourselves; 3 rows for Peter [*Murray*]; 1 for Hannah [*Gill*]. ***Tue 6th*** William at home this day. John Seaton, the pedler, here. Bought but little of him this time. He had a young man with him to assist him to bear his pack. ***Wed 7th*** William gone to Cockermouth again this day. Wrote to George Bell. Gave him an account of the continuance of my disorder and the reason of keeping William at home. ***Thu 8th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. A heavy rain in the morning and cold. Weather appears to be broken and unsettled. The season very forward. ***Fri 9th*** Peter threshing oats in the high barn. The rats have been at work with it. He catched several with the dog. ***Sat 10th*** Peter threshing up the remainder of the oats. Cold showers of hail and rain. John Pearson's sale this day at Mossergate.

Sun 11th Did not go the the Meeting. A wet fore part of the day. Walter Irwen here. Brought for Samuel Wales half year's rent of Seaton land. Dined here and went home in the afternoon which was pretty good. ***Mon 12th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Got a letter this evening from Isaac. He writes from Falmouth in Cornwall bound for London without a convoy. ***Tue 13th*** Peter gone to the coals. A fine day. Got very fine coals. About hedging after. Weather fine & season very forward. ***Wed 14th*** Peter gone to the coals for himself. Fletcher Ritson here about mending the machine. ***Thu 15th*** John Bushby here. Peter and him hedging in the Pasture next Brambley ground & Jackson's. ***Fri 16th*** John Bushby here again

hedging in the Pasture. Weather continues very favourable. ***Sat 17th*** John Bushby here leading manure into the Croft. Put the young gray mare into the cart for the first time. She behaved exceeding well and quiet.

Sun 18th At Meeting. Two strangers there. The Preparative Meeting after. Settled some accounts in the book: John received £2 18s interest for school money & 12s the glazer's bill. ***Mon 19th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Gave him a bill on Robert Barns for £1 4s 7d and desried him to get me Ann Pearson's rent, £1 1s. Ploughing in Croft for barley. ***Tue 20th*** At the Monthly Meeting. Isaac Gray and companion there. Said nothing to us. Mally Nicholson & Thomas Watson here in the afternoon. John gone to Workington with John Christian's interest, £22 10s 0d. He came home in the night, it being a stormy day. ***Wed 21st*** Sowing barley in the afternoon. Gardner here. ***Thu 22nd*** Bought of John Peile, Whitehaven, six pecks of barley for seed @ 8s 6d. Peter at the market: butter @ 9d; oats about six shillings. A very wet, cold morning; fair after. ***Fri 23rd*** Gardner here. Put in about 2 quarts and a pint more peas. Got them from Joseph Bacon. Irish peas but very clean. Isabel Stagg buried this afternoon at Cockermouth. A very cold, showry day. William came home last night to give notice of the funeral. ***Sat 24th*** John Jackson, drover, came here this morning in his way to Arlecdon fair. He bought two cows. They are to be carried to Enerdale Bridge tomorrow.

Sun 25th Very cold weather with frequent showers of hail. Joseph Bacon here in the afternoon. It came on storm and a flood. He stay'd all night. ***Mon 26th*** Wrote to Isaac & sent him five guineas by William to get a London bill and inclose it in the letter. Wrote to George Bell about the difference & to Edward Jones about court. ***Tue 27th*** A showry day. Got the stamp'd paper for William Allason and Mary Robinson's certificate. They are to be married on fifth day at Pardshowhall. ***Wed 28th*** Weather appears rather more settled but very cold; hail showers. About writing the marriage certificate. Wrote W.A. [*William Allason*] & gave him the form of words. ***Thu 29th*** Attended the marriage which was in general well conducted. No publick Friends there. Meeting silent. The parties said the form of words & signed the certificate. ***Fri 30th*** Gardener here yesterday and this day, sowing the seeds and a quart of beans. A very fine warm day yesterday; this day showry and some hail.

May 1779

Sat 1st Gardener here helping Peter to load wood for the Pasture hedges. Finished the low and upper garden this day. Cold weather inclining to frost.

Sun 2nd Did not get to the Meeting. Very hard frost last night. A fine day, but cold for the season. Thomas Furnace here about his deeds this morning. John Woodvill and wife here in the afternoon. Lads gone to the weding house to dine. ***Mon 3rd*** A very thick snow last night. It lay this morning about nine inches deep upon an average. John Wilson, eldest son of John Wilson of Graysouthen buried this afternoon. He also died of the bad fever. ***Tue 4th*** The snow goes away very fast. It

is mostly gone this day. Only on the mountains there is yet some remains to see. ***Wed 5th*** The first beast fair at Cockermouth this day. Beasts in general lower than last year. John Jackson, the beast buyer, here in the afternoon. Sold him a young cow. ***Thu 6th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Nancey gone with the cow to Lamplugh Cross. Paid Jonathan Robinson in full for his annuity due 25th March last. ***Fri 7th*** Lawrence and John Bushby here leading manure into Whinney. A fine day; weather cold for the season. Wood & plants much nip'd and blasted with the frost. ***Sat 8th*** Lawrence and Bushby here. Finished leading manure into Whinney. To begin ploughing for the remainder of barley on second day.

Sun 9th A very wet cold day. Did not get to the Meeting. Copied John Allason's will of Cragg End in the afternoon; to be ready for the court tomorrow. ***Mon 10th*** Wet in the fore part of the day. William gone to Cockermouth. Gave him John Allason's will and the copy to be ready for the court. A fine afternoon & warm. Peter casting garden hedge. ***Tue 11th*** Scaling manure & ploughing for barley in Near High Whinney. Ground pretty dry but weather cold, wet and showry. Little prospect of better at present. ***Wed 12th*** Finished the ploughing for barley this forenoon. A fine drying day but cold. Sold John Pearson yesterday five pecks of dun potatoes. John Jackson got his potatoes, the round whites, near two pecks. ***Thu 13th*** Lawrence here yesterday and this day diging in the orchard for sowing turnups. A wet rainy day. ***Fri 14th*** A very rainy day; nothing to be done out of doors. Lawrence gone home this afternoon. Gave him orders to buy for us a stone of fine pudding peas. ***Sat 15th*** A fine day. Sent to the fell this day 40 old sheep and 15 lambs. 10 of the lambs are tips. Keep'd four in the fields; bad ones, for mutton. Stock very low.

Sun 16th A very wet day; did not get to the Meeting. The Preparative Meeting. Ackworth School under consideration; referred to the Monthly Meeting.[256] Isaac Robinson at dinner. Lads and him gone to Mossergate in the afternoon, tho' very rainy. ***Mon 17th*** A stormy forenoon. Old Lawrence here; brought a hoop of peas. About sticking the remainder of the peas. Pretty fair in the afternoon. William gone to Cockermouth. ***Tue 18th*** Gardener here about diging for turnups some fresh ground. Weather continues showry and cold for the season. Cannot get the barley sown; ground wet. ***Wed 19th*** Reading a book called "The Practical Surveyor or the Art of Land Measuring Made Easy" by Samuel Wyld; the sixth edition; printed for W. Johnston, Ludgate Street, 1769. ***Thu 20th*** The beast fair yesterday. Peter gone there. A great show of cattle; they sold not high but pretty moderate. Several not sold but brought home again. Showry. ***Fri 21st*** Sowing the remainder of the barley this afternoon; about 5 pecks. Weather still very uncertain and continues cold and showers of hail. A late season for barley. ***Sat 22nd*** About ploughing the potatoes in the forenoon. Cliping the box in the front garden in the afternoon. A fine day but cold for the season.

Sun 23rd At Meeting in the morning. Walter Irwen and Thomas Cartmer, commonly called Cartey, here at dinner. Agreed about Seaton land after the death of Samuel Wales.[257] They brought a gallon of brandy & a quart of shrub. Both very good, and a present. ***Mon 24th*** A very wet morning but a hot day. Peter [*Murray*] and Nancey [*Chorley*] gone to the fair. Servants high, especially the stout, lusty sort

of both sexes. Potatoes sold well; near 1s 6d a peck. Lads at home. ***Tue 25th*** Went with wife to Cockermouth. About receiving the rents from the tenants. Thomas Johnson, a new tenant, to come into the house quited by Isaac Nicholson. A very hot day. ***Wed 26th*** Wrote William Eccleston in answer to his. William at home about backing the gray filley. She rides very quietly. A warm day. ***Thu 27th*** At Meeting with wife in the forenoon. Went with ditto to Jonah Dixon's in the afternoon. The child much better. The fitts appears to be occasioned by breeding his teeth. ***Fri 28th*** Very hot weather. Much fatigued with walking yesterday. William Graham has got the schoolmaster place in Lamplugh. He far exceeded the others in Classick learning. ***Sat 29th*** A very hot day. Peter hedging in the Pasture on forenoon. He and John riding the young mare in the afternoon. She is pretty quiet and behaves well.

Sun 30th The General Meeting, which was pretty large and satisfactory. Jonathan Pearson dined here. He and lads went to Pardshow in the evening. A hot day. ***Mon 31st*** Peter gone to Cockermouth with potatoes. Settled with him this day to Whitsuntide and paid the ballance in full for wages. A very fine day; hot weather.

June 1779

Tue 1st Peter hedging in the Pasture. The weather continues very hot and dry and no appearance but of its continuance. Grass rises now very fast. ***Wed 2nd*** Peter gone to the coals. A hot day. He got home about one a clock. Leading peats and sods in the afternoon out of the Moss &c. ***Thu 3rd*** At Meeting in the morning. Went with wife in the afternoon to John Woodvill's. He is very weak and feeble and seems to be much failed of late. ***Fri 4th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth with a coup load of lime for the houses at Cockermouth. William Greenup to make it ready and get slate and put the houses in good repair. ***Sat 5th*** At Cockermouth. Settled the company's books for the last year & to the 1st inst. Corrected sundry errors and received my wages {£2} by agreement for the same.

Sun 6th Did not go to the Meeting. My leg much inflamed & very painfull. Ann Fearon here in the afternoon. Paid her interest for £60 due 3rd inst. £2 10s 0d. ***Mon 7th*** Lawrence Hunter, taylor, here mending William and John cloths. William gone to Cockermouth this afternoon. A very warm day; not much sun; looks showry. ***Tue 8th*** John Bushby here yesterday & this day. They are guttering in the Moss. William Robinson come to Pardshow this forenoon from London & Portsmouth. Showry. He left the ship at Portsmouth about two weeks ago. She is in the victualing service. George Robinson is now commander. He left Isaac well; their destination unknown. ***Thu 10th*** Did not get to the Meeting. William Robinson & Isaac called going to Mossergate. William says Isaac is entered master as before to secure him from pressing. A very hot day. ***Fri 11th*** The branded heffer very bad in the red water. Begun yesterday morning. Gave her two dozes of salt peter and sugar. The water seems turned a little this afternoon. ***Sat 12th*** Gave the cow two spoonfull of balsam at one time and three spoonfull at another and the water turned pretty directly & she feeds pretty well.[258]

Sun 13th A very wet morning; did not go to the Meeting. Jane Head called this morning. Paid her in full for cash borrowed £10. She says that Mally Walker is unwell. ***Mon 14th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth market with potatoes. Sold about 12d a peck. Got a letter from Thomas Winn. He has had a misfortune by dislocating his knee. ***Tue 15th*** Thomas Winn requests the favour of John Nixon & myself to remitt him 2 pounds to free him from confinement in Scotland, to which modest request am very agreable. ***Wed 16th*** Joseph Jackson of Gillcrux here this forenoon. He & Wilson Pearson going to Whinfell fell to view a vein of lead. Some ore appears in a string cutt in repairing the road. ***Thu 17th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. John Bushby here about cutting the Moss road. To write Joseph Jackson; to be left at Ann Peile's, innkeeper in Cockermouth. A very hot day. ***Fri 18th*** Peter and Bushby about the Moss road; casting up and covering it with gravel and stones at the bottom. Weather continues favourable. ***Sat 19th*** Still about the Moss road. Got a painfull swelling on the left testicle. It is very troublesome as well as painfull. Doth not know the cause.

Sun 20th Swelling very troublesome and uneasy. Can't walk or ride on that account. The Preparative Meeting this day. William Robinson here; to go away next week. Fine weather. ***Mon 21st*** Peter gone to Cockermouth market with potatoes. Got 13d a peck. Weather continues good but not so warm as some time before. ***Tue 22nd*** The Monthly Meeting. Could not attend on account of my disorders. Sent the Queries with John. Expected William Robinson &c. to dine but he has got a letter from Dublin that he must go over directly on account of the ship *Hope* being yet there and she's ordered to Cork for convoy in a few days. ***Thu 24th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Had a misfortune by a ston'd horse getting loose and oversetting his loading. Crush'd his butter much & gave much trouble. ***Fri 25th*** Peter gone to the coals. Bees cast this day. The top cast a large swarm. Joseph Bacon & his couzin John dined here. A strong easterly breeze. ***Sat 26th*** Wrote Matthew Aspden in reply to his and kept a copy. Peter gone again to the coals. Weather very dry. John about cliping the hedges this afternoon.

Sun 27th My disorders still continues. Very great pain in making water; the swelling something less but still troublesome. Weather dry; wind easterly. ***Mon 28th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth market with potatoes. There are new ones now in the markets so that they are scarce worth the labour and carriage. ***Tue 29th*** Washing sheep this day. They are low in condition and some of them not sound. Several in the neighbourhood in bad condition. ***Wed 30th*** Peter leading sods out of the Pasture this day. Weather still dry. Jane Pearson here this week from Broughton. Got another cast of bees yesterday.

July 1779

Thu 1st Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Betty Bushby here. The[y] brought a cart load of sand from the Cragg & lime for whitewashing the house. ***Fri 2nd*** Warm dry weather. Went in the afternoon to William Allason's with wife & Jane Pearson. Fatigued with walking. Another cow begun with red water this day.

Sat 3rd A wet day. Warm rain which begun now to be much wanted. People now beginning to cutt down their grass for hay. Meadows not rank of grass and short.

Sun 4th General Meeting at Cockermouth this day. John and William gone there. It was very large. Jane Pearson yet here. Showry in the afternoon but warm & thunder-like. ***Mon 5th*** Peter gone to Cockermouth market with potatoes which sold at 10d per peck. A considerable quantity of new potatoes at market got to 6d per gallon. Alexander Hoskins in distress'd circumstances. Advertized his estates in Wythop to be sold for present relief. ***Tue 6th*** A showry day. Jane Pearson gone home this evening. Peter gone to the mill with ½ bushel wheat. ***Wed 7th*** Cliping sheep this day. Had John Jackson helping us. They are in but low condition but not so bad as represented. About 35 in number and 14 lambs. ***Thu 8th*** William at home yesterday; gone again this morning. Sent two letters to the post, one for John Hodgson, rope maker, Workington, & one for Thomas Winn. A very hot day. Begun to mow. ***Fri 9th*** Peter mowing in Undergarth meadow. It is not so full of grass as some years before. Very hot weather & sultry. People throng with the hay. ***Sat 10th*** Old hive cast a second time this day but soon went home again. John Hodgson's servant here in the afternoon. He paid Mary Walker's annuity due in April last.

Sun 11th Got about three cart loads hay yesterday, being the first this season. A very hot day. Old hive cast a 2nd time this day. Bought of Thomas Robinson his half share of the bees. Three casts & 2 old hives for £1 1s 0d. To pay when convenient. ***Mon 12th*** A very hot day. William gone to Cockermouth. Throng about the hay: mowing in Undergarth meadow. Very fine grass and pretty generally well grown. ***Tue 13th*** Housing hay out of the Undergarth meadow. Got eight cart loads this day. Fine hay and very dry weather: extream hot. ***Wed 14th*** Mowing the remainder of Undergarth meadow and begun the Corn-Close meadow. Betty Bushby here this week to work hay. ***Thu 15th*** Throng about the hay. Begun mowing in Brakenhill meadow. It is dry and the grass much better for draining. ***Fri 16th*** A very hot day. Housing hay. Got all the Undergarth and Corn-Close meadows this day: 11 cart load. Very dry & fine hay. In all 22 cart load. ***Sat 17th*** Throng mowing. John Bushby here mowing. Henry Pearson here about demanding his tithes. John Hutchinson here yesterday afternoon about Seaton lands &c.

Sun 18th Did not get to the Meeting. The stranguary complaint still continues very painfull and troublesome. Went with wife to John Woodvill's in the afternoon. Very hot. ***Mon 19th*** Keept William at home this week on account of the hay. Got six cart loads out of the upper part of Low Meadow. Some thunder this afternoon but little rain. ***Tue 20th*** The Monthly Meeting: could not attend on account of my disorder. Made water nine times in the night & exceeding painfull. John gone to the meeting. Weather hot & cloudy. ***Wed 21st*** Got a letter from Edward Jones informing that one or more ships were ready to sail from Workington to Cork. Sent John in the afternoon with 3 pair th[rea]d hose for Isaac. He sent them by the mate of the *Martin*, Captain Bowes. She is intended to sail for Cork so soon as she has water out &c. ***Thu 22nd*** Came on rain yesterday a little after noon. Watered about five cart loads of hay. Thunder rain. ***Fri 23rd*** Showry; the air cooled a little. Got the water'd hay into little cock. It is very well. Peter & John Bushby mowing in the

Moss-head. Joseph Bacon here. Wet in afternoon. ***Sat 24th*** Weather continues showry and uncertain. About the Low Meadow hay, working it into cock to stand over the week end.

Sun 25th John and William gone to the Meeting. Weather seems to settle again but the air hot and sultry. ***Mon 26th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Throng about the Low Meadow hay. Got it again into pretty good order. Intend to house it tomorrow. ***Tue 27th*** A fine day in the forenoon. Got three cart loads of hay. Came on rain in the afternoon. Water'd a part of the hay a second time. Weather thundery & uncertain. ***Wed 28th*** A very fine day. Got nine cart load of hay, being all in the Low Meadow, and in pretty good order. A very throng day. ***Thu 29th*** Wife gone to the Meeting. Two women Friends there: one Hadwin from Liverpool and Mary Robinson there. A very wet day; the great heat still continues. ***Fri 30th*** Weather continues showry and uncertain. About gathering the hay together in Shortlands. John gone to Mosser: Thomas Robinson pay night. ***Sat 31st*** Some showers in the night and fore part of the day. A fine afternoon. Throng about the hay in Moss-head & Shortlands. John Bushby & wife here.

August 1779

Sun 1st John & William gone to the General Meeting at Whitehaven. The fore part of the day pretty favourable; came on showers in the afternoon. ***Mon 2nd*** Showry, broken weather. John Nixon & Henry Bowman here. Got an order to name commissioners in the old cause. Named William Dobinson, George Mounsey, John Wordsworth, Miles Brockbank, William Dixon and John Robinson. The plaintiffs to throw out four of them. ***Tue 3rd*** A pretty fine p.m. ***Wed 4th*** Lawrence here yesterday and this day. A very stormy day and a flood; thunder rain. The air very hot and fiery when the rain came on. ***Thu 5th*** Lawrence here. A warm day. John Grave and Isaac Lightfoot, the attorney, came here this night. Was subpoenied to attend the Assizes at Carlisle. ***Fri 6th*** Docker's chaise came here this forenoon. Son John and self sett forward for Carlisle about nine o'clock. Stop'd a little at Cockermouth; dined at Red Dial; got thro' in evening. ***Sat 7th*** At Carlisle. The judges Wills and Buller came in yesterday evening. Went into the Hall this forenoon and begun to do business. Buller did not attend in afternoon.

Sun 8th At ditto. Went to the Meeting in the morning. At William Harrison's in the afternoon. Lodged at William Nicholson's, the Gray Goat. A very good house & good entertainment. ***Mon 9th*** At Carlisle. The ejectment cause came on this forenoon. Lost the house that was Mary James's for want of proof & got the whole of the parcels contained in the deed. ***Tue 10th*** At Red Dial. Came from Carlisle about 5 o'clock p.m. Lodged at the Dial. Came away about 9 a.m. Dined at the Globe and got home in the evening. Much fatigued. ***Wed 11th*** Got all the hay yesterday. Warm, sultry weather. John Woodvill & wife here yesterday afternoon. John very feeble. Peter gone to the fell this afternoon. ***Thu 12th*** Peter gone to the fell again to seek the geese. Found 12 on the south side of Dick-Knave and 3 about Beck heads.[259] Wanting 3 old geese and some young

ones. ***Fri 13th*** Peter gone to the coals; one coup for us & the other for himself. A large ball of fire seen in the air last night. Appeared large & cast a blue dusky light. ***Sat 14th*** Begun shearing wheat in the Croft this day. John Bushby here. It is much laid down and, as the weather is good, taking of it up tho' fresh. Very hot day.

Sun 15th Very unwell. An ague fitt came on; shaked much and a great pain in my head. The stranguary complaint continues; great difficulty in making water. Weather very warm. ***Mon 16th*** Wrote to Shadrach Peat and sent him by son William 19s 4d for 116lb. of fish. Also wrote John Skyrin & company in answer to theirs and refused their account. ***Tue 17th*** Peter gone to the coals these two days. No throng: got home before the mid-day. Am a little better of my complaint. Swet violantly last night; wet the bed cloths. ***Wed 18th*** Peter gone again to the coals. Very fine warm weather. The harvest is near ready and in general pretty good. The potato ground very good; wheat other [*sic*] not so good. ***Thu 19th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Butter about 7d a lb. Corn pretty moderate. John Bushby & Mary Murray here shearing wheat. Got most of the laid wheat up. ***Fri 20th*** Shearing wheat; finished it this day. J.B. [*John Bushby*] & wife and P.M. [*Peter Murray*] and wife here. Weather very fine and likely to continue. To begin with the barley tomorrow. ***Sat 21st*** Shearing barley in the Croft. Very good and pretty ripe. Unhooded the wheat; it will be ready for housing on 2nd day if the weather continues good.

Sun 22nd A very hot day. Did not go to the Meeting on account of my disorder. The Preparative Meeting. Isaac Robinson and Ann Nixon dined here. Went to Waterend after. ***Mon 23rd*** Keept William at home until the evening. A very hot day. Got into the house 114 shocks of wheat. Very dry and in good condition. ***Tue 24th*** John gone to the Monthly Meeting. Lawrence [*Hunter*], the taylor, here and also Lawrence [*Witted*], the gardner. Brought some strawberry plants from Branthwaite, Jeremy Head farmer's. ***Wed 25th*** Shearing barley in the Croft in the afternoon. Got into the house in the forenoon 62 shocks of Croft barley, our own seed. The rest, to shear, was Scotch seed. ***Thu 26th*** Shear'd the remainder of the Croft barley this forenoon. Gone to Whinney to try the oats. Dr. James here: orders me to make tryal of lime water as a disolvent. ***Fri 27th*** Shearing oats in the Corn Close. John Bushby here. Came on rain about 10 o'clock. Got no more done this day. Peter gone to the smithy with the mares. ***Sat 28th*** Gardner here 5 days this week shearing oats in Far Whinney. Very good in general. Got the remainder of the Croft barley p.m.: 27 shocks. A very hot day.

Sun 29th Thomas Winn here. Went yesterday to Joseph Jackson's, Gillcrux, about the Irish mine. He proposes to go over first opportunity to view it &c. John gone to Mary Port General Meeting. ***Mon 30th*** Shearing in the Corn Close. Very good oats and ripe. William & Suse Gill gone to Cockermouth. She gone for flax with the cart. A very hot day and thunder with some rain. ***Tue 31st*** Shearing in Far-Whinney. Old Lawrence came this day to help us shear. He is very slow; about half a good one. The corn of this field in general pretty good.

September 1779

Wed 1st Betty Bushby here yesterday in a very bad humour. Some difference between them and Peter's familey. Weather continue good but some thunder showers. ***Thu 2nd*** J.B. [*John Bushby*] and wife here & Lawrence & his daughter Betty here. She came this day. Bushby & wife very ill natured and made great disturbance in the field. ***Fri 3rd*** Peter & Lawrence housing oats out of Far Whinney this day. Some slight showers of rain. The air is much cooled and looks like a break of weather. ***Sat 4th*** John Bushby here & L.W. [*Lawrence Witted*] & daughter. Some showers of rain yesterday evening and last night but the day very good and drying. Shear'd all Far Whinney oats a.m.; shearing barley p.m.

Sun 5th John gone Cockermouth yesterday to pay G. Bell 4 guineas in part of the cash borrowed. Some showers this day. Weather seems now unsettled. General Meeting this day at Broughton. ***Mon 6th*** A fine day. Shearing in High Whinney. Six shearers this day. James Graham, John Bushby & old Lawrence. Came on showry in the afternoon. ***Tue 7th*** James Graham & John Bushby came about 9 a clock. Shear'd till near 12; then came on a heavy rain. Blew a strong gale of wind westerly. Broken weather. ***Wed 8th*** Weather pretty moderate. Shearing. Had John Bushby & Lawrence. Got all shorn this day. Corn Close oats very good tho' mix'd with dead heads. ***Thu 9th*** Showry day. Lawrence about planting out the young cabidge plants. They are pretty good. About 14 score in number; saved them from the birds by netts. ***Fri 10th*** A fine day. Very throng about leading corn out of Far Whinney. Peter at Whitehaven market yesterday. Got a good quantity of oats housed this day. ***Sat 11th*** Took the bees on 3rd day, viz, 3 hives. One of them very good; the other two but midling. Got a great quantity of honey: 15 or 16 quarts in all. T.R. [*Thomas Robinson*] help'd us.

Sun 12th William Allason and wife here in the afternoon. Writing letters. Wrote to Matthew Aspden. Also to Dr. James about the effects of his medicines &c. ***Mon 13th*** Wrote to Joseph Hutchinson in answer to his and sent it and the other letters with William to the post. William Wilson & T.R. here. Cutt the raisers off the hives. Got near a stone weight of honey. Very good. ***Tue 14th*** Lawrence here about housing corn. Very wet in the afternoon. Account come about Paul Jones being about the island.[260] Some say he has taken it but no certainty yet to depend upon. ***Wed 15th*** A very wet day and a flood in the night. Lawrence here cleaning out the old house in the forenoon. Peter & him are threshing wheat in the afternoon for seed &c. ***Thu 16th*** Weather continues very wet. John Jackson here in the forenoon about taking land. Agreed for forty pounds a year for three years or he to bring me 40 loads of coals a year and I am to abate him twenty shillings a year in lieu of it. ***Fri 17th*** A very stormy day. Peter and Lawrence threshing wheat. The Select Monthly Meeting held this day but I could not attend. My disorder grows no better; is still very painfull. ***Sat 18th*** A very stormy night; a flood. Much thunder and lightning this forenoon. Moderated a little after. Threshing & cleaning wheat for seed. Lawrence here all this week.

Sun 19th A showry day. John gone to Seaton to the funeral of Samuel Wales, farmer of the estate at Seaton. Wrote Walter Irwen & Thomas Cartey about the

farm. John Hutchinson here yesterday about warning to the funeral &c. ***Mon 20th*** Had a visit made me yesterday by John Harris and John Wilson who dined here and stay'd tea. J. Wilson shewed me a letter from Smith & Co., London, about the difference between us on which I wrote two letters to William Woodvill & John Robinson about it and my reasons for contending. ***Tue 21st*** Wife & John gone to Meeting. ***Wed 22nd*** John deliver'd the letters to William Woodvill & John Robinson as directed. Weather still continues very showery. The corn is begun to grow very much. ***Thu 23rd*** Lawrence here. Came on rain. Could get nothing done about the corn. Joseph Bacon here: brought me a bottle of strong Jamaica rum. Stay'd till bedtime. ***Fri 24th*** Lawrence here doing some thing in the garden. Joseph Wilson, Sosgill, here in the afternoon. Came to see me. Nothing to be done yet about the corn. Showry. ***Sat 25th*** Lawrence still here waiting about the corn and working in the gardens. Weather still wet and unseasonable but continues warm. Sold John Mirehouse 8 geese.

Sun 26th John and William gone to the Meeting. A fine drying day. Begun about the corn in the evening. Got about 60 shocks of barley and 3 carts of oats. Came on rain about midnight. Lawrence came to help us this evening. ***Mon 27th*** Lawrence here. Weather continues wet and showry. Left about two carts of barley laying spread last night. Go[t] it turn'd over to dry this day. Showry. ***Tue 28th*** Lawrence here. A drying day. Throng about the corn. Got the barley and part of the oats. Came on rain about 4 p.m. Left 64 shocks of oats in the field. ***Wed 29th*** Peter threshing barley. Lawrence gone home. Weather very wet. Nothing to be done about the corn in the field. Wrote Matthew Aspden in answer to his. ***Thu 30th*** John and William gone to the Quarter Meeting at Cockermouth. Peter gone with them with the horses. Weather showry & very uncertain. Corn growing & in bad condition.

October 1779

Fri 1st William Irving from the King's Arms, Workington, and William Armstrong of Camberton here this forenoon about taking Seaton land. Made no contract yet. ***Sat 2nd*** A fine day. Weather settling and seems to incline to frost; wind easterly. Got all the corn this day; about 64 shocks oats. Grown a little in the corn knotts but not much worse.

Sun 3rd John gone to Seaton with a letter to Thomas Cartmer. Can't yet come to any certainty about letting the land yet. A fine day; wind easterly. ***Mon 4th*** Sent Peter to Cockermouth about getting some salmon fish. He was too late; got only one fish, 23lb. @ 2d. To get more next week. Weather the same. ***Tue 5th*** Went to Pardshowhall. Met John Ellwood, Elihu Robinson, William Woodvill, John Wilson and John Robinson of Graysouthen about a difference with Smith & Co. about an account. Gave my reason to the arbitrators in writing. To remain under consideration. ***Wed 6th*** Peter leading lime from Eaglesfield Cragg kiln. A fine day; weather seems settled. ***Thu 7th*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market with butter, cheese and oats. Some showers, but in general the day pretty favourable. Butter 7d lb.; cheese 2d per lb. ***Fri 8th*** Leading lime from Eaglesfield Cragg and mixing it up

for setting in the Croft for wheat. A pretty moderate day. ***Sat 9th*** Writing out copies of my account with S.W. & G. [*Smith, Wright & Gray*] for the arbitrators and John Ellwood. Came on very wet in the afternoon. Peter gone to the fell with the lambs.

Sun 10th William came home this forenoon. John gone to the Meeting. Dr. James & his brother in law Postlethwaite dined here. Brought me a doze more of manna & salts. Peter gone to salmon hall; got three fish, 60lb. ***Mon 11th*** Peter gone to the fair on his own account. A very stormy day from morning to night. John & William both at home. Intended to begin with taking up potatoes this day, but wet. ***Tue 12th*** A very wet day. Peter threshing oats for the bull and Scotty cow in the forenoon. Gone to the fell in the afternoon to drive up the lambs to the heath. ***Wed 13th*** About taking up the potatoes. John Bushby and wife and John Jackson maid here helping us. Look'd over my will made in August 1769. Think that I can't make much alterations yet. ***Thu 14th*** About ditto. John Bushby & John Jackson's maid here. Peter gone to Whitehaven market. Paid J. Mayson's interest for £50 due the 29th March last. Day showry; very wet in the night. ***Fri 15th*** Throng about the potatoes. A very fine day. Wind rose in the afternoon and continued blowing fresh from the south to SSW. Came on storm about midnight. Ground full of water. ***Sat 16th*** Showry. Peter gone to the fell to bring in the lambs. Took up this forenoon the two potatoes planted in the garden. The one produced 73; the other 71. Very large potatoes but of different sorts tho' the plants were both of one kind and three clud. This is a confirmation of the method of planting them as mentioned in the "Farmers Magazine", which see.

Mon 18th A very stormy day with much thunder and lightning so that William could not go to Cockermouth this day. Peter threshing oats in upper barn. ***Tue 19th*** Weather continues very bad and stormy; a very great flood. The Monthly Meeting this day. John gone to it. Went in the afternoon with William on horseback to Gallowbarrow.[261] ***Wed 20th*** A heavy rain in the night. The day continues showry; wind about SSW. Ground very full of water, which hinders us from taking up the potatoes. ***Thu 21st*** A fine day. Throng about taking up the potatoes. John Bushby and wife here and two women from the Hill. Think to finish them in another day. ***Fri 22nd*** About the potatoes. Got them all up this evening. They are in general smaller than usual which I impute to the droughty season & not covering them sufficiently with earth. ***Sat 23rd*** John Bushby here. Throng leading manure to the wheat land. A very fine day. Intend to sow the wheat under furrow to preserve it from external injuries.

Sun 24th A cold day with a strong gale of wind from the SSW. Bell the breeches maker here in the forenoon. He brought me a pair of leather breeches. ***Mon 25th*** A very wet day. William went to Cockermouth in the afternoon. It faired a little but came on again soon after. Weather stormy and unsettled. ***Tue 26th*** Leading out the remainder of the manure to the wheat land. Came on rain a little after noon. Betty Bushby here helping us. Weather broken & showry. ***Wed 27th*** Ploughing for wheat in the Croft. Got a yoaking sow'd but the rain came on and could not get it harrow'd. The land not very wet, the season considered. ***Thu 28th*** Peter gone to

Whitehaven market with butter, cheese and geese. A storm of wind and rain in the night and a flood. The day pretty moderate with some showers. ***Fri 29th*** Ploughing in the Croft for wheat. Got in another yoaking. Sows it all upon the top on the stuble and on the potato land & ploughs it in. ***Sat 30th*** Peter gone to the coals this day, we being near quite out. The weather still continues showry and very uncertain.

Sun 31st Lads and wife gone to the Meeting. Received a letter from William Woodvill, one of the arbitrators, containing their judgment in the case. I think it very hard & severe.

November 1779

Mon 1st Ploughing for the remainder of the wheat. Got it all put in this day and in general very well, the uncertainty of the weather considered. ***Tue 2nd*** Peter gone to the smithy at Mockerkin with the old mares. Got them both shod anew. Weather these two days very moderate and fair. ***Wed 3rd*** Peter gone to the coals. Weather showry and uncertain with rain and wind in the nights but more moderate in the day time. ***Thu 4th*** Peter gone to the coals. Weather much the same. Wrote a few lines to Philip Burnyeat at the request of his sister for him to come home directly. ***Fri 5th*** Peter gone to the coals again. Sent the letter by Isaac Ritson to St. Bees to come and get a settlement before T.R.'s [*Thomas Robinson's*] marriage which is to be on 1st day. ***Sat 6th*** Peter gone to the coals again. Philip Burnyeat came home last night. Met him, Thomas Burnyeat & Thomas Robinson at Mosser. Came to agreement about the land for one year from the 25th March. Yearly rent 50£. To settle accounts at Christmas next and a duplicate to be signed by the parties fixing the same to that time.

Mon 8th Weather showry but pretty moderate. Examining my letter to William Woodvill &c. Shall send it on fifth day and have kept a copy thereof. ***Tue 9th*** William Allason, waller, here about mending the houses, the roofs of which are gone much out of repair and many slates blow'd off. ***Wed 10th*** W.A. here again about the houses. Finished the same this day. Henry Pearson here yesterday to make distress but found nothing suitable for him, so concluded to let it alone until we shall have got some wheat threshed, about two bushels. He demanded 16s 11½d; costs 6s. ***Thu 11th*** Wife gone to Meeting. Gardener here. ***Fri 12th*** About diging the ground and planting out the tulip roots. They are sprouted a considerable length, owing as I believe to their laying too warm. ***Sat 13th*** About taking up some laurel trees and planting them in other places. Planted out about 15 of them. Came on showry this day.

Sun 14th Received a letter from William Woodvill respecting their award against me. Intend to write him again upon the subject so soon as convenient. ***Mon 15th*** A very wet, cold day. This is Martinmass fair and the hiring day for servants. In general pretty moderate. ***Tue 16th*** John Rudd, taylor, here mending William's cloths. Weather cold with some showers of rain and snow upon the hills. Wrote

George Bell. ***Wed 17th*** Writing a letter to William Woodvill in answer to his about the refference, shewing him what is simple interest and what compound interest. Their determination a great hardship. ***Thu 18th*** Four sheep salvers here. The number of sheep in all is 49 and generally in pretty good order. Very cold weather and sharp frost but cloudy. ***Fri 19th*** About fresh smitting the sheep this afternoon. John Jackson brought a tip [*i.e. tup*] from Bowmans of Place in Lowswater and put him to the ewes, in number 19. Wedders 16; hoggs 14; in all 49 as above. ***Sat 20th*** Some showers this morning; the air very cold. Peter threshing wheat. John gone to Cockermouth this afternoon.

Sun 21st Lads gone to the Meeting. Pretty hard frost the latter part of the night. The Preparative Meeting and a collection for the poor. Sent William Woodvill's letter by John. ***Mon 22nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. Wife gone to John Woodvill's in afternoon. Peter gone to the coals for himself. Very hard frost and a great ragg in the night. ***Tue 23rd*** Monthly Meeting. Isaac Bell & Mary Pearson offered their marriage. They both dined here and Anthony Saul & wife. An eclipse of the moon begun about 6 p.m. & ended before 10. Cloudy soon after the beginning so that little of it was seen. ***Wed 24th*** Peter threshing barley for malt. Showers of hail and cold; the frost not likely to break yet. ***Thu 25th*** Very cold, sharp weather. Peter threshing barley. Jonah Dixon and wife and John Wilkinson here in the afternoon. They stay'd till near nine p.m. ***Fri 26th*** John Jackson here about killing the Scotty cow. She proved pretty well. Very good beef and about three stone of tallow. Weather sharp and frosty. ***Sat 27th*** Peter gone to the smithey to get the mare sharp'd. Threshing after. Weather cold but seems to come on thow, or perhaps snow.

Sun 28th John gone to the Meeting. William and the rest at home. Weather cold and inclinable to showers; the frost will soon be gone. ***Mon 29th*** Peter and William gone to the market with the cow skin and tallow. It was four stone short weight and the skin weighed three stone. ***Tue 30th*** Peter threshing barley. A cold, showry day. Wind about SSW; the barometer at 19. Sold the bull yesterday to Jonathan Wilson for six pounds. To take him in a week.

December 1779

Wed 1st Peter threshing barley. A fine moderate day. Has some appearance of frost; the air cold. Jonathan Scott here this morning. Some difference between him & his land lady. ***Thu 2nd*** Joseph Rothery here yesterday evening wanting some advice about the assignment of a mortgage. A rainy, stormy day and continued most of the night. ***Fri 3rd*** A fine day. Peter threshing barley. Received a letter from William Woodvill inclosing one from S.W. & G. [*Smith, Wright & Gray*] about the award or determination of the difference. ***Sat 4th*** Wrote William Woodvill in reply to S.W.& G.'s letter which I made an abstract of with remarks. Peter threshing the remainder of the barley for malt.

Sun 5th Wife and two sons gone to the Meeting. A pretty moderate day; wind southerly. Lads gone to Pardshow in the evening. Weather very uncertain.

Mon 6th William gone to Cockermouth. John there on 7th day afternoon. Settled with Thomas Wilson, hatter, and Matthew Smith. Cleaning the barley to carry to Ullock. ***Tue 7th*** Peter gone to Ullock with the barley. 10 bushels; 6 for our own malt & 4 for sale. Weather cold & inclined to frost. ***Wed 8th*** Peter threshing wheat. Wife gone to Todall and Cragg End. Mary Allason lying inn; got another son. Weather seems to settle to frost again; very sharp and cold. ***Thu 9th*** Came on rain this morning. A very wet day and a strong gale of wind from the SSW. Peter threshing wheat. ***Fri 10th*** A stormy day; threshing wheat. Wife gone to Anthony Richardson's in the afternoon about a bad leg of William's. ***Sat 11th*** A pretty moderate day. John gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon to pay the remainder of Matthew Smith's bill and help William home.

Sun 12th Nothing remarkable. The weather very variable & uncertain. ***Mon 13th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Very cold weather, inclinable to frost. Peter threshing oats. ***Tue 14th*** Weather cold & frosty. ***Wed 15th*** Cold showers of hail. Peter threshing ditto. ***Thu 16th*** My disorder very painfull so that I can get very little rest in the night. ***Fri 17th*** Little alteration in my complaint. The pain still continues very sharp and troublesome. ***Sat 18th*** Jonah Dixon here yesterday afternoon. Brought me a blank bond to fill up against 1st day.

Sun 19th Filled up the bond for £100 @ 10d dated July 25th 1779. Gave him the bond and got in my notes. ***Mon 20th*** A wet forenoon. Peter went with William in the afternoon for Cockermouth. Pretty fair after, but cold. ***Tue 21st*** The Monthly Meeting. John gone there. Peter and Betty Bushby cleaning oats for the mill. Cold & frosty. ***Wed 22nd*** Very sharp frost with some showers of hail. Peter gone to the mill with 10 bushels oats for swine & cow. ***Thu 23rd*** Peter gone to Whitehaven market. John Wordsworth clerk here this day. Gave him an account of freeholds in the township. A contested election expected. ***Fri 24th*** Sharp frost and showers of snow. Settled with John Usher about the mole catching. The 5 years ends in February next at 5s 6d per annum & he has received cash & butter to near the amount. ***Sat 25th*** This being the day observed here for Christmass Day as a holy day, but generally these times are spent in vice and folly as carding, gaming &c.

Sun 26th Weather cold & frosty and seems to settle in that way. Wife and lads gone to the Meeting. ***Mon 27th*** Weather much the same but very moderate and little wind. The frost not very keen but still continues to freeze in the nights. ***Tue 28th*** Peter threshing oats in the high barn. Isaac Robinson here. He brought word that the *Isabella* was got into Cork again. All well. ***Wed 29th*** Weather moderate and little wind and seems to thaw a little. Joseph and John Bacon here this afternoon and night. No further account yet from Cork respecting the ship &c. ***Thu 30th*** The frost come on again more sharp than before. Lads gone to the tarren to skeet. Peter threshing wheat. It is dry and very good. ***Fri 31st*** Peter threshing. The lads gone again to the tarren. The frost seems now to sett in more intense than before. Thus ends the year 1779.

1780

January 1780

Sat 1st The new year begins with sharp frost and very cold weather. John and William gone to the tarren to skeet, it being now froze over some time.

Sun 2nd John and William gone to the Meeting. The air much softned; it seems to thaw pretty fast. Lads at home in the afternoon. ***Mon 3rd*** Peter threshing wheat in the forenoon. John and him gone to the smithey in the afternoon with young mare and old Bess to get showed. Frost much gone. ***Tue 4th*** Peter gone to the coals. The frost came on again this day. Joseph Birket and Mary Card married this day at Brigham, she being with child to him. ***Wed 5th*** John Dobson here this morning summoning the town to meet at Mosser this evening on account of Ann Sumpton's settlement. Peter gone again to the coals. ***Thu 6th*** The township met and it was agreed that her settlement was in Mosser on account of being hired and serving at John Pearson's; so concluded to pay her 1s per week. ***Fri 7th*** The frost pretty much gone, having thawed these two days. Threshing wheat to save it from the ratts. Wind about SW but very moderate & gentle. ***Sat 8th*** The frost come on again last night; very hard and sharp this morning. Peter threshing oats. No letter yet from Isaac. They have been at Cork 4 weeks.

Sun 9th Lads and wife gone to the Meeting. Frost very sharp and severe and has the appearance of continuing. Lads gone to William Allason's in the night. ***Mon 10th*** Weather very sharp and cold. William at home. He, John & Philip gone to Buttermire with their guns. Got nothing. Much fatigued. ***Tue 11th*** Peter gone to Ullock for the malt. It has not made much out this season. Got home six bushels and sold four. He says it is very good. Lads gone to Lowswater to skeet. ***Wed 12th*** Weather very sharp; the frost got into the houses. Froze the piss in the pots under the beds. Some potatoes frosted in the houses. ***Thu 13th*** Weather the same. Peter threshing wheat. It is very good and sound. William at Cockermouth yesterday and this day. Very cold. ***Fri 14th*** Frost very sharp and severe. Cleaning up the wheat and bringing it into the ark and mix'd it with how seeds to keep. ***Sat 15th*** William, Thomas Beeby and Thomas the thread dyer dined here and went after to the water at Lowswater to skeet. Came back in the evening & stay'd all night.

Sun 16th Change of weather; the frost thawing away very fast. The two men from Cockermouth dined here and went home in the afternoon. ***Mon 17th*** At home. William gone to Cockermouth. Joseph Rothery from the Abbey in Embleton here in the afternoon about a purchase he had made from Mary Patterson of Cockermouth. ***Tue 18th*** John gone to Cockermouth to George Bell about settling the factory books for last year. Deborah Robinson taken again with spitting blood. ***Wed 19th***

Peter gone to the coals. Frost not yet quite gone; the air moist and cold. Late sown wheat looks very bad; the sharp frost has pinched it very much. ***Thu 20th*** Peter gone again to the coals. The frost seems to sett in again. The air very sharp and piercing; the weather pinching & very cold. ***Fri 21st*** Gone to the smithey with the mares to get them sharped. The frost very severe and sharp. ***Sat 22nd*** Peter gone to the coals. Some great news talked of about Sir Peter Parker taking a great number of the enemie's transports with 5 frigates & 1 of the line.

Sun 23rd Lads at Meeting in the forenoon. Gone to Lowswater water in the afternoon to skeet. ***Mon 24th*** Peter gone to the coals and William to Cockermouth. Frost continues very sharp; air cold. ***Tue 25th*** Peter gone again to the coals. Weather the same. Nothing remarkable. ***Wed 26th*** Peter gone again to the coals. Ground very hard; no appearance of any change yet. ***Thu 27th*** Peter gone again to the coals. To lay in a pretty good stock before the sale or alteration of weather. ***Fri 28th*** Peter gone again to the coals. Frost very severe; the running water is mostly froze up. ***Sat 29th*** Peter gone again to the coals. This will be the ninth time, which makes 54 loads.

Sun 30th Lads gone to the Meeting. John gone in the afternoon to Dean to consult John Danson about the sale. ***Mon 31st*** Peter gone to the coals for himself. William at home; the weather being so extreem cold for him.

February 1780

Tue 1st William at home, it being so very cold that he can't work. Peter threshing oats. Frost continues. ***Wed 2nd*** William gone again to Cockermouth. The weather more moderate this day. John & Peter dighting corn. ***Thu 3rd*** Received notice this morning to attend the funeral of a daughter of Isaac Fletcher of Low-leys in Lamplugh. They warn at 8 o'clock tomorrow. Frost seems over. ***Fri 4th*** Wife and John gone to the funeral at Lamplugh. It was pretty large. They got home in the evening. The weather cold and inclinable to frost. ***Sat 5th*** Sent 16 bushels oats to the mill for meal. Weather not much either frost or thaw, but in general pretty moderate with some showers of snow.

Sun 6th Wife and lads gone to the Meeting. A stranger there: Self Bennet. She preached twice and prayed, I believe, in general pretty satisfactory. ***Mon 7th*** William gone to Cockermouth. The frost came on again. The ground very hard. It is got very deep & must thaw a long time before it be all out. ***Tue 8th*** John Rudd, taylor, here about overhauling my breeches. He complains much of his head & is very unwell. A stormy day; wind about SSE. ***Wed 9th*** Peter threshing this week. John Rudd very unwell; could not work. Weather moderate but could & seems still inclined to frost. ***Thu 10th*** Weather pretty much the same; still inclinable to frost.

Sun 13th Lads gone to Meeting. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 14th*** Weather cold and frosty. Prepairing for the sale. ***Thu 18th*** The sale begun this afternoon. John Danson cryer. He sold the cattle & other things pretty well. ***Fri 19th*** Much

fatigued with attending the sale. Took notes for between £60 & 70£. All pretty good. ***Sat 20th*** Begun to be very ill. Seised with a violent pain in my back & kidneys & very feverish.[262]

[*No further entries until 23 October.*]

October 1780

Mon 23rd Being seised with a slow intermitting fever, which confined me to my bed for several weeks so that I was not able to write until lately, being now much recovered, but am still in a weak state. Not able to ride or walk very little yet, tho' upwards of eight months. ***Tue 24th*** Wife at Whitehaven these two days about waiting upon Sir James Lowther. ***Wed 25th*** Wife at Whitehaven about the burgage sold Sir James. To continue until she have an opportunity of seeing and conversing with him about it &c. ***Thu 26th*** Wife at ditto. She came home this evening. Got speech to Sir James and ordered to take the deeds and papers tomorrow to Cockermouth & to settle with Wordsworth so far as can. ***Fri 27th*** The visitors here yesterday p.m. Barbary Drewry, Jane Pearson, John Wilson & John Wilkinson. Gave good advice &c. Wife gone to Cockermouth to Wordsworth with the papers. ***Sat 28th*** The town met here last night. Agreed to consult Thomas Benson about Mirehouse bond & about Doll's child, whether included in the words of the bond or not. With some other things respecting J. Sumpton's settlement, the highways &c.

Sun 29th William gone to the Meeting. Egremont court yesterday. But a small appearance from this township. Nothing remarkable. ***Mon 30th*** Thomas Benson was consulted this day about the bond. He is of the opinion that it will extend no further than than [*sic*] the mother of the child, so the child will fall upon the township of Mosser notwithstanding the bond. So our overseer must endeavour to get a nurse for it as low as he can, if she will part with it.

November 1780

Thu 2nd Wife gone to Cockermouth for stamps. William Twineham here 3rd & 4th days at the coals with young mare. She struck & broke the coup &c. ***Fri 3rd*** About drafting an assignment from William Hodgson to George Furnas of three cottage houses, stable and garden in Burnfoot, Wigton. A very wet afternoon. ***Sat 4th*** Ingrossing the assignment on a two penny sheet of paper and five shillings stamp. Got the same finished with day light. Weather cold; inclinable to frost.

Sun 5th Wife and son William gone to the Meeting. Thomas Furnas call'd for the assignment & took it with him. Town met here last night. Jonathan & John Mirehouse came with them. Jonathan behaved very badly. Agreed at last for £1 8s 6d to be paid overseer in two or three weeks time. ***Mon 6th*** William gone to Cockermouth. The overseer and some others of the township took Doll Sewell alias Mirehouse before the justices to father & filliate the child. ***Tue 7th*** A very cold

frosty day; wind easterly. ***Wed 8th*** Very unwell. Could do very little business. Very much pain'd in my back and in making water. ***Thu 9th*** John Sumpton here distraining for tithes. He took two bushels of old barley & one of oats; value 17s 6d. Recover'd 10s 6½d; costs 5s. ***Fri 10th*** Sale at John Pearson's, Mosser. The goods sold very low. At mill this day with the swine corn. Weather moderate. ***Sat 11th*** Paid John Fawcett for half year's land tax 7s 8d; half year's window tax 3s 6d; and one year's free rent 1s 11d, making together 13s 1d.

Sun 12th Wife and son gone to the Meeting. A fine moderate day. N.B. Isaac Bell begun with the newspapers, No. 315, as a partner. ***Mon 13th*** Martinmass fair this day. Nancy [*Chorley*] gone to the fair. William at home these two days. The weather showery and cold. Servants very low. ***Tue 14th*** Weather clears up and seems inclinable to frost. William is gone from home with the gun. ***Wed 15th*** William gone to Cockermouth. William Twineham here threshing oats. Pretty sharp frost and very cold. ***Thu 16th*** Wife gone to the Meeting. The frost continues; the air cloudy. Son William bought of William Allason, Mossergate, a hoop of Borrowdale nutts. Very good; 10d. ***Fri 17th*** Nothing remarkable this day. Weather cold and seems inclinable to frost. ***Sat 18th*** No further account yet from John. We expect him home at Christmas but must wait another letter from him. Weather cold.

Sun 19th William gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. A cold day. William gone to Mossergate in afternoon to meet some company from Bridgefoot. ***Mon 20th*** William gone to Cockermouth. A very cold day and a strong gale of wind from the NE and very cold. Wife durst not venter to go to Cockermouth. ***Tue 21st*** Wind southerly; a considerable fall of snow upon the ground. The Monthly Meeting. Wife gone there. Neither John Harris nor wife there. ***Wed 22nd*** Joseph Mason called here this forenoon in his way from Keswick. Paid him the interest for £50 due the 29th March last. Inquire if this was not paid before. ***Thu 23rd*** The snow continues yet upon the ground, but not much frost. Nothing further remarkable. ***Fri 24th*** Weather moderate and mild. A gentle thow; the snow goes away pretty fast.

Sun 26th William gone to the Meeting. Wife gone in the afternoon to Mosser to William Carlisle's laying-in treat. ***Mon 27th*** Wife and William gone to Cockermouth. The weather continues mild and moderate. Wife bought a side of beef; 16st. 2lb. Very good. ***Tue 28th*** Discovered some dishonesty and very disagreable stories told by our servant girl about the lads, which, upon tryal, proved false and without foundation. ***Wed 29th*** Ann Chorley, our servant girl, left us this forenoon. Settled with her and paid her in full for the time since Martinmass. She goes away upon her own accord. Thomas Robinson, shoemaker, here & present at the settlement. We know not to where she is gone. No servant; only ourselves two, wife & self. ***Thu 30th*** A very fine moderate day.

December 1780

Fri 1st Ann Chorley came again this day for the remainder of her cloths. She is hired to Henry Pearson's of Lorton. William Twineham here threshing. ***Sat 2nd***

No servant. Jane Twineham comes over in the morning & helps about the beasts. Weather continues moderate.

Sun 3rd William gone to the funeral of Mary Jenkinson's daughter of Waterend. Sent William Twineham to Flimby to hire a servant girl. He hired Betty Brown for 36s to Whitsuntide. Isaac Fletcher of Low Leys came here after the funeral and stay'd untill bedtime. ***Mon 4th*** William gone to Cockermouth. The new servant girll came last night. Weather very moderate and seems inclinable to frost. ***Tue 5th*** Isaac Bell, son of the late Jacob Bell, hosier, of Lombard Street, London, here in the afternoon. ***Wed 6th*** Weather continues very moderate and mild with some little frost in the nights. ***Thu 7th*** Wife gone to the Meeting. Mary Robinson here: she gave them very good advice. ***Fri 8th*** Weather much the same; very mild and moderate. Nothing to be remarked this day. ***Sat 9th*** Philip Burnyeat got home. He is very ill of a pain in one side got with an outstretch.

Sun 10th Wife and William gone to the Meeting. Joseph Saul there. He preached twice very well and to general satisfaction of the hearers. He was at Graysouthen in the evening. ***Mon 11th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather still very moderate and moist; the frost mostly gone. ***Tue 12th*** Weather very mild & little wind. Nothing remarkable.

Sun 17th William gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting. Weather the same. ***Mon 18th*** Wrote Henry Bowman and sent by William for the post, to enquire for a mortgage instead of Robertson. ***Tue 19th*** The Monthly Meeting this day. John Pearson dined here & stay'd till the evening. Jonah Dixon here and stay'd till bedtime. W.T. [*William Twineham*] here. ***Wed 20th*** Betty [*Brown*] gone to Flimby for her cloths. A cold day and sharp frost last night. ***Thu 21st*** Weather continues moderate with a little frost in the nights. ***Fri 22nd*** William Twineham here threshing wheat. It is pretty good. Weather much the same. ***Sat 23rd*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. A very fine day but hard frost & a cold north-east wind.

Sun 24th Wife and William gone to the Meeting. Matthew Johnson & companion from Allendale there: good advice given. ***Mon 25th*** William at home this week, this being Christmas Day. The weather still continues very mild &c. ***Tue 26th*** William and Philip gone to the tarren to skeet. The frost still continues tho' very moderate. ***Wed 27th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. A cold day and sharp frost in the night. Very little wind. ***Thu 28th*** Weather continues very moderate but thaw and moist. Nothing remarkable. ***Fri 29th*** Weather pretty much the same. A very idle time; little or no done that can be avoided. ***Sat 30th*** Weather still very mild. Sometimes freezes a little and then thaws again for some days.

Sun 31st William gone to the Meeting. This being the last day of the old year, but little remarkable. Weather moderate. So ends this year's remarks.

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January 1781

Mon 1st At home, this being the beginning of the new year. Weather very moderate but moist and cloudy. Little business done this day, it being kept a holyday. ***Tue 2nd*** Weather cold and frequent showers of snow so that the hills are covered white. William Twineham here threshing wheat. ***Wed 3rd*** Weather continues very moderate and very little wind. William Twineham here threshing wheat. ***Thu 4th*** Weather pretty much same. Begun leading manure this day into the Corn Close. William Twineham here. Had the young mare in the coop. ***Fri 5th*** W.T. here leading manure. Son William and he had the care of the young mare. She behaved pretty well tho' very feary. ***Sat 6th*** W.T. here about cleaning up the wheat, and brought into the house to save it from the ratts. Weather continues moist but moderate.

Sun 7th William gone to the Meeting. Yesterday evening sent William to Dean to execute a deed from John Fearon to John Mirehouse; consideration fifty-one pounds. ***Mon 8th*** Wife and William gone to Cockermouth. Had William at home two weeks last past. Weather continues moist and very moderate; little wind. ***Tue 9th*** Wife gone to Workington this afternoon on account of a letter received last night from John Ellwood about the payment of some money to Smith & Company. ***Wed 10th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth. Wrote letter to James Spedding and sent with her about the bill in Spedding's hand from Smith & Company for £82 6s 7d. John Fawcett's wife – or woman – was buried at Pardshowhall. She died in child bed. No Meeting was held, they being not in unity with the Society. ***Thu 11th*** James Spedding not at Cockermouth, so must go to Whitehaven on that account. Moderate weather; little frost. ***Fri 12th*** Isaac Wood, son of Dorothy Wood of Pardshowhall very ill in a fever and is not expected to live. At mill yesterday with ten bushels of oats. Weather the same. ***Sat 13th*** Isaac Wood died last night and to be buried this day. Betty [*Brown*] gone to the funeral. Wife gone to Whitehaven. Sir James there: came yesterday morning.

Sun 14th William gone to the Meeting. Weather sharp and frosty. Philip Burnyeat came here in the evening and stay'd all night. Sharp frost. ***Mon 15th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Wife gone to Whitehaven again to waite upon Sir James about the burgage, to try to get a settlement with him. ***Tue 16th*** Wife at Whitehaven about the burgage. Cold, frosty weather. ***Thu 18th*** Wife at ditto. She waited upon them several days but can get nothing done. She came home this night. ***Fri 19th*** Wife at home. Much fatigued in waiting upon Sir James, but yet to little purpose. ***Sat 20th*** Weather still continues frosty with a covering of snow. Nothing remarkable.

Sun 21st John Fearon's wife of Wood was buried at Pardshowhall this day. William gone to the funeral. Joseph Saul there and preached very well. ***Mon 22nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather still frosty with a small covering of snow upon the ground. ***Tue 23rd*** William Twineham and John Jackson here killing the swine. The[y] got done in very good time. ***Wed 24th*** W.T. [*William Twineham*] here about weighing the swine. We keep a fore quarter and send the rest to Jonathan Wilson, butcher. ***Thu 25th*** W.T. gone to Whitehaven with the swine. A good quantity of snow upon the ground and blown into drifts so that it is bad traveling. ***Fri 26th*** The swine weighed upon an average 12½ stone a side. Got them to Whitehaven very well and in good condition. They pleased the butcher very well. They were sold for 3s 3d per stone to the butcher and he sent four guineas in part of payment home.

Sun 28th William gone to the Meeting. He went to Mossergate after. Got a bottle of ink sent by Philip from Whitehaven: Walkden's fine Japan ink. ***Mon 29th*** A great storm of wind but the rain not very heavy. It blew very hard from a south to about SSE. Nothing further remarkable. ***Tue 30th*** Wife gone again to Whitehaven to waite upon Sir James about the burgage affair. Wrote to Sir James along with her for introduction.[263] ***Wed 31st*** Wife at Whitehaven. Received a letter from John yesterday morning dated the 19th current from Dublin. He intends to be at home so soon as convenient.

February 1781

Thu 1st Wife at ditto. A very fine day. William Twineham here threshing. Walked to the low garden to the dial this day, being the first time for several months. ***Fri 2nd*** Wife at ditto. A fine moderate day. Lawrence Witted here putting in the tulip roots in the front garden and the high garden. ***Sat 3rd*** Wife at ditto. Lawrence here planting early potatoes. Weather rather soft in the afternoon but very mild and moderate.

Sun 4th Wife came home yesterday evening. Sir James gone again to London on 6th day night, supposed on account of Lord George Gordon's tryal. He is to come again in a short time. Got nothing done. ***Mon 5th*** Wife and William gone to Cockermouth. A very fine, moderate day. Son John not yet come but is expected in a week's time from Dublin. ***Tue 6th*** John Robinson from Dublin here; dined & stay'd until the evening. A moist showry day; the weather unsettled. ***Wed 7th*** William Twineham here threshing oats. A rough, blowing day; wind about south but little rain. Nothing further remarkable. ***Thu 8th*** Weather much the same. An account come of Japheth [*Fletcher*][264] being press'd on board the *Triumph*, man of war, at or near New York by Rodney's fleet. ***Fri 9th*** Weather showry. Wife gone to Todall to pay Jonah Dixon's interest and cow grass. She went after to Pardshow to see John Robinson junior &c. ***Sat 10th*** Weather still rainy and unsettled. Gardner here. Put in a quart of early peas and a quart of marrowfatts in the high garden.

Sun 11th A very hard gale of wind from the south to about SSW. It continued near twenty-four hours. William gone to Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Mon 12th*** William

gone to Cockermouth. William Twineham here in the afternoon about cleaning up the oats; about six bushels. W.T.'s wife brought to bed this morning of a son. ***Tue 13th*** W.T. gone to Whitehaven. Had our mare about his own business. Weather still showry and very uncertain tho' the rain not very heavy. ***Wed 14th*** Weather much same. Very unsettled; wind about a SSW. Nothing further remarkable. ***Thu 15th*** Wife gone to Pardshow in the afternoon to see John Robinson. He is very ill in a sore throat. ***Fri 16th*** John came home last night along with his mother from Pardshow. He is very well in health. ***Sat 17th*** Several people called in to see John. He was very sick at sea but is now pretty well settled.

Sun 18th John and William are gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting. Weather very mild & moderate. ***Mon 19th*** William gone to Cockermouth this afternoon. John at home. He has got his box and books home. John Pearson brought them to Mosser. ***Tue 20th*** John gone to the Monthly Meeting. They gave him 10s 6d for transcribing the minutes into the Quarterly Meeting books. John Robinson here yesterday & stay'd till bedtime. ***Wed 21st*** John Robinson gone this day for Whitehaven; our John with them. Wife sett forward this afternoon about 3 a clock for Whitehaven. Turn'd wet in the afternoon. ***Thu 22nd*** Wife at Whitehaven about waiting on Sir James, but it proved a mistake. He is not come, so she came home again this evening. Nothing done. ***Fri 23rd*** John Robinson and son John came home this evening. To sett forward tomorrow morning to go by the way of Liverpool, Chester &c. ***Sat 24th*** Son John and J.R. sett forward again this morning. John set him to Keswick and came home in the evening.

Sun 25th Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Weather pretty mild & moderate. ***Mon 26th*** Lads gone to Cockermouth. John is to go to look over and settle the stocking company books on the fourth day come a week. ***Tue 27th*** John at home. About reading Phipp's journal towards the North Pole. He got to the latitude of 80° 46' North. Was stop'd with ice.[265] ***Wed 28th*** About reading the journal. There are many very curious & usefull remarks to future navigators &c.

March 1781

Thu 1st John Harris here this morning. He brought me 40£ in cash for which I gave him my note @ 10d. ***Fri 2nd*** Sent son John to John Ellwood with 50£ in part for S.W. & G. [*Smith, Wright & Gray*], London. Henry Bowman and Captain Musgrave Walker here and dined; stay'd until the evening. ***Sat 3rd*** I am to send John Ellwood the remainder of the money so soon as I can procure it. Moderate weather.

Sun 4th Sons gone to the Meeting. A very wet, stormy day. ***Mon 5th*** John and William are both at home and about surveying the estates at Underwood in order to draw a plan thereof for Henry Bowman. ***Tue 6th*** Lads about ditto. Weather pretty favourable tho' some showers in the afternoon. William about drawing the plan. ***Wed 7th*** Lads about the plan. Matthew Johnson & John Wigham here in the afternoon about visiting families. Matthew gave very good advice. ***Thu 8th*** Lads

gone to Cockermouth this morning. John to look over & settle the stocking company books; above one year is behind. ***Fri 9th*** John went through the books yesterday but took no account of stock. Isaac Robinson here in the afternoon. ***Sat 10th*** John about drawing the plan on a single sheet of paper. Weather very fine and moderate.

Sun 11th Wife and lads gone to the Meeting. Matthew Johnson & companion there. Preached well & to satisfaction. ***Mon 12th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather continues very fine. Nothing further remarkable this day. ***Tue 13th*** John gone to Workington with the plan of Underwood estates for Henry Bowman. Betty leading manure. ***Wed 14th*** Very fine weather. Throng with the husbandry. ***Thu 15th*** Mathew Johnson and companion at the Meeting. Preached well & gave good advice. ***Fri 16th*** Throng leading manure. The young mare took fright & run away with the coop and hurt John. He swoon'd twice but hope he will not be be [*sic*] much worse. The skin is sliped of a little above his knee and pretty much bruised. No other hurt yet appears.

Sun 18th William gone to the Meeting. John at home, lame of his knee but in a hopefull way of recovery. ***Mon 19th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather continues yet pretty fair and moderate. People very throng with their husbandry. ***Tue 20th*** The Monthly Meeting this day. The two strangers th[e]re. Have been employ'd in visiting Friends' families. I hear nothing but to pretty good content. ***Wed 21st*** Betty gon to Workington market with butter, potatoes and cheese. Sold very well. ***Thu 22nd*** William Twineham here this day and yesterday afternoon. Throng ploughing & sowing the oats. ***Fri 23rd*** W.T. here ploughing in the Corn Close. Weather still pretty moderate and favourable. ***Sat 24th*** W.T. here. Finished the oats. Sew about three bushels and a half. But a small crop this year.

Sun 25th Wife, John and William gone to the Meeting. Henry Crossley, a stockiner, dined here & stay'd untill the evening. A fine day; moderate weather. ***Mon 26th*** John wrote a letter to Isaac this day at passage near Cork and sent by William to Cockermouth for the post. Betty [*Brown*] at Mary Woodvill's this day. ***Tue 27th*** Weather more cold and looks like some change. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Wed 28th*** Betty gone to Workington market with potatoes, butter & cheese. ***Thu 29th*** Weather very cold and frost in the nights. Slighted up & finished the oat land. ***Fri 30th*** Weather the same; snow on the hills. Nothing further remarkable. ***Sat 31st*** Betty gone to the coals for William Twineham. Cold weather.

April 1781

Sun 1st Lads gone to the Meeting. H. Bowman here yesterday in the afternoon. Margaret Wilson here this afternoon. A fine shower in the night. ***Mon 2nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. He wrote to Isaac before he went. John Rudd, taylor, here mending. A very fine day. Betty gone to the coals. ***Tue 3rd*** A very fine day. John Rudd, taylor, here mending sacks &c. John throng about grafting cherries and other fruit trees. ***Wed 4th*** Betty gone to Workington market with butter, cheese and potatoes. Moderate weather. ***Thu 5th*** John wrote to Isaac and sent by John

Pearson for Isaac Robinson to forward. Ploughing for potatoes in Corn Close. Taylor still here mending. ***Fri 6th*** Wife gone to Cockermouth to get the houses put in order for the new tenants. A moderate day with some showers of rain. ***Sat 7th*** Reading a book called "Paradise Restored, or a Testimony to the Blessed Millenium" by Thomas Hartley A.M. A well wrote book.

Sun 8th John and William gone to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable. Weather broken and showery. ***Mon 9th*** William gone to Cockermouth. The gardener here planting peas & beans &c. A pretty moderate day but cold with some showers. ***Tue 10th*** Gardener here. W. Twineham gone to Cockermouth with a coop load of lime for the houses. Stormy in the forenoon; fair and sunshine after. ***Wed 11th*** Betty gone to Workington market with butter, cheese, potatoes &c. Gardener here. Pretty moderate day; weather cold, showry and uncertain. ***Thu 12th*** John Fearon of Wood, eldest son of John Fearon of Dean Scales was buried at Pardshowhall this day. He died of the putrid throat fevor. A young man. ***Fri 13th*** Leading the stones and rubidge from the old house wall. A blowing cold day but little rain. ***Sat 14th*** A very cold, blowing day with some rain and looks like a storm approaching. John gone to Mosser smithy with the young mare.

Sun 15th Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. A fine day but cold for the season. A pretty strong northerly wind. Nothing further remarkable. ***Mon 16th*** Henry Bowman here. Signed a deed to him of Underwood land, late Allason's, on mortgage for 520£. He to execute a defeasance on 4th day come a week, setting forth the same to be a mortgage. ***Tue 17th*** A fine day. Leading manure with the young mare in the afternoon into the Corn-Close. ***Wed 18th*** Agreed with John Rome by his wife for the back houses at Cockermouth. To pay after the rate of 30s for the 1st half year and two guineas a year after. And the houses to be put in tenantable repair at or before Whitsuntide. ***Thu 19th*** Elihu Robinson here in the afternoon and stay'd until the evening. ***Fri 20th*** Ploughing and sowing the barley in the Corn Close. Got half a bushel of barley of John Jackson and John sew it, being the first tryal. ***Sat 21st*** Betty gone to the coals. A blowing, showry day but faired on the afternoon. She got home very well.

Sun 22nd Lads gone to the Meeting. They went to Pardshow after to dine. A blowing day with some showers of rain. ***Mon 23rd*** Received the very sorrowfull and afflicting account of the death of son Isaac at Cork in Ireland after about two weeks indisposition in a letter from John Robinson of Dublin. He died at the house of George Newshoms, as appears by a letter from John Gill, of a galloping consumption. It also appears that a large blood vessell broke in his head about two days before he died. He has left a very good character behind him. He was in the 26th year of his age and much lamented by his parents, brothers, and acquaintance, which were pretty large. He died on the 13th and was buried on the 15th inst. ***Thu 26th*** Weather pretty fine, fair and moderate. ***Fri 27th*** Still mourning & lamenting the great loss of our dear son Isaac. We have no reason to doubt but he died well and is gone into a state of beatitude & happiness. ***Sat 28th*** Gardener here these two days cleaning up the banks & borders in the low garden. About leading the wood home out of Whinney this afternoon.

Sun 29th None of the familey gone to the Meeting this day on account of the above mortality. ***Mon 30th*** William gone to Cockermouth this day, having been detained at home two weeks. Weather cold; some showers.

May 1781

Tue 1st Dr. Tolson & Jane Head here this afternoon for company &c. Weather cold; wind easterly. ***Wed 2nd*** Betty gone to Workington market. Old gardener here this week. Weather moderate and little wind. ***Thu 3rd*** Gardner here. Anthony Richardson, overseer, here. Paid him six purveys for the poor. Betty & William Twineham gone to the coals. Weather moderate. ***Fri 4th*** Elihu Robinson, Jonah Dixon and William Allason here yesterday afternoon and stay'd till the evening. Egremont court held this day. ***Sat 5th*** Gardner yet here. He has finished his work this day. Paid him in full for work and garden seeds.

Sun 6th Nothing remarkable. William and John both at home. Weather cold but pretty moderate. ***Mon 7th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather continues very moderate and but little rain. ***Tue 8th*** Weather much the same. About leading the rubidge stones into the Bank road &c. ***Wed 9th*** Weather cold for the season; wind mostly east & northerly. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Fri 11th*** Weather very cold and sharp for the season. ***Sat 12th*** Some cold showers. The grass seems to come very slow. Frost in the nights.

Sun 13th John and William at home. Did not get to the Meeting. Cold and frosty nights. ***Mon 14th*** William gone to Cockermouth. The weather a little more mild and moderate. ***Tue 15th*** A cold easterly wind with some showers of hail. Nothing further remarkable. ***Wed 16th*** Betty gone to the market at Workington with butter, cheese & potatoes. Butter 7d per lb. ***Thu 17th*** Weather still continues cold, the season considered. Betty Nixon, Isaac and Ann Robinson here on third day afternoon. ***Fri 18th*** Weather more mild this day. John Jackson and wife here in the afternoon. John has paid a part of his rent due at Lady Day, viz. 15 guineas. ***Sat 19th*** Weather much the same. John throng in the garden, cleaning and putting them in good order.

Sun 20th Lads both gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting this day. Wrote Matthias Aspden to the care of John and Robert Barclay, merchants, London. ***Mon 21st*** William gone to Cockermouth. Isaac Bell here and dined; the first time since his illness. Joseph Nicholson & Dr. Birket and also Isaac Fletcher of Leys here. ***Tue 22nd*** Monthly Meeting. John Harris and two sons of John Bragg's dined here. Paid them for Tabitha Candler three pounds. Gave a fresh note for 10£ & took in the old. ***Wed 23rd*** Jane Pearson came here from Pardshow this evening intending to stay to the first day. Weather very fine and moderate. ***Thu 24th*** Jane Pearson here. An account of an action between Lord Cornwallis & Green, the rebell general, to the great slaughter & loss of the latter. ***Fri 25th*** J.P. [*Jane Pearson*] here. An account of a number of transports being taken by the French in there passage from the Island of St. Eustatce. ***Sat 26th*** J.P. here. She dined at Hannah Gill's this day and stay'd until the evening. Weather very fine.

Sun 27th Suse Saul and John Pearson dined here. They came for their mother Jane home. They went away this evening. Wrote Richard Dearman. ***Mon 28th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather continues very fine: hot in the days but cool in the nights. Nothing further remarkable. ***Tue 29th*** Weather very hot. Prepairing for Workington market against tomorrow. ***Wed 30th*** Betty gone to Workington market. Butter 6d per lb. John Mirehouse here in the afternoon. Paid him two pounds by order and on account of Jonathan Robinson. ***Thu 31st*** Wife and John gone to the Meeting. H. Bowman here. Brought the defeasance. Mary Woodvill and Ruth Robinson here in the afternoon.

June 1781

Fri 1st Weather still continues very dry and moderate. John Usher here this day, whitewashing. Anthony Richardson, overseer, here. Paid poor tax. ***Sat 2nd*** John Usher here again this day whitewashing the house, parlor &c. Weather continues pretty moderate with some showers of rain.

Sun 3rd Lads gone to the Meeting; the General Meeting this day. John Nixon and George Jones dined here & stay'd the afternoon. A silent meeting this day. ***Mon 4th*** Betty gone to Cockermouth, this being Whitsun fair. Servants not very high, it being the summer half year. A pretty moderate warm day. ***Tue 5th*** John & Betty gone to Workington for poor Isaac's chest & cloths. William gone afishing with Isaac Robinson and Benjamin Hadwin to Lowswater. ***Wed 6th*** Isaac's chest and cloths and also Japheth's chest and some cloths came home last night, but a great loss. Many things wanting in both: great rogery somewhere. {Paid to Captain Fearon for the freight of Isaac's chest of cloths & some beding the sum of £1 1s 0d, a very extravagant charge & what (I believe) that no captain in the 3 ports would have done but himself.} ***Thu 7th*** Wife and John gone to Cockermouth about the farmers. Joseph Harris and wife and daughter here in the afternoon. Weather cold & dry. ***Fri 8th*** Both lads at home. Betty gone to the coals with young & old mare. Also John Jackson man with two for us. ***Sat 9th*** Lads at home. Betty gone again to the coals & John Jackson man. Weather much the same: a cold, sharp easterly wind; very dry harsh weather.

Sun 10th Lads gone to the Meeting; the Select Preparative Meeting after. William Woodvill here in the afternoon. ***Mon 11th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather pretty warm & thunder in the afternoon but not much rain at present. ***Tue 12th*** Weather continues pretty moderate but cloudy; wind about NE. Nothing very remarkable this day. Prepairing for the market tomorrow. ***Wed 13th*** Betty gone to Workington market with butter and cheese. Butter sold at 5d per lb.; new cheese at 1¼d. Provisions in general sold but low. ***Thu 14th*** Weather pretty warm and moderate. Wind still continues easterly with some showers at a distance. Looks like thunder by the fiery clouds. ***Fri 15th*** Weather pretty much the same as yesterday. John gone over to Pardshow in the afternoon. ***Sat 16th*** Isaac Robinson here this forenoon and dined. He took the best part of Isaac's sea cloths to be valued at Whitehaven by the taylor. Weather very warm.

Sun 17th John and William gone to the Meeting. Joseph and Margaret Wilson here in the afternoon. Weather continues warm but cloudy. ***Mon 18th*** John and William gone to Cockermouth. Betty gone to the coals and John Jackson sent us three coups by agreement and paid for them in part rent. ***Tue 19th*** Monthly Meeting this day. Being the last in the quarter, Queries read and answered unto. Nothing very remarkable I understand happened. ***Wed 20th*** Being warned in a dream of some approaching legal danger, went up stairs into the best room. A bailif came with a writt to apprehend me. ***Thu 21st*** Wife went to Benson to enquire the cause. It proved to be an action at suit of Matthias Aspden of London for my bond given him for £140. ***Fri 22nd*** Yet obliged to keep my room tho' no more disturbance yet appears. Very fine warm weather. ***Sat 23rd*** Isaac Bell and some others came to visit me. Acquainted them with the cause of my confinement. Weather much the same.

Sun 24th Lads gone to the Meeting. Came down stairs this day. Pleasant weather but not very sun[n]ey. ***Mon 25th*** Wife and John gone to Cockermouth. William at home to keep me company. Applyed again to Benson. He insists of my giving a bail bond. ***Tue 26th*** Came down stairs again this day, Henry Bowman having got the warrant from the bailif for my safety. Betty gone home this day. ***Wed 27th*** Fine moderate weather but cloudy and not much sunshine. Mowed the Bleachyard yesterday but thin of grass; droughted. ***Thu 28th*** Wife gone to Broughton to the weaver with yarn for a webb. Henry Bowman here. Signed the bail bond. Son John & George Bell to sign. John gone to Cockermouth. ***Fri 29th*** Weather pretty much the same. Much thunder and lightning at some distance. An account of two women killed with the lightning near Wigton in Galloway. ***Sat 30th*** Also an account of a cow kill'd near Carlisle and other damages. The air much cooled and cloudy. People are just beginning to mow. Grass but short.

July 1781

Sun 1st Lads gone to the Meeting. Archibald Liddle and John Robinson, two stockiners from Cockermouth, dined here and stay'd until the evening. A fine day. ***Mon 2nd*** William gone to Cockermouth. Nothing remarkable happen'd this day. Weather cloudy and like change. ***Tue 3rd*** A hard gale of wind from the south and SSW. It blew us off the cherry trees above a peck of cherries. They are not qu[i]te ripe. We stewed them and preserved them in the best manner we could. ***Thu 5th*** John Harris came here this day but he gave us but very little encouragement of doing anything for us. ***Fri 6th*** Concluded to send John to Cockermouth this day or tomorrow to make further enquirey about the affair. ***Sat 7th*** Sent John to Cockermouth but Benson was not at home, so got no further intelligence yet.

Sun 8th Lads gone to the Meeting. Dr. Dixon called here in the afternoon. He had been at Todall seeing Jonah Dixon who is ill in a fever. Fine weather. ***Mon 9th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Weather cloudy with some heavy showers of rain. Henry Bowman here. Wife to go to Workington on 4th day first. ***Tue 10th*** Weather much the same. Preparing for Workington markett. Had Thomas Robinson

here in the afternoon getting cherries for the markett tomorrow. ***Wed 11th*** Wife and Betty gone to Workington markett with two large basketts of cherries, butter and cheese. The cherries sold at 5d and 4d per lb. They sold well. ***Thu 12th*** John Harris did not appear at Workington as expected by H.B. [*Henry Bowman*], but John Wordsworth sent his clerk to let us know he had received a letter from Garforth by Sir James' order directing him to get the needfull done about the burgage to grant a lease and to pay the purchase money, which was very agreable news. ***Sat 14th*** Wife and son John gone to Cockermouth to settle the books with George Bell and also to consult further with John Wordsworth about the other affair.

Sun 15th Wife and John gone to the Meeting. William at home. Wrote to H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about applying to Wordsworth, his extream ill nature & blamed us about the bail bond &c. ***Mon 16th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Wrote George Bell that the three years I intended him to continue as an apprentice was expired & I expected wages for him for future. ***Tue 17th*** Thomas Robinson, Edward Wilson and William Twineham here in the afternoon helping to get cherries for Workington market tomorrow. ***Wed 18th*** Betty gone to Workington market with two larg[e] basketts of cherries, butter and cheese. The cherries sold from three pence to four pence a pound. ***Thu 19th*** Betty gone to Whitehaven market with two basketts of cherries. They sold mostly at three pence a pound. ***Fri 20th*** Throng with the hay. Got a part of Corn Close leys this day. Not full but in part droughted. Weather pretty good and favourable for the season. ***Sat 21st*** Got the remainder of the Corn Close leys this day and some out of Undergarth meadow. Very throng.

Sun 22nd Lads gone to the Meeting; the Preparative Meeting after. Weather much the same; pretty moderate. ***Mon 23rd*** William gone to Cockermouth, the 2nd week for himself, his apprentiship being now expired. ***Tue 24th*** Old Lawrence here about getting cherries and berries for the market tomorrow. Got a basket of cherries and two of berries for ditto. ***Wed 25th*** Betty gone to Workington market with fruit. Throng with the hay. Got a letter from H. Bowman giving account that the money must be rais'd as soon as can. ***Thu 26th*** Sent John this afternoon to John Harris's to try to raise the money as it must be done without delay in order to stop further proceedings in the law. ***Fri 27th*** John Harris agreed to go to Workington this day to fix with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about procuring the money. But got nothing done: H.B. not at home. ***Sat 28th*** Am much afraid of further trouble as we have not yet got the money raised as expect'd, John Harris having yet done nothing about it.

Sun 29th Lads gone to the Meeting. Weather continues pretty favourable with some warm showers of rain. ***Mon 30th*** John & William gone to Cockermouth. John applyed again to Wordsworth but as Sir James is now come to Whitehaven, must apply afresh to him. ***Tue 31st*** Lawrence here pulling berries for the market tomorrow. Wrote H. Bowman desiring him to meet my wife at Whitehaven on 5th day to go to Sir James.

August 1781

Wed 1st Wrote again to Sir James and sent a copy of my account with him. Ballance in my favour £35 10s 0d without interest from the year 1768.[266] ***Thu 2nd*** Wife and John gone to Whitehaven to try to settle with Sir James. Betty was at Workington market yesterday with berries, butter & cheese. ¦Wrote Henry Bowman and requested him to meet wife and John at Whitehaven and go with them to Sir James to assist about settling the affair about the burgage money, which he comply'd with and was of singular service.¦ ***Fri 3rd*** Got a letter from John Baynes Garforth directed to John Wordsworth by Sir James' order, ordering our deeds & papers into the hands of John Wordsworth and he to pay us £140 imidiately and the remainder at the signing of the lease for 999 years which is to be so soon as the writings can be got ready.

Sun 5th Wife and William gone to the Meeting. John at Cockermouth with John Wordsworth. Delivered him the deeds & papers & took copies thereof yesterday. Went to Whitehaven after. ***Mon 6th*** John gone to Cockermouth to meet H. Bowman to receive the money from John Wordsworth by an order from Sir James Lowther for that purpose. ***Tue 7th*** Received in money and bills from J. Wordsworth the sum of £140, and H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] to remitt that sum or more to London by this day's or tomorrow's post to his agent & stop the suit. ***Wed 8th*** Also received 20£ more from George Bell on security to answer the above payment. Betty gone to Workington market with berries & cheese. Fine weather; got most of the hay. ***Thu 9th*** Weather turn'd showry and very uncertain. Can do nothing about the hay. Isaac Bell here in the afternoon. Brought me a cucumber. ***Fri 10th*** Weather much the same as yesterday. Nothing very remarkable hapned this day, save an account of a very great engagement at sea between the English and combined fleets of France & Spain in which little victory seems to be got on either side, but a great number killed on both sides. ***Sat 11th*** Got all the hay this day.

Sun 12th John gone to the Meeting. William at home. Very much fire and heavy rain last night. This day pretty moderate & warm. Wrote Joseph Robinson & John Wordsworth yesterday about the order from Sir James Lowther. ***Mon 13th*** John & William gone to Cockermouth. Sent copy of our lease & some other papers to John Wordsworth & answered his queries respecting the burgage. ***Tue 14th*** George Jones here. Him & John gone afishing, but the day not proving favourable, got very little. Preparing for Workington market. ***Wed 15th*** Betty gone to the market with the remainder of berries, pears, aples & cheese. A showry day with a pretty strong gale of wind from the SW. ***Thu 16th*** Showry in the forenoon; a fine afternoon. Wife gone to Cockermouth p.m. to settle with and pay Matthew Smith his bill of charges for sundries bought. ***Fri 17th*** A fine harvest day; people are throng shearing. The corn almost in general ready which promises well for an early harvest. ***Sat 18th*** The Assizes begun. The judges came in yesterday evening. No further particulars relating them yet come to hand. Fine weather.

Sun 19th John and William are gone to the Meeting. They went in the afternoon to Whitekeld with some company from Graysouthen &c. ***Mon 20th*** William gone to

Cockermouth. Throng shearing oats; the barley is not quite ready. Three shearers from the Hill helping us. A fine harvest day. ***Tue 21st*** Monthly Meeting this day. None of us there. Mary Ribton & Mary Spencer here yesterday afternoon. Went to Sosgill after. Betty gone to the Hill to shear. A fine day. ***Wed 22nd*** Throng shearing in the Corn Close. Hill folks here shearing this day. The harvest mostly ready in and about this neighbourhood. ***Thu 23rd*** Betty gone to the Hill to shear. Came on wet about noon, so came home. Wrote to Thomas Postlethwaite at or near Leicester about William. And inclosed it in a letter to Dr. James of Mary Port to superscribe and forward by first opportunity. ***Fri 24th*** Betty gone to the Hill to shear. A fine day. ***Sat 25th*** A moderate day; not much sun; some flying showers in the p.m. Betty shearing at the Hill. Nothing remarkable happened this day.

Sun 26th Wife and lads gone to the Meeting. Dr. John Tolson and John Atkinson from Cockermouth here in the afternoon in their way to Ullock. ***Mon 27th*** A stormy day and a flood. William at home on account of the weather. He could not get to Cockermouth this day. ***Tue 28th*** John gone with William with a horse. It came on storm again before John got home. He was very wet. ***Wed 29th*** Weather continues very showry and uncertain. Little done in the harvest field this week. ***Thu 30th*** The weather appears to be more settled. Betty gone to the Hill to shear. It came on rain again in the afternoon. Much thunder & lightning in the night. ***Fri 31st*** Pretty favourable day. Got to shearing in the Corn Close. It is now very ripe and bet down by the rains. Mary Steel here shearing this day.

September 1781

Sat 1st Betty gone to Workington market with plumbs & peas. The plumbs sold well. Got 18d a hoop for them. Got all the corn shorn this day. John Steel here.

Sun 2nd Betty gone home this day with Jane to see her mother. Lads gone to Broughton, the General Meeting. We had 107 stouks of oats & 33 of barley, in all 140 this year, in the Corn-Close. ***Mon 3rd*** John & William gone to Cockermouth. John applyed again to John Wordsworth but got nothing done. He is going to York about Sir James' business. ***Tue 4th*** A fine day but much rain last night. Betty a[t] Hill shearing these two days. Taking off plumbs for the market tomorrow. John Rudd, taylor, here. ***Wed 5th*** Wrote H. Bowman yesterday and sent by Betty in reply to his of 1st inst. Gone to Workington market with plumbs & a basket of pears. ***Thu 6th*** We got all the corn into the house this day. A very fine day. The harvest in general is pretty forward this year in this part of the country. ***Fri 7th*** Betty gone again to the Hill to shear. Hannah Todhunter called going to Mossergate. She brought me a pound of chocolate; a present. A cloudy day; some rain. ***Sat 8th*** Hannah Gill seised last night with a violent lax and convulsions of the limbs which continues this day. John went for Dr. Hudson in the evening.

Sun 9th He gave her some thing and she is easier this day. Lads gone to the Meeting. Wife gone to Pardshow in the afternoon. Old John Robinson very ill & not expected to live. ***Mon 10th*** John and William gone to Cockermouth. Betty

shearing at the Hill. John Rudd, taylor, here. A very fine day. John Wordsworth not yet come home. ***Tue 11th*** John Rudd here. Betty gone again to the Hill to shear. Received a letter from Joseph Robinson, London, with a court copy of William Hudson's will & probate. ***Wed 12th*** John Rudd here. Betty gone again to the Hill to shear. John leading corn all this day for John Jackson. Wife gone to Pardshow. John Robinson a-dying. ***Thu 13th*** John Robinson died last night about 10 o'clock and is to be buried on 7th day. John Rudd here. Wife & John gone to Pardshow. Very fine weather. ***Fri 14th*** Wife and John gone to Pardshow to assist them. John gone to warn to the burial to Highfield, Graysouthen and Brigham, & to the low land for Joseph Saul. ***Sat 15th*** Wife and sons attended the funeral which was large & well attended. Joseph Saul there and preached to the general satisfaction of the large auditary.

Sun 16th Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. Joseph Saul there. Preached again and gave great satisfaction. Joseph Saul and Joseph Ostell came to see me yesterday p.m. ***Mon 17th*** Lads gone to Cockermouth. Very showery in the fore part of the day. John Rudd here again. John Jackson brought us two coups of coals per contract. ***Tue 18th*** John Rudd here working for Betty yesterday and half of this. Wife gone to Pardshow in the afternoon. Mary Graham & her sister Peggy here in p.m. ***Wed 19th*** John Rudd here. Betty gone to Workington market with plumbs. A showry day; the air cold and moist and looks like stormy weather. ***Thu 20th*** John Rudd here again. Benjamin Scott and Thomas Robinson here. Took instructions for a purchase deed of Brownrigg estate to Philip Burnyeat, consideration 990£. ***Fri 21st*** Prepairing for Workington markett; taking off the plumbs for tomorrow. Weather continues showry with a pretty strong southerly wind. ***Sat 22nd*** Betty gone to Workington markett with plumbs. She had a pretty good sale for them. They mostly sold at 1s 6d per hoop.

Sun 23rd John gone to the Meeting. William at home, much fatigued with his low land journey and very footsore. The weather more favourable now. ***Mon 24th*** John gone to Cockermouth. H. Bowman there. He went to John Wordsworth, who agreed to pay the remainder of the money in a little time per order. ***Tue 25th*** John gone to Whitehaven for the doctor on account of Deborah Robinson. He did not come but sent her something for her disorder. ***Wed 26th*** John and William both at home. Jane Glaister & Mary Ostell came in the afternoon and stay'd all night, intending for the Quarterly Meeting. ***Thu 27th*** John and William with the two young women gone to Cockermouth to the Quarter Meeting. A very fine day; weather likely to settle. ***Fri 28th*** Lads at the Quarter Meeting. Christopher Wilson and Jonathan Wilson from Graysouthen here. Came home with our lads and stay'd all night. ***Sat 29th*** A showry day. The lads at home. Jane Head here yesterday afternoon and stay'd untill the evening. Christopher & Jonathan also here & stay'd all night.

Sun 30th Lads gone to the Meeting. The two young men along with them. They dined here and went home after. Weather pretty moderate and fair.

October 1781

Mon 1st William gone to Cockermouth. Wrote H. Bowman in answer to his of the 26th ult. and sent by William for the post. A showry, moist day; rain not heavy. ***Tue 2nd*** John out with the gun. Bitch got two hares. One a very young one: he gave it to Edward Wilson; the other a fine one: he brought it home. ***Wed 3rd*** John & John Wilson gone with their guns. A fine day. Throng about repairing the highways in the township of Mosser. ***Thu 4th*** Wife and John gone to the Meeting. Isaac Bell here in the afternoon. He had been at Cockermouth on foot last week. ***Fri 5th*** John gone to John Dover's with the gun. William Twineham here about the highways repairing on Mosser fell. Joseph Mason here. Gave him a fresh note for 50£ payable in six weeks and took in my bond. ***Sat 6th*** William Twineham here again about the highways. Fine weather.

Sun 7th Wife and lads gone to the Meeting. Nothing remarkable happen'd this day. Weather pretty much the same. ***Mon 8th*** William gone to Cockermouth. Concluded to bring his frame home to save the expence of board wages for his victuals. Throng taking up potatoes. ***Tue 9th*** Had William Twineham & son these two days taking up potatoes. They are a pretty good crop this year. The weather very moderate and fine. ***Wed 10th*** This is Michaelmass fair at Cockermouth. None of my familey gone to it. I understand that horses and beasts sold very low. ***Thu 11th*** A wet day. William did not get to Cockermouth for a frame as he intended, on account of the weather. Nothing remarkable this day. ***Fri 12th*** A fine moderate day. William gone to Cockermouth for his frame. He got home with it a little before 3 o'clock p.m. and Henry Crossley, a stockiner, along with him. ***Sat 13th*** William & Henry sett up the frame and got to working with it this day. Henry gone home this morning. He is a very good workman in the frame.

Sun 14th Wife and sons gone to the Meeting. A pretty moderate day. Nothing further remarkable. ***Mon 15th*** John gone to Cockermouth for provisions and for some things for William which was wanting. The weather continues pretty favourable. ***Tue 16th*** William Twineham here in the forenoon taking up potatoes in the low garden. John gone to a sale at the Wood in the afternoon. Chattel and other things sold at low prices altho' a great number of people were present. ***Wed 17th*** Weather very moist but not much rain this day. ***Thu 18th*** Throng taking up the remainder of the potatoes in the garden. In general a good crop. ***Fri 19th*** Egremont court was held this day. Attended by very few people from this township. ***Sat 20th*** William gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon for thread for his frame and to carry inn his week work.

Sun 21st Lads gone to the Meeting. They went to Jonah Dixon's after and dined there and stay'd until bedtime. Weather pretty moderate for the season. ***Mon 22nd*** A fine, moderate day but cold. Betty gone to the Hill to help them to take up potatoes. Received an account of the death of William Wilson, son of John Wilson of Graysouthen. He died of the small pox. Very full; he died of the second fever. Much lamented. ***Tue 23rd*** John is gone to the funeral at Graysouthen. ***Wed 24th*** A wettish day; little done in the field. Reading John Churchman's journal. It contains

sundry curious remarks and observations relative to the Society. ***Thu 25th*** A very fine day. Betty gone to the Hill to take up potatoes and John gone to Cockermouth to try to get the remainder of the burgage money from John Wordsworth. ***Fri 26th*** Two wallers & William Twineham here about mending the upper house toofall which was a-coming down. A moderate day; fine weather. ***Sat 27th*** A wet day. No wallers here. John gone to Cockermouth in the afternoon for some thread for William, he being almost out of work.

Sun 28th At ditto [*i.e. at home*].

[*No further entries.*]

NOTES TO THE TEXT

1. *the factory books*: i.e the stocking factory at Cockermouth. A loose account dated 31 Oct 1755 is preserved in the volume for 1756, recording the sale to Thomas Robinson & Co. by Isaac Fletcher & Co. of 'brown thread stockings', 'bleached thread stockings', 'marbled stockings', and 'waistcoat breasts of marbled thread'.
2. *the school money*: a legacy of £30 towards the provision of education for Friends' children in the area of Pardshaw meeting given by Jonathan Burnyeat (d. 1709). The money had been held by John Wilson of Graythwaite, after whose death in 1746 the Preparative Meeting had difficulty in regaining it from his executors, of whom his son, Jonathan Wilson, was one. (CRO, D/FCF/1/67; /1/86, passim.)
3. *Jacob Hudson's wife's dower*: in 1747 Hudson had married Dinah Robinson (née Nutt), widow of Jonathan Robinson (d. 1742), Elihu Robinson's half-brother. The dowry was to be paid out of land called Bouch Fields. (JGB, no. 110; Hudson family papers in possession of H.H. Spencer, Lamplugh, 1989)
4. *Willow's man*: the agent of John Willows, a Leicester hosier with whom I.F. and company traded. Two agents are named subsequently in the diary: William Parr (1759) and Stephen Corbett (1760–1764).
5. For Peter Nicholson's dispute with Dublin Men's Meeting see Biographical Notes.
6. *'the men'; 'the lads' board'*: 'the men' or 'the lads' were Andrew Jackson and Archibald Liddle, employees in the stocking factory. Archibald Liddle was still a stockinger in Cockermouth in 1781 (see diary entry for 1 Jul 1781). Mary Potter was paid for their board at the weekly rate of 6s 0d.
7. The deed is described in omitted material (1 May) as being between John Pattinson, Waterend, mortgagee, and John Peile, Low Lorton, mortgagor.
8. *mercury 29.3*. This is the first of many barometer readings given in the diary. The cash accounts show that I.F. had purchased his 'weather glass' from Joseph Nosceda [of Cockermouth] on 14 May for 5s 0d.
9. *James Gandy* (b. 1730) was schoolmaster for Pardshaw P.M. He was admitted into membership of the Society of Friends in September 1755 when he was described as 'a young man who has resided some considerable time at Loweswater as a schoolmaster and pretty constantly attended our meetings' (CRO, D/FCF/1/67, 18–5–1755). He was son of James Gandy, a Cockermouth clockmaker. His removal to Rookhow (i.e. Swarthmore) M.M. was apparently to take up the post of schoolmaster at Hawkshead. He moved again, in 1760, to become master of the Friends' school at Lancaster, where he remained until the latter part of 1763, when he moved to Liverpool. He married Frances Farrer of Lambrigg on 29 Jun 1760. (R.H.S. Randles, *The History of the Friends' School, Lancaster* (privately printed, 1982), pp. 21–2. CRO (Kendal), WD/HCW, T. Rebanks to J. Wilson, 8.ix.1760)
10. For I.F.'s letter to his wife, see Appendix IV, no. 2.
11. For I.F.'s letter to his wife, see Appendix IV, no. 3.
12. *seat of Valentine Morris*: Piercefield Park (ST 52 95). For Valentine Morris (1727–1789) and a description of the house see W. Coxe, *A Historical Tour through Monmouthshire* (Davies & Co., Brecon, 1904 edn.), pp. 312–6.
13. *receipts and payments*: Receipts: Benjamin Russel for worsted (£2 2s 0d., part payment); Joseph Thompson (£40). Payments: 12 loads of lime @ 5d; John Meals for wife's shoes and clogs (6s 3d); sundry expenses (1s 4d).
14. *Lowther has closed the borough:* see B. Bonsall, *Sir James Lowther and Cumberland & Westmorland Elections 1754–1775* (Manchester, 1960), pp. 37–42; J.V. Beckett, 'The making of a pocket borough: Cockermouth 1722–1756', *Journal of British Studies*, xx (1980), 140–57.
15. *Birkar lands*: Quaker trust property in the township of Birker-and-Austhwaite, south of Eskdale. In 1750 Isaac Fearon, I.F., and William Woodville were appointed by Pardshaw M.M. to persuade Hannah Pearson (née Burnyeat), the only surviving trustee of the property, to surrender it to new trustees (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p. 61). In 1729 Hannah Burnyeat was described as tenant, and the property was said to be at Birkerthwaite (CRO, D/Pen/172). There had been a Friends' meeting at

Birker (held in a private house) from the early days of Quakerism in Cumberland but it had petered out by the 1750s (David M. Butler, *Quaker Meeting Houses of the Lake Counties* (London, 1978), pp. vii, 39).

16. *Christopher Wilson's letter from Philadelphia*: In 1755 Philadelphia Y.M. had been split on the question of paying taxation for military purposes. Christopher Wilson and John Hunt were sent by Meeting for Sufferings of London Y.M. to put pressure on Quaker office-holders in Philadelphia to resign from the government of the colony over the issue. See Sydney V. James, *A People Among Peoples: Quaker Benevolence in Eighteenth-Century America* (Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1963), pp. 165ff. Extracts from another letter from Christopher Wilson and John Hunt, dated 4 Nov 1756, are preserved in LSF, MSS. Portf. 21/45.
17. Full details of this shipwreck, including the names of the dead, are given in the Harrington parish register (CRO, PR 77/2) and in *Williamson's Liverpool Advertiser & Mercantile Register*, 1 April 1757. I am grateful to Jean Turnbull for the latter reference. The ship was the *John*, a Liverpool snow, bringing indigo, pepper, rice and logwood from South Carolina. She 'was drove out of Ramsay Bay in the Isle of Man and was drove ashore at Lowca old salt pans about 12 a clock of Wednesday night and all the hands perishd except one boy namely Samuell Youd who was preserved by geting hold of the long boat...' The captain, Joshua Young, and 10 men were buried in one grave at Harrington on 25th March. One crewman's body was not recovered.
18. *Baptist meeting at Broughton*: for the early history of Broughton Baptist church see S.L. Copson, *Association Life of the Particular Baptists of Northern England 1699–1732* (Baptist Historical Society, 1991), p. 16 and *passim*. The funeral may have been that of Sarah Pearson (b. 1674), aunt of Thomas Pearson, the husband of Susanna Fletcher's sister Jane.
19. Thomas Rebanks, schoolmaster at the Friends school at Stramongate, Kendal, shed light on the background to the collection for the poor of Penrith: 'Friends understood that some poor people previous to the meeting rather murmured, as provisions, they said, were at a higher rate on that account, & they not in a condition to advance prices this very dear season ... A contribution was gone upon, & there was advanced upwards of £25 which in the evening was deposited into the vicar's hand ... He and the town received it very thankfully'. (CRO (Kendal), WD/HCW, T. Rebanks to J. Wilson, 30.iv.1757)
20. Cash account. includes: 'To John Usher for walling: £3 8s 6d. Of ditto for 43 days' meat for Jonathan Harris @ 6d: £1 1s 6d. ... To John Mirehouse for 19 days' walling @ 1s: 19s 0d. Of ditto for 15½ days' meat for Jonathan Harris' house @ 6d: 7s 6d.'
21. *Benjamin Barrit*, who had lately removed to Keswick from Settle M.M. was disowned for marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
22. *dispute between Alexander Hoskins and Joseph Senhouse*: see Biographical Notes.
23. *at Brayton with Isaac Nutt*: Brayton, near Aspatria, was the seat of Sir Wilfred Lawson, lord of the manor of Loweswater, in which Nutt's property at Askill lay.
24. *free rent, '16½'*: The manor of Mosser was held from the baron of Egremont for a free rent of 13s 4d. (CRO, D/Lec, 301, Percy Survey). When customary holdings in Mosser were enfranchised in 1625 (CRO, DX/127/8–11) responsibility for paying the free rent at Egremont court devolved to the owners of property in the township and the sum of 13s 4d. was apportioned between them. The sum paid by I.F., given as '16½' in this entry is an error: the sum appears as 1s 7d in the cash account for this date. The cash accounts for October 1756 give I.F.'s free rent as 10d for Mossergate and 9½d for Underwood, making a total of 1s 7½d or 19½d.
25. *Mordecai Yarnell* (1705–1772). Thomas Rebanks of Kendal wrote of Yarnell 'he bears with some for distinction's sake, the character of the Philadelphia high priest in regard to his stature, being several inches more than 6 feet high. He is justly accounted a very eminent minister of the Gospel ... as he's an eloquent man and mighty in the Scripture, deliberate, reverent, clear and intelligible in his delivery, sound in doctrine, & informing in the inferences he draws from it. ... He's parent to a numerous offspring & left his wife with child (he's aged 52) & I understand is a considerable merchant' (CRO (Kendal), WD/HCW, T. Rebanks to J. Wilson, 9.i.1758).
26. *John Fisher*, and John Winder, both of Cockermouth, gentlemen, and Joseph Glaister of Whitehaven, mariner, had been partners since 1751 in an oil leather factory and in 'the trades of making and freezing of cloth and making of glue and size' at the Goat, near Cockermouth. Fisher was the agent and factor for the partnership in Britain; Glaister the factor for the American trade from Whitehaven. In January 1758 it was agreed that the partnership (with assets of £1915 in

debts due to it and £2,500 stock in hand) be dissolved. Fisher was to enter into a bond with the other two partners to dispose of the stock and collect in the debts and he went to London to that end, but without having executed the bond which led Winder and Glaister to suspect that 'his intentions with respect to them were very unfair and fraudulent' (PRO, C12/1583/32). I.F. became involved in the controversy some months later (see entry for 31 May 1758).

27. *deeds at Graythwaite*: John Wilson (1667–1746) of Graythwaite, father of Christopher Wilson, was clerk to Pardshaw M.M. in the early eighteenth century. I.F. described him as 'a person well known in this county for his distinguished abilities as a clerk and conveyancer' (*Observations & Remarks*, p.23). It is likely that many documents concerning the meetings in the area had been kept at Graythwaite.
28. *Loweswater close*: a field called Broad Ing. See below, note 89.
29. *Thomas Simpson* (1706–1768) was the resident agent for the Earl of Egremont's Cumberland estates, which included the manor of Dean.
30. *a very great scandel*: Alexander Hoskins and Ann Spencer were married 22 Mar 1758 and eleven weeks later Ann bore a child. See Biographical Notes.
31. *2,000 weavers at a stand*: a reference to one of the earliest cotton strikes in Manchester when there were riots and 'near 10,000 manufacturers had left off working and entered into a combination to rise the price of labour by force': *Gentleman's Magazine* (1758), p. 391, quoted in A.P. Wadsworth and J. de L. Mann, *The Cotton Trade and Industrial Lancashire* (Manchester, 1931), p. 365.
32. *David Mathews*: the Cockermouth bookseller, bookbinder and stationer, from whom I.F. made regular purchases. See Appendix VI. The cash account does not specify what the payment of £3 18s 6d represented.
33. *Mosser grant*: presumably the grant of Mosser to Adam de Moserghe *c.*1203, for which see J. Wilson (ed), *Register of Priory of St. Bees* (Surtees Soc. vol. cxxvi, 1915), pp. 544–6. The original is in CRO, D/Lec/301.
34. *Sourscales*: Sosgill. I.F. is using a medieval form of the name, probably as a result of his recent transcription of the Mosser grant, in which, however, the name is rendered 'Solrescales'.
35. *Mosser's proposal to Earl of Egremont to buy commons*: Nothing came of this proposal, however, as Mosser Common remained open until 1867 (CRO, QRE/1/127).
36. *Wateren Wood*: 'Waterend Wood', the bank of hillside in Loweswater township on the north side of Loweswater between Whittern Gill and Crabtreebeck. By the terms of the grant of Mosser *c.*1203 (see above, note 33) the township of Mosser had pasture rights over the area but were not allowed to cultivate, build on or take wood from it. The dispute referred to may be the lawsuit about the freehold of Waterend Wood, which came to court *c.*1664, the men of Mosser claiming it was their freehold, the tenants of Loweswater claiming that the freehold rested with Sir Wilfred Lawson, lord of the manor of Loweswater (CRO, D/Law/1/261).
37. *High Bouchfield*: a field at Pardshaw Cragg. A quarry at NY 099 257 is named 'Bouch Quarry' on O.S. 6" Map, Cumberland Sheet 54 (surv. 1864).
38. *John Park*, son of Isaac Park of Cockermouth, had fallen away from the Society in his youth and had recently been married by a priest. (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
39. *estate late Hannah Pearson's*: the estate, passing by descent to John Burnyeat, consisted of the farms of Thrushbank, Crabtreebeck, High Nook and 'High Iredale' (a lost name, thought to be in the vicinity of Maggie's Bridge (NY 134 210). Information from Elizabeth Alexander of Loweswater, 1974).
40. *Barker between Westwoodhay and Eastwoodhay*: perhaps a reference to the case East-Goodaway v. West-Goodaway which stated that a child parted from its father could not be sent to the place of the father's settlement: Richard Burn, *Justice of the Peace and Parish Officer* (26th edn., 1831), vol iv, p. 633.
41. *my bill for the town*: i.e I.F.'s bill to the township of Mosser for his legal services over the case of the paupers' disputed settlement. The cash account records: 'of John Fawcett, overseer, in full: £1 8s 9d.'
42. *Hamshill*: Hames Hill, near Cockermouth, seat of Humphrey Senhouse.
43. *William Parr*: agent for John Willows of Leicester: in material omitted from the entry for 14 Aug 1759, the bill on John Bell for £73 5s 6d is stated to have been in favour of John Willows.
44. *Widow Forbes*: Ann (née Christian) (*c.*1700–1773), widow of David Forbes, a member of a Dumfries family active in Ramsey's trade. George Robinson, a Quaker, was buried at Maughold in

1763. George Strachan (1712–1778) was a prominent Ramsey merchant. I am grateful to Constance Radcliffe of Maughold for identifying these inhabitants of Ramsey.

45. *Daniel Stephenson*: a Whitehaven Quaker merchant who went bankrupt in 1751 (CRO (Barrow), BD/HJ/1, precedent book, pleas, pp. 126–8) and moved, in consequence to the Isle of Man. From 1749 he had been managing partner with Joshua Gee in shipping iron ore from Frizington through the port of Parton. He died about 1762 (*Piety Promoted*, x (1810), 174). See also Biographical Notes (Nicholson, Peter) and below, note 96.
46. The order of the entries for 2, 3 and 4 October is muddled in the manuscript: I.F. added a note under 4 October: 'The above two days is wrong placed. They should be the 4th and 5th [i.e. 4th day (Wednesday) 3 Oct and 5th day (Thursday) 4 Oct]. This for the 3rd [i.e. 3rd day (Tuesday) 2 Oct]'. The entries have been placed in correct order here.
47. *Souerskales*: Sosgill. Again, I.F. is using an archaic form of the name. See above, note 34.
48. *François Thurot* (1727–1760), a privateer who accepted a commission in the French navy, arrived with three ships in Carrickfergus bay on 21 Feb 1760, beseiged the town, and captured the garrison. Intending to return to France, he met three English frigates under Captain (later Admiral) John Elliott off the Isle of Man and was killed in the ensuing skirmish on 29 Feb 1760: Julian S. Corbett, *England in the Seven Years' War, vol. ii* (2nd edn, 1918), pp. 89–91.
49. *the writings*: identified in omitted material (8 Mar 1760) as 'a purchase deed between Thomas Wood and Peter Gale of Dean New-Close; consideration £330'. *Woodside article*: parties identified in material omitted from entry for 4 Mar 1760 as William Wood and Thomas Wood.
50. *the Parks*: Cockermouth Park, part of which had been leased by John Fisher and John Lucock in 1759 (CRO, D/Lec/16/19).
51. *Portinscale lands*: the lands belonging to Hugh Tickell's Charity, which are described in detail in the entry for 15 Mar 1761.
52. *Jane Hutchinson's enrolment*: changes of ownership of freehold lands in Mosser were enrolled at Egremont Lordship court, held twice yearly, usually in April and October. See the verdict sheets of the court in CRO, D/Lec/box 247. Jane Hutchinson was enrolled for an estate at Mossergate called Mosshills, which had been purchased by her husband, Joseph, in 1752.
53. *Joseph Bell and wife* were probably the parents of George Bell, I.F.'s partner in the stocking business. See Biographical Notes.
54. *Dan Saul*, son of Edward Saul, late of Cockermouth, had been bound apprentice at Wigton to a non-Friend. He 'turn'd out wild & kept idle company', stopped worshipping with Friends, and was eventually married by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
55. *optical apparatus and machine for viewing prints*: The cash accounts for week beginning 2 Jun 1760, while I.F. was in London, include an entry recording the purchase of 'a sett of prints' for £1 15s 0d. The 'optical apparatus' may have been similar to that seen by Elihu Robinson in Benjamin Martin's shop in Fleet Street in 1762: 'cylinderical prints which appear to the naked eye only a confused variety of colours, but view'd in a cylinder of polished steel placed in the middle of the print, appear the exact and beautiful portrature of a man or any other animal, in different prints' (LSF, MS Box R3/1).
56. *justicies*: a writ, directed to the sheriff, empowering him to hold plea of debt in his County Court for sums exceeding 40s. The question whether debts contracted 'Above Derwent' (i.e. in the ward of Allerdale Above Derwent) were subject to such a writ arose because of the jurisdictional privileges enjoyed by the lords of the barony of Copeland and honour of Cockermouth.
57. *share of lime kiln*: the cash accounts record payment 'to John Usher, my ½ lime kiln: £1'
58. The deeds of this land are in CRO, D/FCF/1/101–104.
59. *the two Cowmans*: Jeremiah Cowman of 'Stubscales' (Stubsgill, Distington parish) was disowned for drinking to excess; his son, Elstone Cowman, for marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
60. *hired a schoolmaster*: Jonah Harrison started teaching at Pardshaw Hall on 24 Aug 1761 (see entry for 16 Aug) and continued as schoolmaster there until October 1766 (the last payment of quarterly wages to Harrison recorded in the cash accounts is 10 Oct 1766). He moved to the Pardshaw area from Wigton and brought with him a letter from Friends there 'setting forth his sober and orderly behaviour while resident there'. He was living at 'Scale' (probably Deanscale) in 1762 (CRO, D/FCF/1/68, p. 28).
61. *Mary Black* was disowned for her marriage by a priest in January 1762 (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
62. In 1760 London Y.M. had appointed committees of 'weighty and judicious Friends' to visit all the

Quarterly and Monthly Meetings in England, in an attempt to rekindle the spiritual life of the Society. The result was a tightening of the discipline, insisting on rigid conformity to the traditional Quaker testimonies. The Friends appointed to visit the northern counties (Northumberland, Cumberland, Durham, Westmorland, Lancashire, Cheshire and Staffordshire) were Samuel Fothergill, Joseph Taylor, Thomas Corbyn, William Chapman and Matthew Mellor (LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. xii, pp. 91, 103, 388–92). The report of that committee to Cheshire Q.M., dated 17 Oct 1761, survives and shows that the disciplinary investigation was centred on eight queries, covering the following subjects: (i) attendance at meetings for worship and business meetings; (ii) breaches of love and outward fellowship; (iii) the behaviour of young Friends; (iv) maintenance of testimonies against tithes, church rates; (v) intemperance and drinking to excess; (vi) straight dealing in trade, insolvency; (vii) marriage contrary to the Society's rules; and (viii) overseers and the discharge of their duties (LSF, MSS Box 10(2)/8).

63. I.F. was one of the committee appointed to visit the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings in London and Middlesex (see above, note 62). The other visitors were Samuel Fothergill, Sampson Lloyd junior, Henry Wilkins and William Dilworth. The diary suggests that Isaac Wilson was also a member of the committee, but he did not sign the report on the visit made to London Y.M. in 1762. The committee reported a 'sorrowful declension' of standards and catalogued a series of unsatisfactory affairs: poor attendance at week-day meetings; no women's monthly meetings in some places; worldliness; drinking in taverns; failure to refuse to illuminate windows in celebration of military victories, etc. (LSF, London Y.M. mins, vol. xii, pp. 393–6).
64. I.F. wrote to his wife on 14 Nov. See Appendix IV, no. 4.
65. *papers of denial*: probably those of Richard Whinney, son of Richard Whinney of Brigham, and Mary Black (see above, note 61), both of whom were disowned for marriage by priests.
66. *bill in Chancery*: the bill of complaint dated 30 June 1762 filed by Mary and Elizabeth Winder is PRO, C12/1583/32. It concerned the leather company of John Winder, John Fisher and Joseph Glaister; see above, note 26.
67. The cash accounts show a payment to William Lawson of 6s 0d for work. The memoranda column gives details of the account: *20 June 1761*: William Lawson 'owing me £1 4s 6d; deduct 2 days [work]: 2s 0d; due I.F. £1 2s 6d.' *13 Mar. 1762*: I.F. pays Lawson 6s 0d but owes him 8s 0d for 12 days' work at the kiln. Balance due to I.F. carried forward: £1 0s 6d.
68. *Christopher Wilson's paper*: see Biographical Notes. The document in question is printed in *The Friend* (Philadelphia, 1842), p. 308.
69. *presentment of Greysouthen schoolmaster*: see below, 23 Oct 1762 and note 81.
70. Preserved loose in the volume for 1762 is a letter from Peter Gibson, Whitehaven, 14 May 1762, to I.F. asking him to 'get for me at London six fishing swevels, smalest sise, duble barreld, made of steeld & temperd blue. The price I canot menchion. Most of the fishing shops keeps them to sell.' Then follows a drawing of the swivels.
71. Elihu Robinson's account of their visit to Y.M. records on this date: 'After the meeting, in company with I. Fletcher, S. Parrot &c., took a walk to Islington to see our horses at grass & came back in a coach to London, where Friend I. Fletcher supp'd at my lodgings & had very agreeable conversation' (LSF, MS Box R3/1).
72. *the Committee*: a committee of the Morning Meeting of Ministers and Elders to consider altering 15th paragraph of the Advice of 1702. I.F. gives more details in material placed after the entry for 7 June 1762. The report in Y.M. minutes gives no clue as to the subject of the paragraph in question: LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. 12, p. 372.
73. Elihu Robinson adds: 'In the evening, along with I. Fletcher and J. Robinson, spent a little time with Peter Fearon at the New-York coffe-house; supped at my lodgings and had very agreable conversation' (LSF, MS Box R3/1).
74. *John Fletcher's denial*: for his disownment, see Biographical Notes. The paper of denial was signed at Monthly Meeting on 23 Nov 1762.
75. Thomas Rebanks had become headmaster of the Quaker school in Kendal about 1715 and held the position for about 50 years: J. Somervell, *Isaac & Rachel Wilson* (London, 1924), p. 109.
76. The deeds concerned houses and land at Ullock (material omitted, 6 Aug).
77. *C.W.: recte* Richard Dearman (see entry for 29 Aug 1762), who presumably paid the interest on the school stock on behalf of Christopher Wilson's executors.

78. For the purvey system of collecting local taxation, see J.V. Beckett, 'Local custom and the "new taxation" in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries', *Northern History*, 12 (1976), 105–26.
79. A statement from London Y.M. on the Militia Act of 1757 was to be distributed to Friends in all counties. It stated that 'we cannot consistent with our well known principles actively pay the rate or assessment which ... may be imposed upon such counties as shall not raise the Militia ... nor rates or assessments made for the advancing the hire or inlisting-money for volunteers, nor the money to be raised and given to militia men as directed by the said act.' LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. xii, pp. 403–5.
80. *the Club*: probably the Hosiers and Knitters Guild in Dublin, which had been established since the seventeenth century: C. Maxwell, *Dublin Under the Georges* (London, 1936), p. 226.
81. *the schoolmaster*: Joseph Curwen of Greysouthen 'a reputed Anabaptist', was presented by Brigham parish at the ecclesiastical court for Copeland deanery for teaching a grammar school at Greysouthen without licence. 'He appeared, confessed, and was admonished for the future not to teach a grammar school' (Lancs RO, ARR/15/123).
82. *papers of denial*: Rebecca Davis of Whitehaven was disowned for marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). For John Fletcher see Biographical Notes.
83. *the new ship*: the *Hannah and Sally*, owned jointly by Christopher Wilson and Jonathan Hudson. The ship brought home a cargo of tobacco and other goods in January 1763, part the property of Wilson and Hudson; part the property of others. It was sold in public sale for £1015 (PRO, C12/1967/15, bill of complaint, 1764; answer of Richard Dearman, 1770).
84. *Jane Steel*, was widow of Joseph Steel of Cockermouth, thread merchant, from whom John Allason, William's father, had purchased his estate at Mossergate in 1736 (CRO, DX/127/45).
85. *settled with William Lawson*: the cash account shows a payment of £2 12s 6d to Lawson 'for Gale's heffer'.
86. *Sampson Freeth*, a Birmingham ironmonger, whose daughter, Betty, had married Richard Dearman earlier in the year.
87. *sale of Christopher Wilson's estates*: the printed notice of sale is preserved loose in the volume for 1763. The estates of the late Christopher Wilson of Greysouthen, merchant, to be sold on the premises, 5 July 1763 are described as freehold messuages and lands at Greysouthen and Brigham, with three closes of customary land there, now let for £70 p.a. Further particulars were available from Messrs. Skyrin & Dearman, merchants, in Whitehaven; Mr John Wilson of Graysouthen; Mr Isaac Fletcher of Underwood, 'who will shew the same'; or Mr John Brougham, attorney at law, in Cockermouth.
88. *they raised the fine*: the entry fines payable on customary tenantright holdings on the Earl of Egremont's estates in Cumberland were 'arbitrary', that is to say variable, and not related to the ancient yearly rent of the holding.
89. *I.F. admitted tenant*: I.F. inherited a field called Broad Ing Close near Waterend in Loweswater manor (yearly rent 1s 0d), in 1735 under the terms of his father's will. In 1771 he sold it to William Allason (Diary entry, 7 Sep 1771, and CRO, DX/128/1/44).
90. *paper of denial*: disowning William Black, son of Matthew Black for marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
91. *C. Christian corner*: a corner on the road to Cockermouth near Moorland Close (NY 108 286), Eaglesfield township, home of Charles Christian (1729–1768), the father of Fletcher Christian, the mutineer of the *Bounty*.
92. *Maudland Fair*: otherwise 'Morlan' or 'Magdalen' Fair. The annual fair at Keswick on 2 August, this being the feast of St. Mary Magdalene 'old style' (i.e. 22 July). It was principally a fair for leather: J. Clarke, *Survey of the Lakes* (1787), p. 63. I am grateful to George Bott of Keswick for this reference.
93. *certificates on account of Alice Hall*: Alice Hall (née Featherstone) (1708–1762), was the wife of Isaac Hall of Little Broughton. She travelled extensively in the ministry and in 1761 accompanied Hannah Harris on a visit to Friends in America, along with Robert Proud, John Stephenson and Elizabeth Wilkinson. Alice Hall died in Philadelphia on 6 Oct 1762. See Margeret Irwin, *The Featherstones and Halls* (Leominster, Orphans' Printing Press, n.d. [*c.*1890]), pp. 7–13; *Jnl. of Friends Historical Society*, 10 (1913), 120, 130.

93A. The two Friends were Thomas Fisher and Hugh Forbes: Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, diary of Thomas Fisher, 31.viii and 1.ix.1763. I am grateful to Marie Booth Ferré of Dickinson College for supplying a copy of the relevant section of Fisher's diary.

94. The bill was for £119 3s and was in favour of John Nixon (omitted material, 14 Sep 1763).
95. The commission of bankruptcy, dated 3 Dec 1763, was against Peter How, John Younger and John Wilkinson, all of Whitehaven, partners in the manufacture of tobacco and soap (PRO, B4/17, p. 54).
96. *Joshua Gee*, a Quaker ironmaster, born 1697?, was probably the son of Joshua Gee, citizen and grocer of London. Gee the ironmaster had operated the Tern and Upton forges in Shropshire from the 1730s, but he also had interests in iron mining in Cumberland, having taken a lease of iron ore in Frizington Demesnes in 1747. In 1749 he took Daniel Stephenson (see above, note 45) as managing partner in working the iron ore at Frizington and shipping it from Parton to Chester, from whence it went to Gee's ironworks in Shropshire. After Stephenson's bankruptcy in 1751, Gee removed to Frizington (the date is given variously as 1753 and 1755) and lived there for ten or eleven years: he is recorded as tenant of Frizington Demesne 'with a way for iron oar' from 1756 to 1764. By 1767 he was in dispute with the assignees of Daniel Stephenson, including Peter Nicholson, whose cause against Gee was heard at Carlisle Assizes in 1767 (see entry for 24 Aug 1767). For Gee, see B. Coulton, 'Tern Hall and the Hill family', *Shropshire History and Archaeology*, 66 (1989), 97–105; H.A. Fletcher, 'The archaeology of the West Cumberland iron trade', *CW1*, 5 (1881), 19–20.
97. Cash accounts record receipt of £13 5s from Christopher Robinson 'for frame no. 16, sold'. The frame was presumably a stocking frame.
98. *took the sheep ... and delivered the same again*: John Carlisle was I.F.'s tenant at Mossergate. The stock of sheep, let with the farm, were formally handed over to I.F., the owner, each Lady Day (25 March), and returned to the tenant.
99. *house late Harris's*: the upper farmhouse at Underwood which I.F. had purchased from his brother-in-law Jonathan Harris. See Appendix III. James Porter was Jonathan Harris's tenant there.
100. *estate at Wellhead*: Grainger Houses, Westward parish (NY 253 462). For settlement of the dispute see entries for 28 Nov and 5 Dec 1765.
101. *Lawyer Weatherburn*: Alexander Wedderburn (1733–1805), later created baron Loughborough (1780) and earl of Rosslyn (1801). He was a judge on the Northern Circuit for a few years from 1763 and rose to become Lord Chancellor, 1793–1801 (*DNB*).
102. *judgement by default*: After Christopher Wilson's death it was found that John Nixon was owed £696 2s 10d 'on his private or separate account' with Wilson. Nixon filed a suit in the Court of Common Pleas in May 1763 and obtained a judgement in his favour in Trinity Term 1764, as a result of which Wilson's executors paid Nixon £707 10s 0d on 26 Oct 1764. See below, note 103. Peter Nicholson subsequently claimed that I.F. had conspired with Nixon over the action, concealing it and making no defence against it until Nixon had obtained the judgement against Wilson's executors. (PRO, C12/1967/15, answers of Skyrin & Dearman, 1765, John Nixon, 1770; *Observations & Remarks*, p. 8).
103. Preserved loose in the volume for 1764 are (a) a promissary note from William Skyrin, Richard Dearman and Isaac Fletcher, dated Whitehaven, 26 October 1764, to pay John Nixon, nine months after that date, £707 10s 0d 'being in full for his judgement obtained against us as executors of Christopher Wilson'; (b) statement by John Nixon, same place and date, declaring that the above promissory note is not meant to be valid until he has indemnified them by bond against the payment of the sum out of their private estates, and 'such note is only given to secure such part thereof as shall be allowed or decre'd by the Court of Equity to be paid out of the effects of the said Christopher Wilson'.
104. *I.F. served with a subpoena*: the records of this long-running suit in Chancery are preserved in PRO, C12/1967/15 (Wilson agt. Fletcher, 1765: 3 bills and 12 answers, 1765–1775); C12/1613/36 (Wilson agt. Dearman, 1769: bill of revivor after death of William Skyrin, 1769, and answer, 1770.); C12/1625/56 (Wilson agt. Dearman, 1772: bill of revivor after death of Jonathan Hudson, 1772, and answer, 1773). The complainants, on behalf of themselves and other simple contract creditors of Christopher Wilson, were: Thomas Wilson of Waterend, Loweswater, yeoman; Thomas Atkinson of Whitehaven. merchant; Peter Hudson of Eaglesfield, yeoman; Robert Watters of Whitehaven, merchant; Mary Bell of Setmurthy, widow; William Thompson of Cockermouth, gent. (in his own right and as executor of Joseph Thompson, deceased); John and Thomas Hartley of Whitehaven, merchants and co-partners; William Brownrigg of Whitehaven, esq., administrator of the goods of John Spedding, merchant, deceased; William Gale of Whitehaven, merchant; John

Peacock of Cockermouth, weaver; John Meals of Cockermouth, gent.; John Coupland of Whitehaven, merchant; John Finley and John Coupland of Whitehaven, merchants and co-partners; John Grayson and Samuel Potter of Whitehaven, merchants and co-partners; and Henry Benn of Whitehaven, gent. They complained that John Wilson [Christopher Wilson's son], now residing in America; Sarah Wilson [C.W.'s widow], William Skyrin, Richard Dearman and I.F. [C.W.'s executors] had combined with John Nixon of Whitehaven, merchant [C.W.'s trading partner]; Jonathan Hudson of Greysouthen, merchant [another of C.W.'s trading partners]; John Ellwood of Workington, brewer; Peter Nicholson of Sunbrick, near Ulverston, merchant [Jonathan Hudson had assigned his personal estate to Ellwood, Nicholson and I.F. in 1763]; and Thomas Pleasant of James River, Virginia [C.W.'s trading partner in America], and converted to their own use considerable sums of money of the effects of C.W. and misapplied his assets in order to defraud the complainants. C12/1967/15 includes the answers of Sarah Wilson (1765, 1770, 1775); John Nixon (1765, 1770, 1775); Isaac Fletcher (1765, 1770, 1775); Skyrin & Dearman (1765); and Richard Dearman (1770, 1774).

105. *committee about the proceedings at law*: several of the complainants and all the defendants in the Chancery suit over the executorship of Christopher Wilson's estate were Quakers. The complainants were in breach of Quaker discipline in going to law against other Friends without first bringing their complaint to the Society's meetings for church affairs. This entry records the beginning of a long wrangle (and much ill-feeling) within Pardshaw M.M. and Cumberland Q.M. over the case, which was not settled until the end of 1766. The conciliatory role of Samuel Fothergill and Isaac Wilson at Pardshaw M.M. and Cumberland Q.M. in September 1766 appears to have played a crucial part in settling the affair. Cumberland Q.M. recorded on 23 Mar 1767 that the affair in Pardshaw M.M. 'appears to be settled and ended by that meeting': CRO, D/FCF/5/2. See also entries for 7 Dec 1764; 28 Mar 1765; 25 Sep and 23 Dec 1766.
106. *wrote home*: though I.F.'s letters written from York and from London on 15 Jan have not been located, a letter from Susanna Fletcher in response to them is preserved loose in the diary for 1765. See Appendix IV, no. 6.
107. For a letter home from I.F. dated 17 Jan. see Appendix IV, no. 5.
108. For a letter home from I.F. dated 24 Jan. see Appendix IV, no. 7.
109. *bill for the importation of Irish provisions*: 5 Geo. III, c.1.
110. *hedgers*: the cash accounts record the purchase of 1,050 thorns from William Wilson (9s 0d) on 28 Feb and 500 crabs and 1,200 thorns from Jonathan Stainton (15s 0d) on 1 Mar.
111. *committee for enquiry*: Cumberland Q.M. appointed a committee of 13 men to hear the complaints against John Nixon and against other Friends in Pardshaw M.M. for 'commencing suits in cases where Friends are concerned'. John Nixon signed an acknowledgement of his breach of the Society's discipline in the presence of the committee. The case of the other Friends (i.e. the Quaker creditors of Christopher Wilson) came again to Pardshaw M.M. on 23 Apr and 21 May (CRO, D/FCF/5/2; D/FCF/1/86, pp.338, 340).
112. *John Dawson, the pauper*: The cash accounts for 15 May 1765 record payment to John Carlisle for 11 day's board for Dawson's wife and children @ 4s 0d per week.
113. *two Friends*: Isaac Hall and Jonathan Sergeant: CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p. 340.
114. *Captain Robinson*: probably John Robinson (1727–1802) of White House, Appleby, who was joint steward of Lowther's estates. See *DNB* and *CW2*, 85 (1985), 208–12.
115. The cash accounts record the following payments for shearing in harvest: Matthew Black (1s 6d); Jane Black (2s 9d); Joseph Townsley (8d); John Robinson (8d).
116. *the deeds*: described in omitted material (9 and 11 Oct) as deeds of Cockgarth (Thomas Wood to Esther Bowman), and a mortgage (Esther Bowman to Absalom Clark).
117. *dedimus*: a writ empowering one who is not a judge to do some act in place of a judge (OED).

117A. *answer to Elizabeth Wilkinson's charges*: i.e. I.F.'s 'Truth Vindicated'. At the close of the Select M.M. held on 20 Dec 1765 Elizabeth Wilkinson had attacked I.F. and the other executors of Christopher Wilson for partiality in the distribution of Wilson's effects, oppressing the poor, and keeping Wilson's effects in their hands 'for the sake of private gain and advantage.' According to I.F. she had also 'pronounced the Anathama or curse from the Almighty upon us.' For further details, see above, Introduction, p. xxiii.

118. *Jonathan Dixon's deeds*: on his second marriage, Jonathan Dixon, senior, made over his estates at Waterend, Loweswater township, and Toddell, Whinfell township, to his sons Jonathan and Jonah, respectively (JGB, no. 14).

119. The cash accounts record the payment of £1 14s 6d to the hedgers and also the purchase of 1,300 thorns @ 15d per hundred from Jacob Sibson on 24 Mar.
120. *the business*: the transfer of the Dixon estate at Waterend, Loweswater, from father to son. Brayton Hall was the seat of Sir Gilfrid Lawson, lord of Loweswater manor.
121. John Fisher of Mossergate had come under the censure of Friends 'some time ago' for 'immorality and misconduct' and was barred from attending meetings for church affairs. He had 'lately ingaged himself with a woman of a different persuasion and at last deceived her, notwithstanding the necessary preparations were made for the marriage' (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
122. *Parson Mirehouse*: Rev. Thomas Mirehouse (1716–1769), canon of Peterborough and son of John Mirehouse of Miresike, Loweswater (CFH, 228).
123. *taylors here*: cash account records 'to Jonathan Fisher, taylor, for 2 days' work: 2s 0d.'
124. *Robert Harris's letter from his friend*: identified 2 Oct 1767 as James Moore (*c.*1706–1778) of Salisbury, Wiltshire, a Quaker who acquired by marriage the manor of Greinton, Somerset, where he was living at the time of his death: *Wiltshire Notes & Queries*, vi. 413; J. Collinson, *Hist Somerset* (1791), iii. 429. For further references to I.F.'s correspondence with Moore in vindication of Robert Barclay's *Apology for the True Christian Divinity*, see 14 and 26 Nov 1766 and 31 Jul, 3 Sep and 2 Oct 1767.
125. *the committee* consisted of a representative from each of the constituent Monthly Meetings and eleven other Friends, as well as the five visitors: Samuel Fothergill of Warrington, Isaac Wilson of Kendal, James Backhouse, William Chapman and George Swan (CRO, D/FCF/5/2).
126. *Henry Bowman's account*: Bowman's bill for £9 12s 10d, for drawing up a mortgage deed between I.F. and 'Mr. Jones of Egremont', 1763–5, is preserved as a loose paper in the diary volume for 1774.
127. *the person under dealing*: identified 14 Dec as Peter Hudson, one of the complainants in the Chancery suit against Christopher Wilson's executors. With Thomas Wilson, he admitted at Pardshaw M.M. on 23 Dec 1766 that he was wrong to proceed at law without the Society's permission and that he 'did wrong in not taking the advice of Friends who advis'd him to be reconsil'd again to his Brethren before he appeared again as a minister in the Society' (CRO. D/FCF/1/86, pp. 372–3).
128. Arthur Elliott (d. 1801) was a land surveyor, who worked in Carlisle (1784–91) and Sheffield (1795–1800). The earliest record of his work noted by P. Eden, (*Dictionary of Land Surveyors 1550–1850* (1975), 96) is 1781.
129. *lead ore*: For the geological context of I.F.'s attempts to mine lead at Mosser, see Appendix VII.
130. *work at Gillbrow*: I.F. was paying for work there in his capacity as guardian to Margaret Head, the owner of Gillbrow.
131. *John Beeby*, son of Rebecca Beeby of Eaglesfield, was disowned for marriage by a priest; *Charles Graham*, stockinger of Cockermouth, son of Sarah Graham of Alston, and his wife, Elizabeth Peacock, daughter of Jane Peacock of Cockermouth, were likewise disowned for going to a priest to be married (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
132. *Pearson's deeds*: described in omitted material (20 Mar) as deeds of Dockray Nook, [Lamplugh], consideration £505 5s.
133. *John Walker's appeal*: John Walker, John Fearon, and Lancelot Airey, as executors of Henry Fearon (d. 1762), were censured by Pardshaw M.M. on 24 Mar 1767 for 'proceeding at law before the time limited by their said testator for that purpose'. Fearon and Walker were also said to have excited, stirred up and encouraged others to proceed at law against Friends (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, pp.377–8). Walker's appeal was heard by a committee of Q.M. on 31 Dec 1767 (see entry), and the affair was finally settled on 6 Apr 1768 (see entry, and note 144).
134. A fuller account of the wedding of William Allason and Mary Robinson was given by Mary's brother John Robinson (d. 1769) of Beech Hill: 'On the 2nd my sister was married; about 100 Friends attended. All was orderly & well conducted. On 1st gave my sister 3 cover cloths, 7 happing, 1 rugg, 2 pairs blankets, 2 smoothing cloths, 2 cheeses, 6 bottles wine, a tea table, & whatever the house afforded towards wedding breakfast, such as bread, butter etc. Ordered her to take whatever she thought I could spare & said I had some intention of conferring on her to the value of 5 pounds or thereabouts' (Typescript copy of extract from diary of John Robinson, 1766–9, made by J. Gorton Brooker, in possession of W.D. Brooker, Aberdeen, 1989).
135. *agreed to advertise*: a copy of the printed notice calling a meeting of creditors is preserved in the

volume for 1767. It notifies the creditors of Christopher Wilson of Greysouthen, deceased, and of Jonathan Hudson of same place, to a meeting with the executors of Wilson and the trustees of Hudson to be held 23 October 1767 at house of Edward Jones, the Cross-Keys in Cockermouth. '... some differences have arose between [Wilson's executors and Hudson's trustees] in respect to the accounts relating to the estates of the said Wilson and Hudson, in which there appears a difficulty in settling, otherwise than by reference.' Creditors are called to 'assent to, or dissent from giving proper powers to them respectively, to submit the matters in dispute to arbitration'.

136. *dined and supped at the Flatt*: the beginning of I.F.'s involvement on behalf of Sir James Lowther in the contested election of 1768. For a detailed account of the election, see B. Bonsall, *Sir James Lowther and Cumberland & Westmorland Elections 1754–1775* (Manchester, 1960), pp. 62–105.
137. *R.H.* is identified as 'Bob Harison' in the cash account for 25 Dec.
138. *letter to Jonathan Dixon, junior*: see Appendix IV, no. 8.
139. *Sarah Miller*, daughter of Jane Drape of Whitehaven, was disowned for marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
140. *William Skyrin's affair*: Skyrin complained against Nicholson for non-payment of a debt: see Biographical Notes.
141. Thomas P. Barnes's receipt for £30, dated 19 Feb 1768, is preserved in the volume for 1768. The cash was received from Sir James Lowther by payment of James Spedding 'on account of canvassing the freeholders of the county of Cumberland in my district and soliciting their votes and interest' for Lowther and Senhouse at the ensuing General Election. See also below, note 146.
142. Harrison received £1 18s, Lee 18s 8d, plus 2s 'omitted entry', and Robinson 9s 10d (cash accts.).
143. *the Blues*: Henry Curwen (1728–1778) of Workington and Henry Fletcher (1727–1807) of Clea, the opponents of Lowther and Senhouse.
144. John Walker's appeal (see above, 23 Jun and 31 Dec 1767 and note 133) was finally settled at this Q.M. Walker told the committee that he would not usually proceed at law without permission, but 'it was a trust affair, and as such he looked upon it no breach of our rules to joyn therein'. Nevertheless 'if it was yet to begin, he would have no concern therein, the matter having given him much concern and uneasiness' (CRO, D/FCF/5/2).
145. For this earthquake, see C. Melville, 'Historical earthquakes in North-West England', *CW2*, 86 (1986), 198–9, 215.
146. I.F.'s account with Sir James as an election agent was not settled until August 1781. The original account is preserved in CL, 2H FLE. The total expenses claimed by I.F. between 21 Feb and 14 Aug 1768 amounted to £65 19s 9d and included the following items:

(a) payments to under-agents: Peter Wilson, agent for Brigham (4 guineas); John Robinson, agent for Greysouthen (4 guineas); Joseph Wood, agent for Eaglesfield (4 guineas); James Scott, agent for Branthwaite (3 guineas); and Henry Lancaster, agent for Ullock, Dean etc. (6 guineas).

(b) to John Mirehouse for liquor, ale etc. 'at the tea treats at Mosser, Pardshow, Loweswater etc.' (£3 7s 0d).

(c) I.F.'s journey to Lancaster by Lowther's order 'to try to bring over David Dockray and some others of our friends in and about that place' [12–17 Mar 1768] (£4 4s 0d).

(d) I.F.'s journey to William Graham's of Syke-side by Lowther's order and 'canvassing most of the freeholds in that part of the county, one week' [13–16 Sep 1767] (£4 5s 0d)

(e) trouble 'for self and horse for 42 days exclusive of journeys &c. charged in above account, @ 10s 6d per day' (£22 1s 0d).

147. *settled with sundries*: cash account shows receipts from Matty Robinson for 3 calves (£3 9s 0d) and from Joseph Thompson for 3 skins (14s 0d) and payments: to Henry Bowman for Joseph Robinson's interest (£20); to ½lb Congo tea (4s); to fish, 7lb @ 2d; to ¼ veal (3s 4d); to dinner & expenses (2s 4d).
148. *John Iredale's deed*: the property is described in omitted entry for 1 Nov as Nooks Close (consideration £50).
149. *settled with Matthew Black*: cash account gives: 'of M.B. for sundries £1 15s 0d; to M.B. in full for work &c. 13s 3d'.
150. *the duplicates*: for the aftermath of the 1768 election in Cumberland and the exposure of irregularities favouring Lowther see B. Bonsall, *Sir James Lowther and Cumberland & Westmorland Elections*, pp. 93–105.
151. *Pleasants' affairs*: one of Christopher Wilson's several partnerships had been with Thomas

Pleasants of James River, Virginia, and others. Details appear to be given in a proposal to form a partnership, dated 19 Mar 1757, found among Wilson's papers after his death, in which the partners are named as Thomas Pleasants, Robert Abrahams, John Pleasants of Baly Creeke and Wilson himself. The object of the partnership was given as importing manufactured goods into Virginia from Whitehaven and exporting tobacco (PRO, C12/1967/15, answer of R. Dearman, 1770).

152. *Peter Nicholson's complaint*: William Skyrin had complained to Pardshaw M.M. on 16 Feb 1768 against Nicholson for proceeding against him at law and non-payment of a debt. The M.M. appointed five Friends (John Harris, John Wilson, Elihu Robinson, Isaac Hall, and I.F.) 'to give him [Skyrin] suitable advice in the name of this meeting touching this complaint.' Nicholson took his complaint to the following Q.M. (see entry for 30 Mar 1769).
153. *petition for the innholders of Cockermouth*: Lowther had been slow in settling his accounts with innkeepers in Cockermouth in connection with the Cumberland election of 1768. James Spedding wrote to Lowther on 7 May 1769 that 'there are very few bills remaining unpaid ... except the innkeepers' bills at Cockermouth, which Mr. Wordsworth has collected' and went on to note the 'great clamour' that Curwen's party were making about Lowther's unpaid bills at Cockermouth (CRO, D/Lons/L1/1/54).
154. *deeds of Eaglesfield meeting house*: a draft is preserved in CL, 2H FLE.
155. *Thomas Norman*: described in cash accounts for 8 Jul 1769 as 'Dr Norman'.

155A. *Essay on Miracles*: perhaps the anonymous 'Thoughts on Miracles', an abstract of which is included in I.F.'s commonplace book. See below, Select List of Sources.

156. The purchasers of the three parcels of land are named in the cash account columns as Jane Burnyeat, William Allason, and Joseph Wilson.
157. Further details of I.F.'s illness are given in his letter to William Gill on 8 Aug 1770: Appendix IV, no. 9.
158. *black lead*: plumbago or 'wad'. This is the first of many references to black lead imported from America. For the background to I.F.'s involvement in this trade, see Appendix IV, no. 9.
159. For the black lead mine in Borrowdale, see J. Postlethwaite, *Mines and Mining of the Lake District* (Whitehaven, 1913), pp. 111–4 and R. Hunt, *British Mining* (London, 1887), pp. 178–83 (reprinted as *A Historical Sketch of British Mining* by EP Publishing, 1978). An account of the mines, based on a visit to them in 1749, is printed in *Gentleman's Magazine*, xxi. 51–3. Mannix and Whellan (*Directory of Cumberland* (1847), p. 79) confirm that an old level in the wad mine at Borrowdale was re-opened in 1769.
160. *answer to P.N.'s charges*: I.F.'s pamphlet, dated Underwood 1 Dec 1770, entitled *Observations and Remarks on the Conduct of Peter Nicholson, being a reply to his late publication entitled 'An Account of the Injurious Conduct of Pardshow-Hall Monthly Meeting concerning Peter Nicholson'; addressed by him to Friends of Carlisle, Holm & Coldbeck Monthly Meetings. Dated Old Hall, September 14th 1770* (Copy in LSF, vol. 216 (13), and box 24). I.F. sent his answer to be printed in Dublin on 23 Jan 1771.
161. *a character of C.W.*: incorporated in *Observations & Remarks*. See also Biographical Notes.
162. The cash accounts record that the draft for £11 4s 0d represented two sums: Henry Bowman's 'bill on me for fine' (£7 7s 0d) and 'his bill on account of Jonathan Hudson' (£3 17s 0d).
163. *John Fearon* was lessee of Branthwaite edge colliery. See Oliver Wood, *West Cumberland Coal, 1600–1982/3* (Kendal, 1988), p. 76.
164. *Ann Fox's assignment*: described in omitted material (27 Jan and 26 Feb) as assignment of Joseph Wood's mortgage of property at Branthwaite, from John Dickinson and Daniel Jenkinson.
165. *Jack Steel's journey*: identified in his account with I.F. (see below, note 173) as '4 days of[f] work when at Kendale'.
166. I.F.'s hand in the M.M. minute book ceased, presumably because of his illness, after the meeting in July 1769. Elihu Robinson was clerk of Pardshaw M.M. in 1770 and up to and including February 1771 (CRO, D/FCF/1/25; FCF/1/86, pp. 314–8).
167. *paid John Harris*: cash accounts: 'To John Harris in full for 2 years interest of £40 @ 9d, due about beginning of next month: £3'. John Harris returned 1s to I.F. 'for lads', i.e. I.F.'s sons.
168. *Peter Nicholson's case*: in 1770 and 1771 Nicholson's appeal to London Y.M. caused tension between the Y.M. and Ireland Half-Year's Meeting. Irish Friends objected in principle to London Y.M. hearing appeals from their members, and Nicholson's appeal was the last to be heard. In 1771 London Y.M. accepted the Irish objection and, as Nicholson had been disowned by Dublin

Men's Meeting in 1761, they rejected his appeal (LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. xiv, pp. 107–8, 244–55).

169. *William Hudson's houses*: burgage property in Cockermouth at 18 Market Place (see below, note 253). Robert Barns (d. 1806), Quaker linen thread manufacturer, married in 1776 Ann Allason, sister of William Allason of Mossergate.

170. *Mary Harrison* of Philadelphia, whose affairs I.F. managed, owned an estate at Seaton, near Workington. The cash accounts record the receipt from Samuel Wales (the tenant) via Joseph Harrison of £24, being one year's rent due 2 February last.

171. *black lead from Allonby*: loose in 1771 volume is a letter to I.F., dated Allonby, 18 May 1771, endorsed: 'John Beeby's letter about the black lead from Scotland.' It reads: 'I have brought over the black lead, about the 30th of April, and was three or four days after at Workington, & sent thee word by thy nephew called Fletcher [i.e. Japheth Fletcher (d. 1799) of Workington, mariner]; but have not heard from thee since. Thought proper to advise by letter. It is now at my house. Therefore please to write me thy orders where it must be sent, which shall be executed as much as in me leys for thy interest. The charges attending it is very high, but it was not in my power to make it otherwise, which is as under:

April 27 To duty of 2 casks of black lead 12s 11½d
To sufferance & sayling orders 4s 0d
To cartage & boat fright 2s 3d
To the officer at Allonby 1s 0d
£1 0s 2½d

The above is the bill I payd. I am thy friend, John Beeby.' I.F. has added the note: 'Answered on 6th month 2nd 1771 & received the letter only the day before.'

172. Samuel Fothergill's letter is preserved in CL, 2H FLE. It reads in part 'A few days agoe I was served with a copy of a writt at [Peter Nicholson's] instance ... my crime is defamation in reading in our Quarterly Meeting a copy of the paper of denial issued by the Men's Meeting of Dublin. ... I was in hopes the severe dressing he got in London would have [*word illegible*] him to silence and obscurity but it seems the reverse ... In short, I should be glad of thy asistance and advice. I never was ... engaged in a lawsuit, I am a novice ...' Copies of Nicholson's case and a counsel's opinion on it are in CRO (Barrow), BD/HJ/1, precedent book/pleas, pp. 12–13.

173. Two loose accounts concerning sinking the pit are preserved in the volume for 1771:

(a) 'Entered on 14th December 1770...[then lists days off work totalling 9 days]... Left work on 1st of August. Between 14th of December and 1st of August is 33 weeks in all' Note added by I.F. 'N.B. The miners were 10 weeks in sinking the first pitt which was taken at 8s per fathom & was 12 fathoms.'

(b) Account with John Steel for 23 weeks @ 6s, plus account for sinking first pit. Settled 22 Sep 1771.

174. Cash accounts for week beginning 25 Aug contain the following note: 'Isaac Fletcher had taken from him by John Sumpton, affidavit man and constable appointed for the purpose, for the use of the tithe farmers, six pecks of wheat & one cheese worth 18s 6d: 9s 5d received & 6s costs.'

175. *my publication*: i.e *Observations & Remarks*.

176. *Selby Ord* (d.1814) was minister to the Independent congregation at Cockermouth from 1764 or 1766 to 1777. See *Trans. Congregational Hist. Soc.*, 5 (1911), 28; *Congregational Magazine*, May 1822, pp. 276–7. I am grateful to Jonathan Westaway for these references.

177. *William Hunt* (1733–1772), of New Garden, Guilford county, North Carolina, came on a religious visit to England in the summer of 1771. He remained in Britain until the time of Yearly Meeting, 1772, having travelled through northern England and Scotland. After visiting Holland he returned to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, where he died of smallpox on 9 Sep 1772 (DQB).

178. The identity of this schoolmaster has not been ascertained.

179. *the machine*: probably a winnowing machine. The cash accounts record the purchase of 'a ruddle for the machine' (2s 4d); 'a belt for the machine, weight 2 lb. 2 oz. @ 2s 4d per lb.' (4s 10d); and 'a screen for ditto' (2s 9d).

180. *demurrer*: a legal objection to the relevance of an opponent's point, which stays an action (*OED*).

181. For further details of this case, see entry for 28 May 1772 and note 184.

182. *Anthony Richardson* had been tenant of Margaret Head's estate at Gillbrow, Mosser, since at least 1761. See Appendix III.

183. This entry straddles the printed spaces for both 7 and 8 Apr.
184. The records of this Chancery suit are in PRO, C12/1963/12 (bill of complaint and four answers, 1772) and C12/1973/4 (depositions, 1776). The plaintiff was Lawson Dykes Ballantine.
185. The entries concerning the journey to Seaton and Whitehaven on 3–5 Sep are entered in the spaces for 27–29 Aug. I.F. noted this error in the space for 3 Sep. The entries are printed here in the correct sequence.
186. *two papers of denial*: (a) Jonathan Dickinson, servant residing at Lamplugh, and Abilcah Taylor, daughter of Joseph Taylor of Stockah-Hall, for fornication and marriage by a priest; (b) John Robinson, son of Hannah Robinson of Eaglesfield, and Jane Wilson, daughter of Sarah Wilson of Greysouthen, for the same offences (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
187. *paid J.H.*: '£12 for interest. There remains about 8s 4d which I am to pay when convenient' (cash acct.).
188. *Flimby Hall* had been in the hands of the Blennerhasset family since 1546. It was sold to Lowther by William Blennerhasset (b. 1726), the London lawyer (CFH, 28).
189. Preserved loose in the volume for 1774 is an account with William Blennerhassett, settled 7 January 1774, for I.F.'s purchase of 'an old rope, a ladder, one old kibble, a jumper, a garden sythe and some old splitt air boxes' (£1 6s); receipted by Joseph Williamson. Also a note from Blennerhassett, dated Hoxton, 6 July 1773, requesting I.F. to settle the above account with the Revd Mr Joseph Williamson, or Mr Henry Bowman.
190. *three papers of denial*: It is not known whom these concerned as they were not entered in CRO, D/FCF/1/25 and no details were recorded in Pardshaw M.M. minutes (D/FCF/1/87, p. 34).
191. *papers of denial*: these were not entered in CRO, D/FCF/1/25, but are explained in Pardshaw M.M. minutes. Mary Woodville, daughter of Jane Woodville of Cockermouth, and Hannah Fisher, daughter of John Fisher of Sunderland had both married out (D/FCF/1/87, pp. 36, 38).
192. Omitted material (1 Apr) identifies the deeds as a conveyance of freehold land at Ullock from William Bowman and Ruth his wife to John Walker of Dean; consideration £500.
193. *Mally's annuity*: allowance of £10 per half year, paid through I.F. to Mary Walker (née Head) by her estranged husband, Musgrave Walker.
194. The estate at Hundith Hill, Embleton, (NY 144 286) was the property of the Quaker Jonathan Bell of Tottenham. Isaac Fearon was his agent. Bell's request for the survey appears to have been given verbally to Elihu Robinson during his visit to Yearly Meeting in 1772. Robinson's diary of his London journey contains the note: 'Jonathan Bell desires his estate at Hundith Hill may be accuratly survey'd, plan'd and the house elevated. Willing to pay 2 or 3 guineas' (LSF, MS Box R3/3).
195. *Richard Dickinson* (1723–1816) held the livings of Lamplugh, 1768–1816, and Castle Carrock, 1778–1816. Further details of the dispute over his non-residence have not been traced but see *CW2*, 60 (1960), 130, 133 re his attempts to impose new tithing customs.
196. Cash accounts add: 'To John Harris, carrier, for carriage & loosing the black lead which was pawn'd at Keswick by Charles Bowman: 4s 0d. N.B. the black lead wants 19 lb. weight which must be either stole or sold by C.B. and is to be charged to his account.'
197. An allusion to a theological question tackled by Friends in an attempt to find biblical justification for their refusal to pay tithes. The Quaker argument, drawing on Hebrews, v.10, was that 'Christ, having put an end to the first priesthood and fulfilled the law that gave tithes, ... is himself a holy High Priest for ever, not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek' (*Journals of Thomas Wilson and James Dickinson* (London, 1847), p. 194). Melchizedek appears in Genesis, xiv. 20 as a 'mysterious priest-king, without father, without mother', who offered Abraham gifts of bread and wine (G.W.H. Lampe (ed), *Cambridge History of the Bible* (Cambridge, 1969), vol. ii. pp. 161, 289). There is irony in the argument, as Melchizedek was paid tithe by Abraham!
198. Mosser chapel: the church of St Philip at Mosser (NY 114 248) probably originated in the chantry chapel there, recorded in 1547 (*VCH Cumb.*, ii. 56). John Banks, who afterwards became a Quaker, took services and taught a school at Mosser chapel in 1653–4: *A Journal of the Life, Labours, Travels and Sufferings ... of ... John Banks* (London, 1712), pp. 2–3.
199. The Chancery bill of complaint and the defendant's answer are in PRO, C12/1628/2; depositions in the suit taken in 1775 (see diary entries 30 Jan–4 Feb 1775) are in C12/1991/4.
200. *the schoolmaster*: possibly Thomas Messenger, with whom I.F.'s son William was a pupil in the autumn of 1774 (cash accts., 23 Oct 1774).

201. The cash accounts for this date include payment of expenses (4d) 'about sending a baskett, some setts of willows, seeds, to James Nelson, Mary-Port'.
202. Loose in the volume for 1774 is the original account with Clifton Furnace Company (Messrs. Cookson and Hodgson), 22 April 1774, for I.F.'s purchase of a furnace pan, girdle, door & frame and 8 furnace barrs (£1 3s 7½d) and I.F.'s sale to them of 2 casks black lead (£3 1s 4d).
203. Cash accounts record the receipt from John Mouncey, pencil maker, of £1 1s 0d in part for 8 cwt. of lead dust. The original account for the sale is preserved in the volume for 1774: 'Underwood, 11 April 1774. John Mouncey, bought of I.F.: No.1 cask of black lead fine dust 3 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb; No.2 cask of black lead fine dust 2 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb; No.3 cask of black lead fine dust 2 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. Total nett weight: 8 cwt. @ £1 10s 0d; 3 casks @ 2s 6d = 7s 6d. Total amount: £12 7s 6d.' Also receipt for above 3 casks of 'black wadd dust' from Elias Nutter.
204. A paper dated 13 Apr 1774 and headed 'Account of lead sent to Whitehaven' is preserved in the volume for 1774: '1 cask points neat weight 78 lbs; 1 cask grays neat weight 65 lbs. = 143 lbs.'
205. *Nanny*: identified in the Pardshaw Hall burial register as Ann Johnson, daughter of Joseph Johnson.
206. The cash accounts for 10 July include the receipt of 7s 3d from Joseph Wilson and Joseph Iredale [of Bramley, Mosser] for burning 290 loads of lime @ 6d per score.
207. *writ of elegit*: a writ of execution whereby a creditor is put in possession of the goods and lands of a debtor until his claim is satisfied.
208. *the marriage*: see Biographical Notes.
209. Cash account records payment of £6 7s to John Carter 'for sundries, W.H. houses' and 6d 'expenses with ditto consulting about repairing W.H. houses'.
210. Thomas Scott, son of Joshua Scott of Keswick was disowned for fornication with his father's housekeeper, who was of another religious persuasion, and their subsequent marriage by a priest (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). See also entry for 24 Jan. 1775.
211. *the papers: The Cumberland Pacquet or Ware's Whitehaven Advertiser*, published by John Ware & Son, Whitehaven, from 20 Oct 1774. I.F.'s subscription presumably began with issue no. 13.
212. I.F.'s bill for this consignment of black lead is preserved loose in the volume for 1775, endorsed 'John Mouncey and Jonah Cowman's accounts; given H. Bowman 1775': 'Underwood, 28 Feb. 1775. John Mouncey, Workington, bought of Isaac Fletcher and company 3 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb of black lead fine dust @ 30s and a large cask: £5 7s 6d.' To be paid to Henry Bowman. Also preserved is a receipt from John Mouncey, Workington Hall, 13 Jan 1775, for 1 bag black lead from John Mouncey, weight 52 lb. to sell at not less than 1s 6d per lb.
213. *paper mill*: probably Simonscales Mill (NY 121 288), near Cockermouth, marked as a paper mill on Hodskinson & Donald's *Map of Cumberland* (1774).
214. See Biographical Notes for John Fawcett. A similar case of a couple taking the law into their own hands occurred in Cockermouth meeting in 1736: CRO, D/FCF/1/85, 21.x.1736.
215. Presumably the account of the marriage in *Cumberland Pacquet*, no. 27 (20 Apr 1775) is based on I.F.'s communication to Ware and Son, the paper's proprietors. The account reads: 'We hear from Pardshaw, nigh Cockermouth, that early on Thursday morning last, a couple, whereof the man was a reputed Quaker, accompanied with six or seven men and two women (none of them of that persuasion) found means to procure the key of the Quakers-meeting house at that place, and having entered it, the man and woman stood up before the congregation which went with them, and there made use of the form of words, or nearly the same, used by the Quakers, and having a certificate drawn up, signed their names, and returned to the man's house as man and wife. The Quakers are greatly provoked at so daring and gross an insult and contempt of them, their orders and establishments as a religious society, and the laws of this nation with respect to marriage. It is a quere whether their assistants and those who attested the certificate will not incur the penalties inflicted by sundry acts of Parliament, made against clandestine and unlawful marriages'.
216. Preserved loose in the 1775 volume is the bill from Thomas Jackson, carrier, 8 May 1775, for carriage of a cask of white ore, weight 12 stone, from Cockermouth to Derby, directed to John Barber Esqr., to be left at the Tiger in Derby, £2 2s 0d.
217. Preserved loose in the 1775 volume is a bill, Isaac Fletcher & Company, 7 June 1775, for sale to John Mouncey of 73 lb. black lead, with certificate that 'the above black lead is American lead and the property of the said Isaac Fletcher and Company and contained in two bags weight 73 lb.'

Annotated: 'Received June 5th 1775 of John Mouncey Robert Noble's note for 4£ at 6 months after date attested by John Stewardson of Shap for the above 73 lb. of black lead.'

218. *our school*: i.e. that at Pardshaw Hall. See also entries for 3 Aug and 17 Aug 1775. The schoolroom being erected by the 'chapel party' was probably the building the remains of which are visible at the north-west corner of the Friends burial ground at Pardshaw Hall.
219. Cash accounts show that they travelled from Carlisle to Annan via the River Esk (payment of 6d 'to guide in crossing the Esk') and returned across the Solway to Bowness (payment of 10d 'to guide in crossing Boulness').
220. Cash accounts record I.F. giving Isaac, junior, £1 10s 0d for his journey and voyage to visit Thomas Winn at the lead mines at Black Craig.
221. *Toddell Pasture*: the area of Whinfell township between Cat Gill and the fell road, south of Cringley Hill (NY 123 157).
222. *John Seaton* is identified elsewhere (6 Apr 1779) as a pedlar. The goods purchased from him on this occasion were '1 peice linen cloth; 1½ yards musslin; 2 handkerchiefs; 1 pair buttons. To pay in 6 months or at his return next journey.' I.F. paid the account 15 May 1776 (Cash accts.).
223. *Black-Cragg*: Black Craig, Minigaff parish, Kirkcudbrightshire. The lead mines at Black Craig (NX 446 645) had been worked since about 1764. (I. Macleod, *Discovering Galloway* (Edinburgh, 1986), p. 193).
224. *Nocky-bay*: Knockiebae, New Luce parish, Wigtownshire. The mines (at NX 189 665) in which I.F. was to become a partner, belonged to the Earl of Stair. Sir John Sinclair's *Statistical Account of Scotland* (EP Publishing edn, 1983), vol. v. p. 449 (compiled for New Luce 1791–3) records 'Two attempts have lately been made in quest of lead ore in the farm of Knockebay ... the first was made some years ago, and at that time some hundredweights of rich ore were obtained; within these two years a second trial was made ... It does not appear that the workmen, in either of these trials, had met with anything like a vein, but only masses of floating ore'.
225. *the Sate*: Bramley Seat (NY 109 238), where rocks of the Skiddaw Series outcrop.
226. Lord Stair wrote to James Stephens and I.F. from Culhorn, 8 July 1776: 'Gentlemen, I have this day agreed to enter into a lease with you for thirty-one years from Whitsuntide last of the mines in the grounds belonging to me in the parish of New Luce, shire of Wigton, you paying to me one tenth dressed merchantable ore and I reserving to myself one tenth more as a partner and sharer in the adventure. And I oblige myself to enter into a formal lease with you to the above purpose when required. ... After the first ten years the property share is to be one eight part of the dress'd merchantable ore, the trespasses to be paid by the company' (CL, 2H FLE, copy in I.F.'s hand dated 9 Jun. 1777).
227. The letter from Stair, dated 'Culhorn, Tuesday' is endorsed 'Mr. Isaac Fletcher with some pieces of ore, Newton Stewart'. It reads 'Sir, As you was desirous to have some of the Knockibea ore, I send you by the bearer what I believe will fully answer your purpose when beat & washed. It is some remains of what I got in my trenches. I am still firmly of opinion Stephens had better, if he is not absolutely engaged, decline giving shares to the tanner & to Mathews. They can be of no use to the company, & if the thing runs into expence will be a drawback, & blame Stephens besides, as they fancy they are to be made rich without putting their hands into their pockets, & if the demand is anything considerable, I doubt Mathews at least can not answer it. If you incline, take you one of the shares & I will take the other. Mr. Agnew of Sceuchan is a sensible worthy man & a very proper partner, & Stephens & his son, which compleats the business, & we can go on pleasantly if the mines shall prove well or try it to effect if it promises well' (CL, 2H FLE).
228. *Sir John Stewart* was of Castlemilk, Carmunnock parish, Lanarkshire (NS 60 59).
229. *bull money*: payments from neighbouring farmers for the services of I.F.'s bull. Cash accounts suggest that rate was 1s 0d per bulling and record the receipt of a total of £3 2s 0d (of which £2 17s was gathered in by Joseph Mitchell), implying a total of 62 bullings.
230. *The Independent Whig*: a collection of controversial essays in deistic thinking, first published in 1720–1, with further editions to 1736.
231. Dicah-hill: Dikey Hill (NY 106 238), 300m. west of Bramley Seat.
232. Cash account records payment of £4 11s to Jacob Stamper for 7 swine @ 13s. Further swine were purchased on 3 Feb 1777: 'To Joseph Mitchell for 4 swine bought (£3 4s 0d). N.B. the other 4 swine bought of Jacob Stamper, large, 20 week old, @ £1 3s 0d is £4 12s 0d. Bought on credit'.
233. The latter part of this entry is entered in the space for 17 Jan.

234. *William Wilson*: omitted material 4–6 Feb shows that I.F. was writing deeds for Wilson's purchase of the Bramley estate, Mosser. Two sets of deeds were made, one for the freehold (Mosser township) part of the property (consideration £780); the other for the customary land (in Loweswater manor) (consideration £24). The vendors were Mary (née Drewry), wife of Michael Remington and Susanna (née Drewry), wife of Abel Dickinson (CRO, D/Lec/box 247, Egremont lordship court verdict 1777).
235. *Joseph Rook* of High Abbey, Embleton, was subsequently disowned (see 20 May 1777) for giving way to covetousness. He 'was tempted to go to the house of his father-in-law at Stanger at an unseasonable time in the night, after the family were in bed; got into the house and greatly terrifyed his brother-in-law, as well as the rest of the family, and made attempts (as were apprehended) on the life of his said brother; but the wicked action he had purposed and intended to commit and perpetrate was providentially frustrated' (CRO, D/FCF/1/25).
236. *ticking web*: strong, hard linen or cotton cloth used for mattress cases etc. (*OED*). Cash account records payment to Anthony Saul of Broughton, who had married I.F.'s former servant Susanna Pearson (see Appendix II) in 1776, for weaving this.
237. *the writings*: identified in omitted material for 17 Apr as a mortgage deed from the trustees of John Fletcher, deceased, of Buttermere to John Allason of Brigham (consideration £350; interest £14 17s 6d; term 5 years), and a lease from the same to John Clerk, of High House, Buttermere, together with its flock of 241 sheep; yearly rent £19 5s 0d.
238. Cash account records 'Cash brought with me [on this journey]: in gold 11 guineas; silver 4s 6d: £11 15s 6d.' and on 15 May 'cash at my return £3 5s 0d.'
239. *Robert Stewart* (1739–1821) of Mount Stewart, Co. Down, was created baron Londonderry (1789); viscount Castlereagh (1795); and earl (1796) and marquis (1816) of Londonderry. (*Complete Peerage*, viii. 110) The lead mines on his property at Newtonards, were described as 'very rich' and 'extensive': S. Lewis, *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* (London, 1837), vol. ii, p. 435.
240. These rent payments were for William Hudson's burgage property at 18 Market Place, Cockermouth. See below, note 253.
241. *take note*: presumably a licence to prospect for lead on Stewart's property in Co. Down. *OED* records the use of 'take-note' in the sense of a licence for gold exploration in late nineteenth-century sources.
242. *the draft*: a purchase deed from the trustees of Pennington Hutchinson to Fletcher Pearson of a 3-acre field (omitted material, 4 & 6 Sep.).
243. *Dr. Woodvill*: William Woodville (1752–1805). See Biographical Notes.
244. *ticketting the books*: for a list of books purchased by I.F., see Appendix VI. Cash accounts (11 Mar 1778) record the payment of 2s 6d for 400 book tickets purchased from John Ware & Son.
245. *John Scott's treatise*: John Scott (1731–1783), the Quaker poet, wrote his *Observations on the State of the Parochial and Vagrant Poor* in 1773: *DNB*.
246. *Jonathan Sergeant's paper of denial*: not entered in CRO, D/FCF/1/25. The Pardshaw M.M. minutes record that he was disowned for breach of a promise: D/FCF/1/87, p.130.
247. For the attack on Whitehaven on 23 Apr 1778 by Paul Jones (1747–1792), the American privateer, while in charge of the *Ranger*, see *DNB*. 'Hurrys' were coal shoots used for loading ships (EDD).
248. I.F.'s account with the Clifton Furnace company is preserved loose in the volume for 1778. It records the sale to Richard Bell, John Cookson's agent at Clifton, of 1 cask black lead dust, gross weight 3 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb; tare of cask 20 lb; nett weight 3 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lb @ 56s 0d = £8 16s 6d, with 'one cask charged me' (3s 6d) = £9 0s 0d. Against this was set I.F.'s purchase from John Cookson of 1 kettle pot (3s 0d); 1 cover & 1 Wigan pan (3s 10d); wrought iron bow & copper tacks (8d). The account was settled 8 June 1778.
249. The deed, from John and Dorothy Fisher to Thomas Robinson, concerned land at Mossergate. Jonah Dixon was mortgagee. (Omitted material, 20 & 25 June).
250. I.F. himself contributed 10s 6d to the collection for the relief of suffering Friends in America (cash account).
251. See entry for 16 July 1778. Under the Militia Act of 1778 (18 Geo. III, c. 59, sec. xv) a Quaker balloted to serve had to produce a certificate to confirm that he was a Quaker. In 1778 London Y.M. recommended that Friends so balloted should apply to elders, overseers, or 'other judicious Friends' to obtain such certificates (LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. xvi, pp. 119–20).

252. *window lists*: schedules for the collection of the Window Tax.
253. *the tenants' rent*: the rents from the burgage property in Cockermouth (18 Market Place) late William Hudson's (For identification of property, see CRO, D/Lons/W, Cockermouth burgage deeds abstract, pp. 283–4; D/Lec, Cockermouth burgage deeds, B.34; and D/Lec/-Plans/Cockermouth/1/40). The cash account records that the tenants from whom a ½-year's rent was received 30 Nov 1778 were Robert Barns (£5 5s) (see above, note 169); Thomas Beeby (£1 5s) [in May 1779 this sum was received from Thomas and Hugh Beeby 'for shop rent']; Isaac Nicholson (£1 11s 6d) [he left the house in May 1779 and was replaced by Thomas Johnson]; and William Greenup (£1 1s). See also entry for 18 Apr 1781.
254. Four Quakers were put to death at Boston, Mass., in 1659–1661. A full account of the persecution of Quakers there between 1656 and the early 1660s was published by George Bishop, *New England Judged by the Spirit of the Lord*, first published 1661; enlarged edition 1703. I.F. had purchased a copy in 1761: see Appendix VI. See also R.M. Jones, *The Quakers in the American Colonies* (London, 1911), esp. pp. 63–110.
255. *the bonds*: from John Hudson of Sunderland to his mother, Ann Hudson, concerning dower out of estates at Cragg and Wythop. (Omitted material, 24, 29, & 30 Dec).
256. *Ackworth School* was established by London Y.M. to provide education for the children of Friends 'not in affluence'. The former foundling hospital buildings at Ackworth, near Pontefract, had been purchased on behalf of Y.M. in 1777 and the school opened in October 1779 (R.M. Jones, *The Later Periods of Quakerism* (London, 1921), vol. ii. p. 672). I.F. gave 5s to the subscription for the school (cash account, 22 Jun 1779).
257. *Seaton land*: the property of Mary Harrison of Philadelphia, for whom I.F. acted.
258. The treatment for the cow was 2 oz. saltpetre and 1 lb. sugar, given twice (at 8d per dose). 'Gave her also two spoonfull of balsam twice. Also 1 quart of groats boiled in 2 quarts of best milk' (cash account).
259. *Dick Knave*: the southern peak of Low Fell, Loweswater (NY 137 222). It is not named on Ordnance Survey maps but is recorded on the 'Map of the Black Lead Mines &c. in Cumberland', of 1751 (*Gentleman's Magazine*, xxi, opp. p. 51). *Beck-heads*: cf. Beckhead Moss (NY 133 229).
260. *the island*: Ireland? Paul Jones had sailed from the west coast of Ireland by way of Cape Wrath to the Firth of Forth, where he made an abortive attempt on the British fleet at Leith in mid September 1779 (DNB).
261. *Gallowbarrow*: the hill on open moorland overlooking Cockermouth (NY 118 303).
262. Hugh James' bill for medicines, 1779–1780, is preserved loose in the volume for 1780. Endorsed 'Dr. James' bill and receipt', it lists: 24 Aug 1779: 'sal glaub. & manna (3 doses @ 6d); electuary (2s); drops (1s).' 27 Feb. 1780: 'enem. commun. cum sal glaub. biss (6d); anodym draught (6d); sal tart. solub. biss (1s); saponat. electuary (2s 4d); drops (1s 6d); gum arab. --- biss (1s 2d); sal nitri bis (4d); sal tart. solub. (2s); magnes. calcin. (2s); 2 journeys @ 6s 6d.' 14 Aug. 1780: 'magnes.' (1s 6d). Total: £1 10s 4d.
263. For I.F.'s letter see Appendix IV, no. 10.
264. *Japheth Fletcher* (d. 1799), son of I.F.'s nephew Jacob Fletcher of Whinnah, was a Workington mariner (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Fletcher, 1799)
265. *Phipp's journal: A Voyage towards the North Pole*, published in 1774 by Constantine John Phipps, second Baron Mulgrave (1744–1792) (*DNB*).
266. For an abstract of I.F.'s account with Lowther in connection with the election of 1768, see note 146.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

These notes aim to give brief biographical details of the individuals most frequently mentioned in the diary. Notes on the lives of Fletcher himself and his wife are not included as they have been noticed in the introduction (pp.000), though his three surviving sons are included below. The hired servants at Underwood are also omitted: such biographical information as can be found has been summarised in Appendix II. Quaker travelling ministers are only included below if three or more visits to Pardshaw Monthly Meeting were recorded in the diary. The symbol '(Q)' indicates that an individual was a Quaker for at least part of his/her life. Dates of birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial are from the Quarterly Meeting digests (for Quakers) or from the appropriate parish register (for non-Quakers). Other information for which no source is cited is derived from the text of the diary.

ABBATT, THOMAS (1715?–1775) (Q) of Cockermouth. Nailer. Eldest son of George Abbatt, nailer and shopkeeper of Longridge and Alston, Lancs, and Ruth (Fell). Married (1), 21 Aug 1751, Mary Bank of Cockermouth; (2) 18 Oct 1763, Mary Bell. By 1765 he was in financial difficulties. On the strength of an 'expectation he had from his late wife's uncle' he had bought some burgage property in Cockermouth and embarked on a programme of rebuilding. On the uncle's death, the executors called in their money and Abbatt was forced to borrow about £275, his friend Jonathan Wilkinson (*q.v.*) standing surety for part of this sum. Wilkinson secured himself by taking a mortgage on Abbatt's property and, according to I.F., used bullying tactics in an attempt to save his capital when Abbatt's business failed. I.F. describes an incident on the road from Whitehaven in which Wilkinson told Abbatt that 'if he would not submitt to his terms, he had that which would do for him, which the poor man thought must be either a writ or a loaden pistol.' Terrified, Abbatt 'clapt spurrs to his horse & rode away as fast as the horse could carry him, being closely pursued (as he thought) by his armed adversary, so that he slip'd the road the first opportunity and took over the water to Broughton & secreted himself there in a friend's house for some days.' ('Truth Vindicated', pp. 21–2). Abbatt's creditors met at the Globe in Cockermouth on 29 Apr 1765, when they agreed to an assignment in trust and gave him three years to clear his debts. He was not, at that stage, excluded from Quaker business meetings, despite pressure from Jonathan Wilkinson, and Elizabeth Wilkinson claimed that Fletcher and others had shown favouritism in their treatment of him ('Truth Vindicated', pp. 14–20). His failure to clear his debts eventually did lead to his exclusion from business meetings in 1768 (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p.307). After his death on 19 Feb 1775 his widow was 'in necessitous circumstances' and was relieved by Friends (D/FCF/1/87, pp. 73–4). She died 16 Mar 1792 aged about 57 years.

ALDERSON, JOHN (1721–1764) (Q) of Ravenstonedale, Westmorland. Quaker minister. Born 22 Oct 1721, son of Ralph and Alice Alderson of Narthwaite, Ravenstonedale. Married, 7 May 1760, Alice Thistlethwaite of Dent. Became a minister *c.*1751 and travelled in Britain and Ireland between then and his death, which took place during a visit to Friends in London, on 26 Apr 1764. (DQB)

ALLASON, HENRY (d. 1771?) of Seaton. Ship's captain. In 1764 purchased Fellside estate, Mosser, which passed on his death (before 1774) to his sisters, Ann, wife of Henry Bowman, and Mary Bell, widow (CRO, D/Lec/247, Egremont Lordship ct. leet verdict, 1774). He is perhaps to be identified with Henry Allison of Seaton, householder, who was buried at Camerton 21 Mar 1771.

ALLASON, JOHN (1699–1779) (Q) of Cragg End. Yeoman. Married I.F's sister Alice Fletcher (1696–1770) in 1731. He died 3 Mar. 1779 Their son, **JOHN ALLASON, younger (1734–1816) (Q)** of Cragg End, yeoman, was disowned in 1775 for his marriage to Mary Ritson (*c.*1743–1818), daughter of Thomas Ritson, at Lorton church 28 Oct 1774. Mary had been housekeeper at Cragg End, and it was reported that she was with child by him before their marriage.

ALLASON, WILLIAM (1734–1801) (Q) of Mossergate. Yeoman. Born 21 Dec 1734, son of John and Esther Allason of Mossergate. Married (1) 2 Jul 1767 Mary, daughter of John Robinson of Beech Hill. She died 9 Sep 1768. (2) 29 Apr 1779 Mary, daughter of John Robinson of Pardshaw. He added to the property at Mossergate which he inherited from his father in 1746 by purchasing I.F.'s estate there for £1000 in Dec 1772, and by buying other parcels of land there in the 1780s and a further farm at Mossergate in 1790 (CRO, D/Lec/247, court leet verdicts). He died 11 Sep 1801.

BAYNES, ROBERT (1717–1789) of Cockermouth. Lawyer. Son of Richard Baynes, Clerk of the Peace for Westmorland, who moved from his native Appleby to Cockermouth. Married Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Col. Samuel Gledhill. Baynes was articled to his father in 1735. He was agent for earl of Egremont's estates in Cumberland 1758–1778. Owned moiety of manor of Highhead and Highhead Castle. (*CFH; CW2*, 35 (1935), 30; PRO, CP5/27/22)

BECK, STEPHEN (d. 1773) (Q) of Bristol. Brewer. Probably the 'Bristol brewer' who was expected to settle in Whitehaven in 1747 (see Appendix IV, no. 1). He and I.F. became involved in various business ventures including a brewery and the ship *Bristol*. Settling these affairs took I.F. to Bristol in Jul/Aug 1756, after Beck's return to the city. Died 19 Sep 1773.

BELL, GEORGE (*c.*1719–1790) (Q) of Cockermouth. Stocking manufacturer. Son of Joseph and Sarah Bell of Derby. Working as a stockinger in Cockermouth by 1757 when he married Deborah Stagg. Apparently working in I.F's stocking company as manager before taking a ¼ share in the company in 1771. He died 5 Feb 1790. His obituary described him as 'an eminent stocking manufacturer, the merits of his character soared above most of his fellow men in genius and regularity' (*Cumberland Pacquet*, 10 Feb 1790).

BLACK, JOSEPH (1733–1817) (Q) of Aikbank. Farmer and miller. Son of Matthew (*q.v.*) and Isabel Black. Married Lyddia Barwise, not a Friend, at Brigham church, 4 Jun 1759, and was consequently disowned, but his membership was reinstated in 1765 (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p. 340). On his marriage lived in I.F.'s 'old house' at Underwood. Frequently employed as a day labourer on the farm by I.F. 1757–68. In 1769 he was living at Mosser Mains (CRO, DX/24/1). In 1772 took lease of Aikbank land and mill, Mosser, from Jonathan Dixon (*q.v.*) and continued as tenant there until at least 1808 (CRO, QRP/1, passim). In later life he was gravedigger at Pardshaw Hall (Fawcett papers). Died 16 Oct 1817 aged 84 and was buried at Pardshaw Hall.

BLACK, MATTHEW (*c.*1700–1787) (Q) of Loweswater (1726, 1754), Whitekeld (1738), Toddell (1759–63) and Kirby (1787). Weaver. Married, 1726, Isabell Johnson of Waterend, Loweswater. Black was a weaver by trade (Michael Johnson bound apprentice to him 1734: CRO, D/FCF/1/67), but may have given this up in 1764, when I.F. records his sale (19 Oct), after which he was often employed about the farm by I.F. until about 1770. Appointed caretaker of Pardshaw Hall meeting house 1768 at a salary of 40s per year (D/FCF/1/68, p. 56). He was a comparatively poor Friend: he was given money from Barn's legacy to cover the cost of schooling his children in 1754 and in 1757 his family received financial support from the Women's Monthly Meeting (D/FCF/1/67; /1/11). He died at Kirby 27 Jan 1787 aged 86 years.

BOWMAN, CHARLES (*c.*1711–1776) of Buttermere. Married, 13 Nov 1733, Margaret Pearson, at Lorton 'by licence granted by the rector of Dean'. Their son, Henry (*q.v.*) was born about three months later. Bowman was involved in the black lead or plumbago trade in the 1770s. He is perhaps to be identified with the Charles Bowman who held customary estates in Seaton, near Workington, in 1773 (CRO, D/Lons/L3/2/234, 1773, p. 48). Died 25 May 1776 (memorial, Lorton churchyard).

BOWMAN, HENRY (1734–1801) of Cockermouth (to *c.*1765) and Workington. Notary public. Baptised 26 Feb 1734, son of Charles (*q.v.*) and Margaret Bowman of Buttermere. Had married before 31 Aug 1766 (see diary entry): his wife may have been Ann Allason (d. *c.*1798), sister of Henry Allason of Seaton (*q.v.*). Bowman was an attorney, acting for I.F. and other executors of Christopher Wilson in the Chancery suit. Buried at Workington 25 May 1801.

BROUGHAM, JOHN (1705–1782) of Dovenby Hall. Attorney at law in Cockermouth. Son of John and Mary Brougham of Cockermouth. Married 1731 Frances Woodhall whose mother was heiress of the Lamplugh family, owners of the Dovenby estate. (*CW2*, 61 (1961), 131–168)

BURNYEAT FAMILY of Mosser. **JOHN BURNYEAT (1708–1765) (Q)**, son of Philip and Jane Burnyeat of Mosser Mains, was disowned in 1757 for marrying his servant, Jane, by a priest. Described at his death as 'yeoman', he was the owner of an extensive estate, comprising a holding at Mosser Mains which he inherited from his father in 1752, and the farms of Crabtreebeck, Thrushbank, High Nook and High

Iredale in Loweswater which he inherited in 1759 from Hannah, wife of John Pearson, daughter of John Burnyeat of Crabtreebeck (CRO, D/Law, Loweswater admittances). He died 13 Feb 1765. **JANE BURNYEAT (*c.*1722–1775)**, his widow, owned goods at her death valued at £654, plus one-sixteenth share in the ship *Garland* of Whitehaven, Henry Piper commander. She died 3 Jan 1775 and was buried at Loweswater, where her tombstone gives her age as 52 years. **PHILIP BURNYEAT (*c.*1763–1792)**, their son, was described at 'gentleman' on his tombstone at the rebuilt chapel at Mosser, which he is credited with restoring in 1773. He appears to have been living or attending school in St Bees in 1779 when his sister requested him to return home (see diary, 4–5 Nov 1779). By 1791 he was living in Mosser, farming his own property at Mosser Mains (CRO, QRP/1/25). He died 16 May 1792.

BUSHBY, JOHN and his wife, **BETTY**. Regular day labourers for I.F. at Underwood from 1778. Bushby may have farmed some land at Mosser in his own right: in 1772 he took a lease of property from 'J.B.' (Jane Burnyeat?), and in 1789 was tenant of land at Mosser belonging to Jonathan Robinson (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Robinson, 1792).

CARLISLE, JOHN (d. 1787?) of Mossergate. Farmer. Married Jane White at Brigham church 8 Nov 1747. Living at Mosser by 1760, when serving as churchwarden. Carlisle was a tenant farmer, leasing I.F.'s estate at Mossergate in 1762 and remaining there as William Allason's tenant until at least 1780. He or his son, John, took a lease of another farm at Mossergate from Joseph Ashley in 1786 (Fawcett papers). His date of death is uncertain: he was probably the John Carlisle buried at Mosser chapel 16 Dec 1787, though another John Carlisle of High Mosser (perhaps his son) was buried 25 Apr 1789.

C(H)ANDLER, TABITHA (d. 1782) (Q) of Whitehaven. Schoolmistress. Regular visitor to Underwood, usually staying for a week or so at Christmas and again in the summer. I.F. regularly made small payments of interest to her. Her family background has not been traced: she may be connected with Amos Candler, a Whitehaven Quaker recorded in 1732. Chandler families are recorded in the Whitehaven and St Bees parish registers in the early eighteenth century, and there were Quaker Chandlers in Bristol and in Guildford, Surrey, at the same period, but no reference to the birth of a Tabitha Chandler has been found. In 1762 she was living alone in a house in Fox Lane, Whitehaven (Whitehaven census). She died 15 Apr 1782 and was buried at Pardshaw Hall. Her obituary in *Cumberland Pacquet* (No. 393, 23 Apr 1782) said that she was 'in an advanced age' and that she 'for many years taught school in this town [Whitehaven]. She was much respected and a great number of the Society [of Friends] and others in the town and neighbourhood attended her funeral.'

CHRISTIAN, CHARLES (1729–1768) of Moorland Close, Eaglesfield. Attorney. Son of John Christian of Ewanrigg and Bridget (née Senhouse of Netherhall). Married 1750 Ann, daughter of Jacob Fletcher of Moorland Close. Father of Fletcher Christian (b.1764), the mutineer of the *Bounty*. (JGB, no.29; *CFH*, 63)

CLEMENTSON, WILFRED (d. 1769) of Cockermouth. Surgeon and apothecary. Married 1744 Martha Dixon of Whitehaven at Whitehaven. Owner of a burgage property in Cockermouth. Keeper of Cockermouth Castle and bailiff of Derwentfells. Probably died in the fever epidemic of 1769. (Lancs RO, WRW(C), W. Clementson 1769)

DEARMAN, RICHARD (1732–1804) (Q) of Whitehaven (1759–*c.*1765), Seaton (*c.*1765–1774), Birmingham (1774–1791) and Coalbrookdale (1791–1804). Ironmonger and ironmaster. Born 5 Dec 1732, son of John and Elizabeth Dearman of Braithwaite Hall near Doncaster, Yorkshire. Married (1) 23 Jan 1760, Hannah, daughter of John and Ellen Petty of Nottingham, who died 3 Mar 1761 having given birth to a son, John Petty Dearman; (2) 15 Apr 1763 Elizabeth Freeth, daughter of Sampson and Mary Freeth of Birmingham. Moved to Whitehaven *c.*1759 from Nottingham, where he had managed the bar iron department of the bankers John and Thomas Wright. He traded as an ironmonger and lived in West Strand (Whitehaven census, 1762). He was in partnership with his first wife's brother-in-law, William Skyrin (*q.v.*), apparently in trade to America. Hannah, his first wife, left him a considerable legacy in the form of income from £1500, her 'paternal fortune' from her father, John Petty. She specified that the trustees appointed by her will (William Skyrin and William Eccleston (*q.v.*)) should also permit Dearman to 'trade with all or any part of my effects upon his giving ... good and sufficient security' (Lancs RO, WRW(C), Hannah Dearman, 24.viii.1761). By 1765 Dearman and his second wife had moved to Seaton, near Workington, where he and William Skyrin had a one-fifth share in the Seaton iron works established by Spedding, Hicks & Co. which made cylinders and engine parts for local collieries (E. Hughes, *North Country Life in Eighteenth Century II*, p. 205). In 1774 the Dearmans left Cumberland for Birmingham, probably to work in his second father-in-law's ironmongery business. While in Birmingham, Dearman was active in exploring advances in iron technology: in 1776 he patented a new method making hoes for American and West Indian plantations, and in 1779 he took out a patent for forming the grinding parts of metal mills (*VCH Warwickshire*, ii. 206). In 1784 he took over management of the Eagle Foundry, Birmingham, which traded under the name of Dearman and Freeth. In 1791 or 1795, leaving his son John Petty Dearman, to manage the Eagle Foundry, he moved to Coalbrookdale, Shropshire, as agent-manager for the Coalbrookdale Company, from whom the Freeth ironmongery business had purchased iron. He remained as manager at Coalbrookdale until his death on 6 or 7 Oct 1804. He was an active Friend, an elder for many years, and representative at London Y.M. on 14 occasions between 1771 and 1802 (LSF, Index to list of representatives to London Y.M.). His nephew and namesake remembered him as 'a handsome, well-informed and most amiable man.' (A. Raistrick, *Dynasty of Iron Founders* (London, 1953), pp. 210–11, 217; H.W. Atkinson, *The Families of Atkinson ... and Dearman* (Privately printed, Northwood, Middlesex, 1933), pp. 65, 283, 296)

DIXON FAMILY (Q) of Waterend and Toddell. **JONATHAN DIXON, senior (1708–1776)** of Waterend (before 1733), Eaglesfield (1733, 1775), Toddell, and Sosgill (1772). Yeoman. Born 12 May 1708, younger son of John and Ann Dixon of

Waterend, Loweswater. Married (1) 1733 Sarah (d. 1743), daughter of Japheth Fletcher of Underwood, I.F.'s sister; (2) 8 May 1766 Letitia Monkes (d. 1789). Dixon inherited the family farm at Waterend, which had been in the Dixon family since the sixteenth century, and the property at Toddell, Whinfell, which had been bought by his father in 1700. He died 12 Nov 1776 and was buried at Eaglesfield.

JONATHAN DIXON, junior (1740–1809) of Waterend. Born 17 Dec 1740, eldest surviving son of Jonathan, senior, and Sarah Dixon. Went to America in 1766 after his father's second marriage: in 1768 he was living at Joseph Saul's, Front Street, Philadelphia, and was intending to purchase property in the colony. When he returned to Cumberland in March 1771, his membership of the Society of Friends was transferred back from Burlington Monthly Meeting, New Jersey (CRO, D/FCF/1/87, p.11). He then took possession of the family farm at Waterend, which had been made over to him by his father in 1766. Jonathan, junior, married his servant, Jane Scott, at Loweswater church on 2 Nov 1775 when he himself was baptised. Despite his disownment in 1775 (for fornication with his future wife and marriage in church), he was buried at Pardshaw Hall after his death on 12 Oct 1809.

JONAH DIXON (1742–1812) of Toddell. Born 31 Oct 1742, younger son of Jonathan, senior, and Sarah Dixon. Went to Philadelphia as a young man and returned home with his brother Jonathan in 1771. His father made the farm at Toddell over to him in 1766. He leased the property to a tenant in 1769 but later farmed it himself (CRO,QRP/1, passim). Married 15 Jul 1773 Hannah, daughter of Joseph Fawcett of Mossergate. Jonah died 7 Jul 1812.

ECCLESTON, WILLIAM (1716–1784) (Q) of Whitehaven. Merchant. Born 29 May 1716, son of Isaac and Mary Eccleston of Corner Row, near Kirkham, Lancashire. Married Rebecca (d. 1785) and moved to Whitehaven with his wife and children in 1749. In 1755 he was appointed an elder of the meeting (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, p.130). In 1767 he mortgaged his estate at Corner Row to William Skyrin (*q.v.*) for £1400. Towards the end of his life he moved to Lancaster, where he died 22 Jul 1784 aged 68 years. His son, Isaac Eccleston, remained in Cumberland in 1781, when he is recorded as a linen manufacturer in Whitehaven (*Bailey's Northern Directory*, p. 305).

ELLWOOD, JOHN (1731–1790) (Q) of Workington. Brewer. Born 24 Feb 1731, son of Jacob and Dinah Ellwood of Allonby. Married 29 Nov 1759 Rebecca Spencer of Little Broughton, by which time he was living in Workington. Described as a brewer in 1764, when, as one of the assignees of Jonathan Hudson, he was a defendant in the Chancery suit over Christopher Wilson's estate (P.R.O., C 12/1967/15). In partnership with others, he leased a ropery and shipyard at Harrington in 1776 and 1783 respectively (E. Hughes, *North Country Life in Eighteenth Century II*, pp. 199n, 204n.). Died at Workington 30 Mar 1790. *The Cumberland Pacquet* (7 Apr 1790) described him as a merchant and as 'one of the most respectable characters that this neighbourhood ever could boast'.

FAWCETT, JOHN (1734–1817) (Q) of Mossergate. Yeoman. Born 22 May 1734, son of Joseph and Amy Fawcett of Mossergate. Married (1) 4 Aug 1757 Anne, daughter of Jonathan Dixon, senior (*q.v.*). She died 18 Apr 1764. Married (2) 13

Apr 1775, clandestinely at Pardshaw Hall, his servant girl Jane Card, daughter of John Card of Low Wood, Kirkbean, Galloway (JGB, no.18). She was with child to him. The minute of disownment from Pardshaw M.M. states that Fawcett had 'continued hopeful and sober for several years after the death of his wife' and describes his second marriage thus: 'he has lately in a private clandestine manner before a few neighbours whom he took with him for witnesses, got into our meeting house and took her for his wife before them, and made use of the form of words, or pretty near them, used by us, and having a certificate prepaired, signed the same and had it attested by witnesses (none of whom were of our Society), in open contempt of the laws of this nation, as well as our Rules and Orders as a religious Society' (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). Jane died in childbed in Jan 1781. John Fawcett died 14 Feb 1817.

FEARON, ISAAC (1694–1779) (Q) of Shatton, Embleton, and Low Armaside, Lorton. Born 29 Aug 1694, son of Peter Fearon of Great Broughton, who was living at Shatton when he died in 1735. Married, 1716, Mary, daughter and heiress of John Marshall, from whom she inherited an estate of 51 acres at Low Armaside. When that estate was surveyed in 1758, the earl of Egremont's surveyor described Fearon as 'a stubborn Quaker ... deserves no favour' (CRO, D/Lec/328, Lorton, no. 80). He acted as agent to Jonathan Bell of Tottenham in the oversight of the latter's estate at Hundith Hill. Isaac Fearon died 3 Nov 1779 at Papcastle, the home of his daughter Jane, widow of William Woodville (*q.v.*).

FEARON, JOHN At least two men of this name, identified below, occur in the diary. Most references appear to be to the first:

FEARON, JOHN (b. 1719?) (Q) of Deanscales. Probably born 24 Aug 1719, son of John and Mary Fearon of Deanscales. Had married Deborah [surname not traced] by 1753. With John Walker (q.v.) and Lancelot Airey, he was executor of the will of Henry Fearon (d. 1762) of Calvey, Dean, in connection with which he raised I.F.'s ire in 1767 by refusing to surrender a promissory note (see diary entries, 1 Apr 1762, 9 Oct 1767). His death has not been traced.

FEARON, JOHN (b. 1739) of Dean. Son of John Fearon of Dean (described as officer of excise, Guildford, Surrey, in his will of 1757: CRO, DX24/60) and Sarah (Fletcher) his wife, who were married in 1738. Probably to be identified with the John Fearon, son of John, baptised at Dean 20 Oct 1739. Was probably the John Fearon who leased Branthwaite edge colliery from 1766 (O. Wood, *West Cumberland Coal* (1988), p. 76).

FEARON, PETER (1718–1772) (Q) of London. Merchant. Born 16 Jun 1718, son of Isaac (*q.v.*) and Mary Fearon of Shatton. He inherited the Low Armaside estate from his mother in 1770. He appears not to have married: the estate passed to his sister, Jane Woodville, on his death. I.F. regularly dined with Fearon when in London. He died of dropsy 6 Jul 1772 in the parish of St. Mary, Walthamstow, and was buried at Bunhill Fields.

FISHER, JOHN of Goat House, Cockermouth. Described as 'gentleman', 1762. Was in partnership with John Winder of Cockermouth and Joseph Bowes of Clifton Furnace before 1751 in the manufacture of 'oil leather'. This was reconstituted in

1752 as Winder, Fisher and Glaister, each partner putting up £400 capital. Fisher managed the business at the Goat, where the partnership had their oil leather factory and carried on 'the making and freezing of cloth and making of glue and size'. The partnership was dissolved in January 1758 but delays in settling its affairs led to I.F. being appointed to act as attorney for the partnership in collecting in debts etc. Further delays led to Winder's sisters (who had ultimately taken over administration of his estate) to file a bill in Chancery complaining that Fisher and I.F. were combining to defraud them of Winder's share of the company's effects (PRO, C12/1583/32). Fisher also had agricultural interests: in 1759, with John Lucock, he took a lease of part of Cockermouth Parks, where I.F. subsequently noted (22 Mar 1760) that 'great husbandry' was carried on, and he also had land at Woodhall, Bridekirk parish. By Aug 1764 he was in financial difficulties. His family connections and date of death have not been traced.

FLETCHER, ISAAC, junior (1755–1781) (Q) of Underwood. Sailor. Eldest surviving son of I.F. Born 17 Sep 1755, third child of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher. At school at Pardshaw Hall Aug 1761 to at least summer 1767. As a young man he worked on the farm at Underwood and in his father's mines and, in 1774, acted as I.F.'s agent in taking black lead to sell in Scotland and Ireland. He subsequently went to sea, sailing from Whitehaven 24 Mar 1776 on a 'voyage of tryal' on the *Robinson*, Captain Todhunter, bound for the Baltic port of Memell, and returning home 3 Dec following from Dublin on the *Matilda* of Maryport, Captain Dickinson. Returned to Dublin from Workington 28 Mar 1777, to meet his ship, the *Isabella*, Captain Robinson. He returned from his first voyage (to the Baltic and Trondheim) 31 Dec 1778, again coming from Dublin via Workington; sailed again from Whitehaven to Dublin 4 Mar 1779 to meet the *Isabella* for a voyage via Falmouth to London and then to Cork, which they reached the following Dec. Whether he returned to Underwood is not clear because of the deficiency in I.F.'s diary for 1780. He died in Cork 'of a galloping consumption' 13 Apr 1781.

FLETCHER, JACOB (1731–1808) (Q) of Whinnah. Born 24 Aug 1731, younger son of Japheth Fletcher of Low Leys, I.F's brother. Married, 1 Apr 1755, Elizabeth Barrows at Lamplugh church, for which he was disowned. On reaching the age of majority in 1752, his father made over to him the farm at Whinnah, Mosser, which he had acquired the previous year. He died 22 Dec 1808.

FLETCHER, JAMES (b. 1730) of Cockermouth. Shoemaker. Baptised at Dean, 22 Apr 1730, son of Martin Fletcher and Elizabeth (Lucock). His mother was a sister of Joshua Lucock (*q.v.*) and inherited property from Wilfred Grisdale (d. 1732), her uncle, a Middlesex brewer. (Lancs RO, WRW(C), Eliz. Fletcher, 1771). That property, one-eleventh of Grisdale's estate, consisted of land and sheep at Hewthwaite Hall, near Cockermouth. Fletcher was taken to court by his brother, Joseph, in a dispute over the executorship of their mother's will, which was not settled until 1775 (PRO, C33/443, ff.824–5). Perhaps because of the lawsuit, James Fletcher became insolvent in 1774 and was in Annan in the summer of 1775 avoiding creditors. By the following year he was living again in Cockermouth (PRO, C12/1973/4).

FLETCHER, JOHN (1758–1830) (Q) of Greysouthen. Yeoman. Second surviving son of I.F. Born 14 Sep 1758, fourth child of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher of Underwood. Named after his brother (1746–1758) who had died of smallpox the previous April. Educated at Pardshaw Hall school from Apr 1764 to *c.*1770. In Aug 1771 sent to William Bethom at Buttermere to 'learn to write and say lessons in the Greek Testament', but subsequently went to Dean school (Daniel Ross, schoolmaster) until Dec 1774. In Feb 1775, at the age of sixteen, he began to help at Pardshaw Hall school during the illness of the schoolmaster and took the school over on his own account on the master's resignation the following month. He has been described as 'a youth of attainments vastly superior to his age' (Margaret Irwin, *Hist. of Pardshaw Meeting & Meeting House* (London, Soc. of Friends Bookshop, n.d.), p. 21). He continued to run the school until 1778, and opened it again with the encouragement of the Preparative Meeting in Jan 1779 for one year. His most famous pupil was John Dalton (1766–1844), who thought highly of his teaching: 'when I consider how much I owe to thy instruction, and how inadequate a remuneration was given, I feel pleasure in being able to make that sort of recompense' wrote Dalton in 1824 when sending Fletcher a portrait of himself (A. Thackray, *John Dalton* (Harvard, 1972), p. 156). He went to Ireland in 1780 – in August of that year Pardshaw M.M. sent a certificate on his behalf to Grange M.M., near Charlemont, Co. Tyrone (CRO, D/FCF/1/87) – but returned to Underwood in February 1781. He remained there after his parents' deaths (in 1781 and 1783) but appears to have settled at Greysouthen soon after his first marriage. He married (1) 21 Jul 1785 Deborah (d.1794), daughter of John and Mary Wilson of Greysouthen; (2) 30 Jul 1800 Ann, daughter of John (q.v.) and Elizabeth Nixon. He was an active Friend, an elder and 'a wise counsellor to many who sought his advice' and a humble man, who 'was favoured with a good understanding and superior mental endowments' (*Annual Monitor*, 19 (1831), 119–20). *The Cumberland Pacquet* (2 Feb 1830) described him as 'a worthy, upright man, and universally esteemed'. He died of a pulmonary abcess on 30 Jan 1830.

FLETCHER, JOHN (d. *c.*1792) (Q) of Thrushbank, Loweswater. Yeoman. Inherited the farm at Thrushbank which had been in the Fletcher family since before 1645. Married 2 Jul 1758 Ruth Johnson (d. 1788). Disowned 1762 for theological views which were unacceptable to Friends. These included denying immediate revelation and the testimony against non-payment of tithes; endeavouring to spread the principles of Deism by discourse and writings, 'and setting up and establishing human fallible reason & authority uninfluenced & unassisted by Divine Revelation in the room [of Scripture] under the specious but unintelligable title & distinction of Eternal Reason & fittness of things'. His views were felt to draw Friends away from 'a steady adherence to and dependance upon' the Divine Light (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). Died *c.*1792 (when his son was admitted tenant of Thrushbank: CRO, D/WM/11).

FLETCHER, WILLIAM (b. 1760) (Q). Stocking weaver. 'Billy', youngest child of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher, born at Underwood 4 Sep 1760. At Pardshaw Hall school from Feb 1765 to 1775 or later. Apprenticed to George Bell (*q.v.*), stockinger, of Cockermouth Jul 1778 for three years. In Oct 1781 he brought his

stocking frame home to Underwood and worked there. After his parents' deaths he is thought to have lived at Papcastle and Workington, before moving to Liverpool. He was described as 'stocking manufacturer of Workington' when he married, 26 Jul 1787, Ann, daughter of Peter and Ann Wilson of Greysouthen. (*Cumberland Pacquet*, 8 Aug. 1787) She died in Liverpool in 1822. (JGB, no.36) William's date of death has not been established.

FOTHERGILL, JOHN (1712–1780) (Q) of London and **SAMUEL FOTHERGILL (1715–1772) (Q)** of Warrington were leading Friends and were sons of John and Margaret Fothergill of Carr End, Wensleydale, Yorkshire. **Dr. JOHN FOTHERGILL**, after serving an appreciceship with a Bradford apothecary and studying medicine at Edinburgh and Leyden, began to practice medicine in London in 1740. He was a prolific writer and a keen botanist with fine botanical gardens at Upton, Essex. He helped to found Ackworth School by purchasing the vacant foundling hospital buildings there. With Benjamin Franklin and David Barclay he drew up a scheme of conciliation in an attempt to avoid war between Britain and the American colonies in 1774. He was Clerk of London Y.M. in 1749, 1764 and 1779. His brother **SAMUEL FOTHERGILL** was born 9 Nov 1715. He served an apprenticeship with a Stockport shopkeeper before setting up in business himself in Warrington, Lancashire, as a shopkeeper and tea merchant. In 1738 he married Susannah Croudson of Warrington: they had no children. He underwent a spiritual conversion as an apprentice, during his father's absence on a religious visit to America, and became a minister at the age of about 20. He was a leading public Friend and was at the forefront of the efforts to revive the declining membership and discipline in the later 1750s. He travelled extensively in the ministry, including a journey to America 1754–6, and visited meetings in Cumberland on three occasions during the period of the diary (in 1758, 1761 and 1766). During the last of these visits he and Isaac Wilson (*q.v.*) of Kendal acted as conciliators in the bitter dispute involving members of Pardshaw M.M. over the lawsuit concerning Christopher Wilson's affairs. He died at Warrington 15 June 1772, after a long and painful illness. (DQB)

GIBSON, PETER of Whitehaven. Ship's captain. Partner with I.F. and Matthew Gale in the ship *Bristol* in 1756, when he was master of the brig, *Nancy*. Other diary references confirm his involvement in trade with the Americas, and also his passion for freshwater fishing.

GILL FAMILY (Q) of Eaglesfield, etc. **HANNAH GILL (1705–1795)** (née Harris), was sister of I.F.'s wife Susanna. She was born 26 Jul 1705, daughter of William and Susanna Harris formerly of Greysouthen but then of Underwood. She married Apr 1732 John Gill, senior. After her husband's financial failure, emigration, and sale of his property at Eaglesfield in 1764, she moved to Cockermouth and then, in May 1767, to the upper house at Underwood, where she lived with her daughter, **SUSANNA (Susie) GILL**, and died 8 Apr 1795 in her 90th year. Her husband, **JOHN GILL, senior** was born 8 Dec 1704, son of John and Mary Gill of Eaglesfield. At his marriage in 1732 he was described as 'now residing in Ullock' but had returned to Eaglesfield by 1743. He was a partner in

I.F.'s stocking factory in Cockermouth and appears to have been more widely involved in trade to America, probably with fellow merchants Jonathan Hudson (*q.v.*) and Jonathan Harris (*q.v.*) with whom he was investigated by Pardshaw M.M. in 1763–4 when their business failed. The cause of their failures was given as 'the want of due returns and remittances from abroad, their effects being mostly in America'. Gill was an Elder of Pardshaw meeting from 1755 but lost the right to sit in meetings for discipline as a result of his failure (CRO, D/FCF/1/86, pp. 297, 313). He sailed for America in Jul 1763 in an attempt to rescue his failing business and presumably to join his eldest son, Joseph (b. 1734), who had emigrated to Virginia before 1759 and had been living in Maryland since at least 1761. In 1774 'old John Gill' was living with John Wilson (*q.v.*) at Rock Run, Harford County, Maryland. **JOHN GILL, junior** was born 11 Sep 1737, second son of John and Hannah Gill. In 1761 he took a quarter share in I.F.'s stocking factory and in the same year went to Maryland, probably to join his brother Joseph who was then living at West River, Maryland. By 1770, after his father and brother William had joined them in America, he was involved in the export of black lead to Cumberland. **WILLIAM GILL**, third son of John and Hannah Gill was born 11 Feb 1743. By Feb 1763 he was in Edinburgh, probably studying medicine: he was practising in the Cockermouth area by May 1763. He was arrested for debt in Mar 1767 and fled to Edinburgh. That May he was disowned, not for bankruptcy, but for being 'light in conversation', keeping unsuitable company, lying, and drinking to excess (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). By 1770 he had joined his father and brothers in America and was living care of Joseph Ogden, Crosskeys, Philadelphia. By 1772 he had moved to Antigua and was still there, 'very infirm ... and much affected with the gout' when he wrote to I.F. in 1778.

GLAISTER, DANIEL (*c.*1700–1779) (Q) of Mawbray Cote, Holm Cultram. Quaker minister. Died 12 Apr 1779 aged about 79 years. *The Cumberland Pacquet* (20 Apr 1779) described him as 'an eminent speaker amongst the people called Quakers, a man of a most amiable life and conversation'. He had been a minister for about 53 years (LSF, London Y.M. mins., vol. xvi, p. 317).

GLAISTER, JOSEPH (1706?–1774) of Whitehaven. Mariner and trader to Virginia. Probably to be identified with the Joseph, son of Thomas Glaister, baptised at Cockermouth 7 Jan 1706. Married (1) 1 Nov 1746 Mary Bell at Moresby; (2) Elizabeth (named in his will; marriage not traced). In 1751 entered partnership with John Fisher (*q.v.*) and John Winder in the 'oil leather factory' at Goat, as factor for the company's business at Whitehaven and in the American trade (PRO, C12/1583/32). Owned property at Cockermouth and a farm at Haws End, in the manor of Braithwaite and Coledale, which had been purchased by his father, Thomas Glaister, in 1750 and descended to Joseph on his father's death in 1764 (CRO, D/Lec, box 120, ct. leet verdicts). He may have been the Joseph Glaister whose treatise on 'The Harmony of the Prophets ratified in Christ' was being edited by I.F. in 1771–2 and 1774. By his will Joseph Glaister made two charitable endowments, one yielding 50s yearly to be distributed to the poor of Cockermouth on Christmas Eve; the other yielding £5 yearly, to be distributed among the poor of Whitehaven on the same day (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Glaister, 1774). He died between 23 May (codicil) and 28 Jul (probate) 1774.

HALL, ISAAC (1720–1787) (Q) of Little Broughton. Husbandman. Born 15 Sep 1720, son of John and Sarah Hall of Little Broughton. Married 10 Aug 1743 Alice, daughter of John and Isabel Featherstone of Allendale, Northumberland. She was an active minister, travelling to Ireland and, in company with Hannah Harris (*q.v.*), to America in 1761, where she died in 1762. Isaac Hall farmed the small estate at Little Broughton which he had inherited from his father. He died 23 Mar 1787.

HARRIS, HANNAH (1708–1786) (Q) of Oldfield, Greysouthen. Born 25 Dec 1708, daughter of Thomas and Ann Featherston of Sparty Well in West Allendale, Northumberland. She was living at Alston, Cumberland, by 1743 when she married John Harris (*q.v.*) of Oldfield. She was a minister and travelled extensively, visiting Friends in Ireland within a year of her marriage, and travelling in America in 1761–3 with Alice Hall and Elizabeth Wilkinson (*q.v.*). She died 27 Jun 1786.

HARRIS, JONATHAN (1703–1789) (Q) of Cockermouth. Merchant. Born 21 Dec 1703, younger son of William and Susanna Harris of Greysouthen, and thus brother of I.F.'s wife, Susanna. Married 7 Jul 1748 Jane, daughter of Thomas and Ann Reay of Alston, Cumberland. Jonathan Harris had acquired a farm at Iredale Place, Loweswater, from his mother in 1735 (deed, H. Spencer) which he sold to Jacob Hudson of Greysouthen in 1752 (CRO, D/WM/11), on inheriting his mother's estate at Underwood. By 1748, however, he was living in Cockermouth and his principal activity seems to have been as a merchant in the cloth trade. He was I.F.'s partner in the stocking factory, holding a one-third share which was sold in 1764 after his bankruptcy. He was also involved with the weaver Robert Smithson (*q.v.*), and had an interest in Fitz Mill, Cockermouth. He appears to have specialised in bleaching cloth: in 1756 there is a diary reference to 'his man, the bleacher', in 1759 he leased Fitz field, Cockermouth for a bleachyard, and his son, William was described as a bleacher in 1785 (Lancs RO, WRW(C), John Harris, 1785). In the early 1760s I.F. was bound as surety for Harris to several people 'in considerable sums of money out of friendship and goodwill towards him ... thinking him then in a pretty good way of business and likely to do well.' When he heard that Harris had 'large engagements with others' and had 'launched deeply into the American trade' he approached him for collateral security and Harris signed a deed of uses on 12 Apr 1763 empowering I.F. and John Reay (*q.v.*) to mortgage or sell his property to clear his debts ('Truth Vindicated', pp. 25–9). Within a week, Harris and his brother-in-law, John Gill (*q.v.*), were arrested for debt and taken to Carlisle gaol, precipitating a financial crisis for I.F. On 2 May Harris's creditors signed a letter of licence for two years and, on 9 May 1763, Harris assigned all his personal estate to four trustees: Richard Radcliffe (*q.v.*), William Thompson, Thomas Smith, and John Fearon (*q.v.*). As a result of his failure, the trustees sold Harris's property at Underwood for £921 in Sep 1763 to William Gill (*q.v.*), who was acting for I.F. In consequence of his failure, Harris was excluded from Quaker business meetings in 1764 but was re-instated in Nov 1768. He had been active in Quaker affairs and had been an elder since 1755 (CRO, D/FCF/1/86). Harris's failure strained to breaking point his relationship with his brother-in-law I.F. In 1766 Fletcher wrote that Jonathan and Jane Harris 'turned my utter enemies and endeavoured with all their might to ruin me ... therefore ... I keep my proper distance from them' ('Truth

Vindicated', pp. 35–6). Jonathan Harris died at Oldfield, Greysouthen, 13 Mar 1789 aged 85 years. He must be distinguished from **Jonathan Harris (b. 1729) of Green**, Lamplugh, son of his cousin, Joseph Harris. The latter Jonathan was probably the one to whom I.F. mortgaged land at Underwood in Apr 1769: the diary entry for 23 Aug 1776 records payment of interest to J.H. of Green.

HARRIS, JOHN (1702–1785) (Q) of Oldfield, Greysouthen. Yeoman. Born 31 Oct 1702, eldest son of William and Susanna Harris of Greysouthen, and thus brother of I.F.'s wife, Susanna. His wife, Hannah (*q.v.*), whom he married in 1743, was a prominent Quaker minister; he was an elder. Criticism of John Harris by Peter Nicholson (*q.v.*) led I.F. to defend his brother-in-law in his pamphlet, *Observations & Remarks*. He described John as 'a plain, honest and well meaning man, who wants to keep up our ancient rules and discipline to their original foundation and purity'. He was described at his death as 'yeoman' but in his will as 'gentleman'. He and Hannah were childless but her neice, Hannah Featherston, lived with them at Oldfield for 'many years' (Lancs RO, WRW(C), John Harris, 1785). He died 8 Jun 1785 aged 82 years.

HARRIS, JOSEPH (1732–1796) (Q) of Eaglesfield and Cockermouth. Born 3 Jul 1732, younger son of Joseph and Mary Harris of Lamplugh. Married 5 Jul 1759 Mary, daughter of John and Ann Wilkinson of Brandlingill. She was I.F.'s neice. He bought property at Eaglesfield the year before his marriage and lived there for some years. By 1776 they appear to have been living in Cockermouth, when they were disowned for living above their ability, contracting debts, and making 'an assignment of the effects they had to answer some particular debts which evidently appeared to be a wilfull defraud to the rest of the creditors' (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). Joseph Harris died at Eaglesfield on 21 Sep 1796, aged 64 years.

HARRISON, MYLES. Lawyer; recorder of Kendal, 1777–1797 (C. Nicholson, *Annals of Kendal* (2nd edn, London, 1861), p. 177). In 1757 he was about to come to live in Kendal, having 'come the circuit with the judges many years ... He's accounted a skillful man in the law & tho' he is deprived of his sight, ... yet for chamber advice he may be very useful' (CRO (Kendal), WD/HCW, T. Rebanks to J. Wilson, 21.ii.1757). I.F. sought Harrison's advice on several occasions: see entries for 22 Apr 1763, 9–12 Nov 1774; 10–12 Sep 1775; 28 May – 1 Jun 1776.

HEAD FAMILY of Brandlingill. **MARY HEAD (1716–1760)**, described I.F. as her 'couzin' in her will. She was baptised 21 Apr 1716, daughter of Daniel Fearon and Mary (née Walker) of Gillbrow, Mosser. Her mother was buried at Brigham the day after Mary was baptized. Mary married, 27 Apr 1735, Richard Head (1714–1749) of Brandlingill at Lorton church. In 1740, she inherited the farm at Gillbrow from John Walker of Gillbrow (memorial, Brigham churchyard), who was probably her grandfather. She died 16 Oct 1760 and was buried at Brigham church. Her three surviving daughters were **JANE HEAD**, baptised 28 Dec 1737, who was unmarried in 1780 and inherited the Brandlingill property; **MARY HEAD ('Mally')**, baptised 18 Nov 1742, who married Musgrave Walker (*q.v.*) at Brigham 29 Apr 1766; and **MARGARET HEAD ('Peggy')**, baptised 9 Dec 1749, who

married Henry Tolson (*q.v.*) at Brigham 25 Sep 1773, and inherited her mother's estate at Gillbrow.

HOSKINS, ALEXANDER (1722–1800) (Q) of Great Broughton. Thought to have been born at Moor Park, Hertfordshire (CRO, DX/659/1) and said to have been great-grandson of Sir William Hoskins, bart., of Youghal (*CFH*, 164). Said to have settled at Great Broughton Hall in 1748 (ibid). He owned property at Broughton by 1757 but appears not to have lived there until later. He was living within the limits of Holme M.M. by 1749, when he married (1), May 1749, Eleanor, daughter of Joseph Senhouse (*q.v.*) of Wigton. He was described as of Wigton in 1754 (CRO (Barrow), Z536, p. 170) but moved to Papcastle in 1757. He married (2), 22 Mar 1758, Ann, daughter of Isaac Spencer of Little Broughton. In the mid 1750s he was an active Friend and minister, representing Cumberland Q.M. at London Y.M. in 1753 (when he preached) and 1755 (LSF, index to list of reps. to London Y.M.; *Jnl. of Friends Hist. Soc.*, 28 (1931), 39). I.F. reports him preaching at three meetings on one day in Bristol in Jul 1756, and he ministered at the Northern Yearly Meetings in 1756 and 1757 (CRO (Kendal), WD/HCW, T. Rebanks to J. Wilson, 24.iv.1756, 30.iv.1757). However, a dispute with his first father-in-law and the circumstances of his second marriage led to his disownment in the latter part of 1758. The minute of disownment claimed that since moving to Papcastle 'he appeared very unsteady in his actions and conduct, particularly in not keeping to the plain language, in imitating the customs of other people in modes of address and behaviour and in his libertine conversation, notwithstanding his publick appearance as a preacher among us, under which of late many Friends were uneasy. And also what hath lately happened with regard to his courtship and marriage with Anne Spencer ... his bargaining and other means made use of to extract a fortune from her said father and others, and saying so often that he would never marry her unless his terms were complyed with in this respect, which sheweth his averitious views and inordinate love of the things of this world.' His second wife was delivered of a baby eleven weeks after their marriage and claimed that it was not Alexander's but was the result of a rape. The M.M., however, thought that this was 'nothing but invention and artfull contrivance'. Alexander Hoskins also promulgated the principles of Deism, 'to the great hurt, we fear, of some of the youth amongst us, who may be unwarily led to believe those doctrines and principles thro' the artfull gloss of words and delusive force of arguments' (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). Hoskins and his second wife applied to have their membership of the Society of Friends reinstated in 1763 but this was not granted (D/FCF/1/86). By 1767 he was living at Great Broughton, apparently as a country gentleman. He was chairman of Cumberland Quarter Sessions for many years and his son Joseph (b.1750), despite his Quaker background, was baptized in 1767 and later became a lieutenant in the First Regiment of Horse (Bridekirk par. reg.). Hoskins was a wealthy man: he owned property in Cockermouth (CRO, D/Lec/Cockermouth burgage deeds/B.4) and in 1757 purchased two farms at Burthwaite and High Eskin, Wythop (CRO, D/Van/Wythop deeds). I.F. commented that Hoskins was in distressed circumstances in 1779 and he sold his Wythop property in 1785 and 1789. He died 1 Jul 1800 at Hornby Hall, Lancs., the home of his daughter Ann, wife of Timothy Parker. *The Cumberland Pacquet* (8 Jul 1800) noticed him as 'the oldest magistrate of

this county [Cumberland]. A gentleman most peculiarly endeared to his relations and friends by a life spent in the exercise of every social and moral virtue.' His epitaph described him as 'endeared to his family and friends by equanimity of mind, suavity of manners ... formed to piety by early study of the sacred Scriptures, he was respected and beloved by all who knew him' (memorial in Melling church, Lancs.).

HOW, PETER (*c.*1699–1772) of Whitehaven. One of the leading Whitehaven merchants, with numerous industrial interests. Born *c.*1699, second son of John How, alderman, of Carlisle (CFH, 164). Married 24 Aug 1735 Christian Spedding. Declared bankrupt Dec 1763 (PRO, B4/17, pp. 53–4), at which time I.F. commented that it was reported that How owed over £100,000, much of it to the Government, and that his bankruptcy would 'affect the trade of this county very much & ruin many families who have almost their all in his hands'. He died Sep 1772 aged 73 years.

HUDSON, JONATHAN (1706–1770) (Q) of Greysouthen. Merchant. Born 17 Apr 1706, son of James and Mary Hudson of Greysouthen. Traded to America in partnership with Christopher Wilson (*q.v.*) and probably also with John Gill (*q.v.*) and Jonathan Harris (*q.v.*), as Gill, Harris and Hudson all failed in 1764. A further partnership between Hudson and Christopher Nailor of Workington was dissolved in 1764. In 1763 he had assigned all his personal estate to John Ellwood (*q.v.*), Peter Nicholson (*q.v.*) and I.F., for the use of his creditors. He died in Apr 1770.

HUDSON, PETER (1694–1775) (Q) of Eaglesfield. Yeoman. Born 2 Mar 1694, son of James and Mary Hudson of Greysouthen. Married (1) 1721, Mary Barn of Eaglesfield, widow (CRO, D/FCF/1/84), who d. 1758; (2) 6 Mar 1760, Priscilla Nelson (d. 1767); (3) 25 Aug 1768. Sarah Bewley of Hesket. He was living at Dean in 1758 but later lived at Eaglesfield, and left freehold property at Greysouthen and Brigham at his death. (Lancs RO, WRW(C), P. Hudson, 1775). He was involved in Christopher Wilson's trading activities and was one of the creditors who filed the bill in Chancery in 1764. In Dec 1766 he admitted his error in this and in allowing his son-in-law, John Walker (*q.v.*) of Dean to use his name in another lawsuit (CRO, D/FCF/1/86). Hudson was a minister for over 50 years (LSF, London Y.M. mins, vol. xv, p. 301), travelling in the ministry to Ireland in 1758. He died 17 Jul 1775 aged 81 years.

HUDSON, SARAH (1707–1762) (Q) of Cockermouth. Born 2 Jul 1707, daughter of William and Susanna Harris of Greysouthen and thus sister of I.F.'s wife, Susanna. Married 20 Nov 1739 Isaac Hudson (1698–1745) of Cockermouth, brother or Jonathan (*q.v.*) and Peter Hudson (*q.v.*). Sarah Hudson came to live at Underwood towards the end of her life and died there about 7 Jul 1762.

HUDSON, WILLIAM (1743–1771) (Q). Sailor. Born 11 Jun 1743, son of Isaac and Sarah (*q.v.*) Hudson of Cockermouth. After his mother's death in 1762, I.F. became his guardian, and undertook the management of the burgage property in Cockermouth which Hudson had inherited from his father. In 1759 he was apprenticed to Joseph White, a Whitehaven ship's carpenter, for five years, at the

end of which, in Jan 1764, he came to Underwood and attended school, but sailed to Dublin at the end of February. That seems to have been the beginning of his career as a sailor. By 1768 his home port seems to have been Liverpool and his voyages took him to the West Indies and to the East Indies, on the way home from which he died at sea off the Cape of Good Hope on 4 Aug 1771. By his will, dated Nov 1769, he left his property jointly to I.F. and Joseph Robinson (*q.v.*) of London (PRO, PROB 11/973, ff. 145v–146).

HUNTER, LAWRENCE (*c.*1732–1784) of Mockerkin. Tailor, employed by I.F. frequently between Aug 1757 and Aug 1779. He was paid at the rate of 6d per day in 1757–8 but consistently at 8d per day in the 1770s. He probably married Jane Hill at Dean on 14 May 1765. Their children were baptised at Loweswater 1767–75. He was buried at Dean 17 Dec 1784 aged 52 years.

HUTCHINSON, JOSEPH (1713–1778) of Cockermouth. Tailor and mercer. Baptised at Dean 26 Jul 1713, son of Thomas Hutchinson and brother of Pennington Hutchinson (*q.v.*). Married Mary Hudson at Cockermouth 4 Jun 1737. He held a lease of a burgage house opposite the Moot Hall in Cockermouth (CRO, D/Lons/L3/2/230) and also owned land at Pardshaw Hall which was sold to Dorothy Wood after his death. He died Apr 1778.

HUTCHINSON, PENNINGTON (1720–1772) of Pardshaw Hall. Yeoman. Known as 'Pen' or 'Penny'. Baptised at Dean 29 May 1720, son of Thomas Hutchinson and brother of Joseph (*q.v.*). Married (1) at Cockermouth 30 Dec 1744 Hannah Mirehouse (who was buried at Loweswater 29 Dec 1763); (2) Deborah (known only from his will). Despite possessing land of his own, Hutchinson laboured fairly regularly at Underwood for I.F. in the years 1760–64. In the 1768 election he was an under-agent on Lowther's behalf. By Dec 1771 he appears to have been in financial difficulties as he conveyed his estate at Pardshaw Hall to trustees to be sold in order to pay off his debts (Lancs RO, WRW(C), P. Hutchinson, 1773). He died 22 Nov 1772.

JACKSON, JOHN (1735–1804) (Q) of Beech Hill, Mosser. Farmer. Born 16 Aug 1735, son of Matthew and Mary Jackson of Felldyke, Lamplugh. As a young man was I.F.'s farm servant from 1756 to 1759 (see Appendix II). Married, 1 Jun 1764, Ann Bell at Broughton meeting. Appears to have moved to Beech Hill: in 1769 he was left a legacy of £100 by John Robinson (*q.v.*) of Beech Hill, who described him as 'my faithful servant' (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Robinson, 1769). Became tenant of Beech Hill after John Robinson's death and of I.F.'s Underwood land from 1779. By 1791 he had moved (CRO, QRP/1/25), probably to his family farm at Felldyke, Lamplugh, where he died 4 Sep 1804. He should be distinguished from **JOHN JACKSON of Ulverston**, beast buyer and cattle drover, to whom I.F. sold cattle on several occasions, taking them for collection to Ennerdale Bridge or Lamplugh Cross.

JEFFERSON, THOMAS of Wigton. Merchant. He died, apprarently unmarried, in Jun 1762, having made a will in 1759 which named Joseph Senhouse (*q.v.*) as

executor and trustee. I.F. became involved in settling Jefferson's affairs in Nov 1762, as the will, after making several legacies (particularly to James or 'Jemmy' Simmons, 'the boy I keep and maintain') ordered that the residue of the estate was to be divided amongst his relations. I.F. may have become involved through contact with Matthew Black (*q.v.*), to whom Jefferson left a legacy of 10 guineas and whom he described as 'my cousin'.

JOHNSON, MATTHEW (1732–1815) (Q) of Coanwood and Burnwalls, Northumberland. Yeoman and Quaker minister. Born at Coanwood 1732. Became a minister at the age of 36 and paid religious visits to several parts of Britain and Ireland. Married, 22 Jun 1791, Catherine Duckett, widow, of Carlisle, where he subsequently lived until shortly before his death at his brother's house in Allendale on 14 May 1815. (DQB)

JONES, EDWARD (*c.*1722–1797) (Q) of Cockermouth. Innkeeper. His birth and parentage have not been traced. Married Sarah (surname not traced), before 1748. Described in 1765 as 'innholder near the Market Place, Cockermouth' and in 1767 and 1775 as innkeeper at 'the sign of the Cross Keys, Cockermouth' (PRO, C12/1967/15). Died 4 Apr 1797 aged about 75 years.

LAWSON, WILLIAM. Drainer and hedger for I.F. at Underwood 1759–1762. In 1764 he was living at Dean New Close, where he was probably tenant or agent to Peter Gale, a Whitehaven merchant. He and I.F. then had a reciprocal arrangement over harvest workers. Lawson was living at Distington in 1767. He had married Eleanor (surname not traced) by Sep 1764 and the fact that their son Peter (who boarded with I.F. in 1777) was baptised at the Scotch Presbyterian church, Whitehaven, in Aug 1765, suggests that Lawson might have been a Scot. He moved to Scotland in 1773 when he was hired to Lord Galloway at Galloway House, Wigtownshire, for five years at £30 p.a. (cash accts. 15 Nov 1773). Lawson was still at Galloway House in 1776.

LEATHES, THOMAS (d. 1760) of Cockermouth. Parson of Isel 1719–29; rector of Plumbland 1729–60 (J. Nicolson & R. Burn, *Hist. Westmorland & Cumberland*, vol. ii, pp. 98, 120). In 1758 became executor of John Winder, who was in partnership with John Fisher (*q.v.*) and Joseph Glaister (*q.v.*) in the 'leather company'. Leathes was subsequently described as having been 'ignorant of the nature of foreign trade or concerns' and 'then very old and infirm' (PRO, C12/1583/32) and he, Fisher and Glaister appointed I.F. to act as their attorney to settle the partnership's affairs. Leathes died 1 Aug 1760 (ibid) leaving an endowment and a house in Cockermouth, on the corner of Kirkgate and Mackreth Row, as a home for six poor widows. It came to be known as the Widows' Hospital (J.B. Bradbury, *Cockermouth* (Chichester, 1981), pp. 138–9).

LOWTHER, Sir JAMES (1736–1802), created 1st earl of Lonsdale 1784. Son of Robert Lowther and Catherine (née Pennington). Inherited not only his father's estate at Maulds Meaburn (in 1745) and the baronetcy and main family estates at Lowther on his great uncle's death in 1751, but also extensive estates and collieries

in west Cumberland on the death of Sir William Lowther in 1756. He was thus a man of great wealth and influence, and an ambitious politician. To many contemporaries he was extremely unpopular: 'tyrannical, overbearing, violent', 'more detested than any man alive'. I.F.'s dealings with him shed light both on Lowther's purchase of burgage property in Cockermouth to secure votes in 1758 (a process on which he spent £58,000) and his activities in the notorious general election of 1768 when he was disqualified because of irregularities. Sources: *DNB*; J.V. Beckett in *CW2*, 87 (1987), 171–8; and B. Bonsall, *Sir James Lowther and Cumberland & Westmorland Elections 1754–1775* (Manchester, 1960).

LUCOCK, JOSHUA (1710–*c.*1795) of Cockermouth. Gentleman. Baptised 23 Jan 1710, son of John and Judith Lucock of Cockermouth. Married (1) his cousin Mary (d. 1737), daughter of Wilfred Grisdale; (2) [name unknown] (a son Joshua bapt. 1740); (3) 26 Jan 1746 Elizabeth Raisbeck of Cockermouth. Lucock was a J.P. and a man of considerable estate. In 1745 he built 'Wordsworth House', the most substantial town house in Cockermouth, where the poet was later born; and he had other property at Ilekirk, Westward (Nicolson & Burn, *op. cit.* ii.144); Bassenthwaite (CRO, D/Law/1/116); Cockermouth (CRO, D/Lec/Cockermouth burgages/B.58); and Lowfield, Setmurthy (D/Lec/84). He was sheriff of Cumberland in 1745. He died before Apr 1795 (Borthwick Institute, Wills 1795 May).

MILBOURNE, WILLIAM (1717–1769) of Armathwaite. Lawyer. Son of Thomas Milbourne of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, feltmaker and hatter. Inherited Armathwaite Castle from his great-uncle in 1741. He was Recorder of Carlisle; steward to the Earl of Carlisle, and greatly interested in local history. (*CFH*, 227)

MIREHOUSE, JOHN. There were several Mirehouse families in the vicinity of Mosser, among whom were the following men of this name:

JOHN MIREHOUSE of Kirkstyle, Dean (Q). Possibly a member of the Mockerkin family. He was a mason and waller, who worked for I.F. at Underwood in the 1760s. Most references to John Mirehouse in the diary are probably to him.

JOHN MIREHOUSE (*c.*1728–1778) of Mockerkin, yeoman, inherited the family farm at Mockerkin which had been in hands of Mirehouse family since before 1547 (CRO, D/Lec, passim). Married 15 May 1750 Mary Fearon of Mockerkin.

The Mirehouse family of Miresike, Loweswater, included **JOHN MIREHOUSE (*c.*1679–1771)**, yeoman, and his eldest son, **JOHN MIREHOUSE (1705–1807)**. Thomas Mirehouse (1716–1769), son of John, the elder, was the 'Parson Mirehouse' who visited I.F. in Aug 1766. (*CFH*, 228)

MOUNCEY, JOHN, pencil maker; and John Mouncey, junior, of Workington have not been positively identified. The elder was probably one of the men of that name who married at Crosthwaite church, near Keswick, in 1745 and 1756. The younger may have been the John Mounsey whose children were baptised at Workington 1780–4.

NICHOLSON, PETER (Q) of Whitehaven, Dublin, and Ulverston. Merchant. No record of his birth has been found in the Quaker registers of Cumberland Q.M.

He moved from Cumberland to Dublin as a young man in 1746 when his membership was transferred to Dublin Men's Meeting. He lived at Aston's Quay, Dublin, and traded as a merchant, but fell into financial difficulties in the early 1750s. In his own words, 'During my residence in Dublin in and before the year 1752, when I was young and but little experienced in business, Daniel Stephenson and divers other merchants, then in Whitehaven, whose circumstances I did not suspect until it was too late, unfortunately screwed me, by numerous false representations, to accept their bills to a great amount ... under pretence that they were for bills drawn on them from Virginia, payable in London, for tobaccos sent them, for which they could not procure other remittances at Whitehaven in time; and the strongest assurances that my bills on them to the masters of the coal-ships, who I was well acquainted with, or to any other persons who might leave their cash with me, should be punctually paid.' He was prevailed upon to advance them money secured by mortgages on their estates but, when his principal debtors at Whitehaven failed in 1753, he found that 'these mortgaged premises were incumbered by bonds to the Crown, and other charges, that had been totally concealed from me at the time of my mortgages, to the amount of several thousands of pounds'. He therefore returned to Whitehaven in June 1753 to attempt to recover his affairs, but Dublin Men's Meeting refused to give him a certificate of transfer back to Pardshaw M.M. because of debts owing to creditors in Dublin, which, they claimed, stood at over £1500. Indeed, they issued a minute of denial in June 1761 on the grounds that, while at Dublin, Nicholson had 'launched out into precarious engagements of trade and, having contracted debts to a great amount, and some of them in a dishonourable manner, he absconded from his creditors here by with-drawing to England'. According to I.F. in his pamphlet against Nicholson in 1770, Nicholson became a bankrupt in England but worked 'diligently (I believe) for some time, not only on account of his own affairs, but on account of some other bankruptcies which he was employed in as agent or manager under their respective assignees'. At the beginning of 1760 he moved to Sunbrick (SD 286 738), near Ulverston, and lived in the Ulverston area until at least 1771, when he was living at 'Old Hall, near Ulverston', which is identified in 1772 as Old Hall, near Bouth, Colton parish (SD 326 855) (CRO (Barrow), BDSO/4/34/31). His status in the Society of Friends was now confused: in 1759 London Y.M. had heard his appeal against Dublin's refusal to grant him a certificate of transfer to Pardshaw and found in his favour, deciding that his insolvency 'was occasioned by the misconduct and failure of divers other persons'. Despite this Dublin Men's Meeting issued the paper of denial against him in 1761. Nicholson claimed that, on his removal to Ulverston, and in the light of the London Y.M. decision, Swarthmore M.M. 'considered me in much the same light as if such certificate had been sent'. However, when Nicholson became involved in further disputes with Friends (with William Salthouse, clerk of Swarthmore M.M., in 1767, and with William Skyrin (*q.v.*) in 1768), the question of his membership again surfaced. His case came before London Y.M. in 1770 and 1771 and brought to a head a procedural point, namely whether appeals over the conduct of Ireland National Meeting could be heard by London Y.M. In 1771 London Y.M. confirmed Ireland's independence and refused to hear Nicholson's appeal. Thenceforth, he disappears from the Quaker sources. The diary sheds a little light on the nature of Nicholson's trading activities: in November 1759 he imported Irish

cattle and in July 1760 he was importing Irish yarn in partnership with Robert Smithson (*q.v.*) and I.F. His business difficulties and his increasingly bitter dispute over his status in the Society of Friends led him to go to law several times: in 1767 against Joshua Gee (agent to Daniel Stephenson's assignees); in 1768 against William Skyrin over a debt and alleging a libel; and in 1771 against Samuel Fothergill (*q.v.*), alleging libel. I.F. was merciless in his attack on Nicholson in his pamphlet of 1770, describing him (p. 7) as 'this carper, our antagonist, who has divided our peaceable meetings by his art, craft and subtility, sown sedition and discord amongst the brethren, and tares amongst the wheat' and (p. 29) as 'this audacious, virulent contemner of the brethren, this *comitialis homo*, as the ancient Romans term it (that is to say) a wrangler in the law, or a contentious, litigious person, a mover of sedition and strife'. Sources: I. Fletcher, *Observation & Remarks*; P. Nicholson, *Abstract of the Case of Peter Nicholson...* (1770), *The Case of Peter Nicholson ...* (1770); *An Appeal to Friends of London Yearly Meeting...* (1771) (Copies in LSF); CRO, D/FCF/1/86; D/FCF/5/2; CRO (Barrow), BDFC/F/1/222; BDFC/F/2/4; Lancs RO, FRL, Lancs Q.M. min. bk. 1711–76; P. Nicholson's appeal to Lancashire Q.M., 1768.

NIXON, JOHN (1722–1796) (Q) of Whitehaven. Tobacconist and tallow chandler. Born 5 Feb 1722, son of William and Martha Nixon of Newtown, Carlisle. Married Jan 1744 Elizabeth, daughter of John and Anne Wilson of Graythwaite. Her father 'did not give such full consent ... as could be desired' (CRO, D/FCF/1/85) and made elaborate provision in his will to ensure that his legacy to Elizabeth did not fall into his son-in-law's hands (Lancs RO, WRW(C), John Wilson, 1747). After marriage John and Elizabeth Nixon lived at Newtown but moved to Whitehaven about 1747, where he established a tobacco importing and processing business. In 1762 they were living in Chapel Street, Whitehaven, though family tradition states that the tobacco business was in King Street. Nixon appears to have retained his property at Newtown, though he mortgaged it in 1772 (see diary entries for 22 Oct 1772 and 13 May 1777). His main source of income was from his trading and tobacco partnership with his brother-in-law, Christopher Wilson (*q.v.*), in which Nixon acted as the managing partner in Whitehaven. Accounts of the partnership show that they imported tobacco and deer skins from James River, Virginia, and exported various unspecified manufactured goods: 'the goods were bought on credit here in England and sent to the several persons who ordered the same in America, which persons mostly returned goods and the produce of America for the same to England again, which were received by [John Nixon] as manager of the said partnership commission trade and when sold the money arising therefrom was applied in payment for the said goods so bought and sent to America and the incident charges and expenses about the same, by reason whereof little money was advanced into the said trade' (PRO, C12/1967/15). On Wilson's death in 1761 the partnership owed large sums to people in England who had sold goods to them for export, and was owed large sums by their correspondents in America. As surviving partner, Nixon was left in an exposed position and he filed a suit in the Court of Common Pleas in May 1763 against Wilson's executors to recover the sum of £707 10s 0d owed him by Wilson. As well as importing tobacco from Virginia, Nixon and Wilson operated a 'tobacco manufactory' in Whitehaven. The accounts of this from

June 1752 to Wilson's death in Nov 1761 show that they also bought tobacco from other merchants, including Eccleston & Watson (see Eccleston, William), Joseph Glaister (*q.v.*), and Robert Smithson (*q.v.*). Interest was paid to one Sibson on £200 capital. Their sales (of leaf, roll, prick, cut and twist tobacco) may have been largely to Ireland and Scotland (purchasers included Campbell, Greer, Younghusband, Thompson & Stewart, Kean, Brown, Boyd, and an unnamed purchaser in Newry). A glimpse of Nixon's character is provided by I.F. (*Observations & Remarks*, pp. 16–17): when Christopher Wilson's executors initially refused to settle the partnership debt 'he replied that he had no other method left but either to sue us, or go to gaol himself, and he rather chose to take his chance in law than look through the iron gratings at Carlisle. We thought him only in jest, in his usual way, and took no further notice at that time, however, some short time after we were served with a writ on said account.' In 1776 Nixon entered into partnership with I.F. and others in a lease of the Knockiebae lead mine in Wigtownshire, a venture which they gave up two years later. He appears also to have been involved with I.F. in another lead mine near Bangor, Co. Down, in 1777. John Nixon died 2 Apr 1796 at Roper Street, Whitehaven, having retired from business (*Cumberland Pacquet*, 5 Apr 1796).

NUTT, JOHN (1705–1784) (Q) of Sosgill. Yeoman. Born 28 Feb 1705, son of John and Sarah Nutt of Loweswater. He acquired his property at Sosgill in 1730 (CRO, D/Lec, dimissions). Died 7 Dec 1784. The relationship between John Nutt and **ISAAC NUTT (d. 1763)** of Askill, Loweswater, has not been established. Askill had been in the hands of the Nutt family since before 1650 (CRO, D/WM/11) but I.F. records writing purchase deeds of the property for Isaac Nutt in 1757.

OFFLEY, DANIEL (Q) of Philadelphia. Involved in the black lead trade with John Gill (*q.v.*). Probably son of Caleb Offley of Philadelphia. Married, 1751, Rachel Davies, widow, at Philadelphia (W.W. Hinshaw, *Encyclopaedia of Quaker Genealogy*, ii. 609).

PARROT, SAMUEL (*c.*1740–1828) (Q) of Deer Park, Preston Richard, Westmorland. Quaker minister. Visited Cumberland on three occasions during the period covered by the diary, in 1766, 1769 and 1774, though he appears to have come forward as a minister in his youth several years before. At Westmorland Q.M. in 1760 he preached 'pretty long' and apparently not to Friends' satisfaction, as he was given advice afterwards by Catherine Payton, a well-known minister from Worcestershire. Thomas Rebanks, who recorded that incident, commented 'the man aims well & has witnessed a religious turn of mind' (CRO, (Kendal), WD/HCW, Rebanks to Wilson, 7.i.1760). In May 1762, I.F., hearing Parrot preach at Franley, Cheshire, commented that his ministry was 'not much to the satisfaction of Friends, his testimony being dry, empty and formal.' Samuel Parrot died 21 Jan 1828 aged 88 years.

PATTINSON, JOHN (1686–1768) (Q) of Waterend, Loweswater. Born 11 Feb 1686, son of William and Sarah Pattinson of Waterend, Loweswater. He bought the farm at Waterend, now Hudson Place, from William Woodville in 1758 and his son John Pattinson, younger, was entered tenant. He died 8 Sep 1768 at Bridgefoot and

was buried at Eaglesfield. **JOHN PATTINSON, younger**, was described as gentleman, of 'Hosses' near Brentwood, Essex when he sold Hudson Place to Peter Hudson in 1776 (CRO, D/Law/2/27).

PAYLE, RUTH (1698–1777) of Branthwaite. Baptised at Dean 25 Sep 1698, daughter of Joseph James. Married Christopher Payle (d.1765) at Dean, 10 Nov 1729. From 1773 involved in a suit in Chancery concerning the will of her nephew, Joseph James, from whom, as heir-at-law, she claimed title to an estate at Branthwaite (PRO, C12/1628/2). She was buried at Dean 27 Dec 1777.

PAYTON (or PATTON), ALEXANDER. Regular day labourer at Underwood, employed by I.F. between 1765 and 1778, mainly in hedging, draining, road mending and lime burning. Paid at rate of 1s 0d–1s 2d per day, though he was paid 10s per week for lime burning in 1768. He married Henrietta Bell at Dean church 12 Nov 1759, but was a nonconformist: two of their children were baptized at Cockermouth Independent chapel in 1762 and 1765 and a son at Workington Presbyterian chapel in 1771. He moved to Pardshaw in June 1775, but it is not known where he lived before that. His children **JOHN (b. 1762), MARGARET ('Peggy') (b. 1765)** and **GEORGE PAYTON** also did farm work for I.F. in the mid 1770s.

PEARSON, JANE (1713–1784) (Q) of Little Broughton. Born 18 Oct 1713, daughter of William and Susanna Harris of Greysouthen, and thus sister of I.F.'s wife, Susanna. Married, 1734, Thomas Pearson of Little Broughton. Her mother left her only a legacy of 5s 0d and her woollen apparel and (unlike her four sisters) did not name her as an executor (Lancs RO, WRW(C), Susanna Harris, 1752). Jane and her family seem to have remained in close contact with her sister Susanna Fletcher and she was a frequent visitor to Underwood. Her daughter Susanna ('Susie') Pearson was I.F.'s maid servant from 1764 to 1768 (see Appendix II). Jane Pearson was among the seven women Friends appointed as elders in Pardshaw M.M. in 1762 (CRO, D/FCF/1/11). She is to be distinguished from her namesake, a leading minister, who was the wife of John Pearson (*q.v.*) of Greysouthen. Jane Pearson of Broughton died 14 Mar 1784.

PEARSON, JOHN. Several men of this name occur in the diary. The following individuals have been identified:

JOHN PEARSON (1725–1774) (Q) of Greysouthen. Married 1757 Jane (1735–1816), daughter of Jonathan and Jane Sibson of Newtown, Carlisle. She was a leading minister in Pardshaw M.M. from about 1773, travelling in the ministry 1777–1787. She died at Whitehaven 20 Feb 1816.

JOHN PEARSON (1715–1795) of 'Beck' in Mosser. Owner of the Midtown estate, Mosser Mains. Probably son of John Pearson of Beck in Mossermains, who died 1748 (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Pearson, 1748). Died 8 Jan 1795 (Cumberland Pacquet, 13 Jan. 1795).

JOHN PEARSON of How, Blindbothel, occurs in I.F.'s cash accounts for Oct 1770 and in the diary in 1773. William Pearson was tenant of How, Blindbothel, in 1780 (CRO, QRP/1/14).

JOHN PEARSON, smith, of Mossergate. Occupier of property at Mossergate in 1767, which can be identified with a holding known as 'Mosshills'. Pearson was no longer tenant by 1780 (CRO, QRP/1, passim), which may identfity him with the John Pearson whose removal to Mockerkin and farm sale at Mossergate in 1779 are recorded in the diary.

PEARSON, PETER. Several individuals of this name are known in the vicinity of Mosser in the mid eighteenth century. Most of the references in the diary appear to be to the following:

PEARSON, PETER (1731–1792) (Q) of Greysouthen and Whitehaven. Linen merchant. Son of Joseph and Sarah Pearson of Greysouthen. It is possible that he was the tenant of Jane Woodvill at Waterend, Loweswater, in the 1750s, who quit the farm in 1759 but whose dispute with Jane Woodvill was not finally resolved until 1762. He was living at Greysouthen by the time of his marriage, on 30 Apr 1766, to Letitia Sibson of Newtown. He had moved to Whitehaven by *c.*1776, when he was described as a manufacturer of coarse white linen and also of 'housewife checks' by a Philadelphia Quaker merchant who found him to be 'a very honest man and would be glad to deal with us.' (K. Morgan (ed), *An American Quaker in the British Isles* (Oxford, 1992), p. 293). He was living in Scotch Street, Whitehaven, at the time of his death on 9 Feb 1792. His obituary notice in *Cumberland Pacquet* (14 Feb 1792) described him as 'a very eminent linen-merchant, well known throughout the northern part of this kingdom and Scotland'.

PEARSON, SAMUEL (1717–1781) of Bassenthwaite. Lent money to I.F. in 1775; he repaid it in 1777. Baptised at Bassenthwaite, 13 Oct 1717, son of Joseph Pearson of Norrow. Buried there 7 Dec 1781, when he was described as 'a boarder of Halls'.

PEILE, JOSEPH (*c.*1721–1791) (Q) of Stanger, Embleton. Born *c.*1721, son of George and Dorothy Peile of Stanger. Married 22 Jun 1756 Mary, daughter of Jonathan Harrison of Low Mire, Holm M.M. Died 23 Jun 1791 aged 70 years.

PORTER, JOSEPH (*c.*1709–1791) of Mosser Mains. Yeoman. Purchased a farm at Mosser Mains from Thomas Wood in 1758 and further land there from Jonathan Robinson (*q.v.*) in 1762. Married 24 Feb 1748, Mary Taylor (d. 1795) at Cockermouth. They may have been nonconformists: seven children of Joseph and Mary Porter were baptised at Cockermouth Independent chapel 1750–66. Died 29 Oct 1791 and was buried at Mosser chapel.

RADCLIFFE, RICHARD (1726–1793/4) of Cockermouth. Merchant. Baptised at Cockermouth 14 Jun 1726, son of Richard Radcliffe. Married at Brampton, 19 Feb 1755, Maria Dorothea, daughter of John Nowell, principal agent to Lord Carlisle at Naworth Castle. Radcliffe was a substantial mercer and linen-draper in Cockermouth, probably having wide interests in West Cumberland trade (in 1763 he had a share in a ship about to be built for the coal trade). In 1781, in partnership with a Mr Smith and three Manchester men, he was in the process of establishing a cotton factory using Arkwright's water-powered machinery at Rubby Banks Mill, Cockermouth, but by 1784 he was bankrupt, having, as he put it, 'lost upwards of

£10,000 sustained in a thirty years' adverse trade'. He was seeking lodgings in Maryport, and was anxious to find a situation for his eldest son who had been in the family business (E. Hughes, *North Country Life in Eighteenth Century II*, pp. 185–6, 357–9; J.B. Bradbury, *Cockermouth*, pp. 180–1). He died in London in Dec 1793 or Jan 1794 (*Cumberland Pacquet*, 7 Jan. 1794).

RAMSEY, RICHARD of Cockermouth. Horse doctor, recorded in the diary 1756–1776. No biographical details have been established.

REAY, JOSEPH (1726–1774) (Q) of Alston. Merchant. Born 21 Feb 1726, son of Thomas and Ann Reay of Alston, Cumberland. He was brother of Jane, wife of Jonathan Harris of Cockermouth (*q.v.*). Married, 175– [*sic*], Hannah Westgarth of Allendale. Reay held a share in I.F.'s stocking factory at Cockermouth which was sold after his death in Jul 1774 (Borthwick Inst., Wills, Dec 1774, Prerog.). His brother, **JOHN REAY (b. 1720) (Q)** was involved in taking out a share of the stocking factory goods for Joseph's widow.

RICHARDSON, JOHN (b. 1756?). Day labourer at Underwood 1776–7. Probably baptised 28 May 1756, son of Anthony Richardson, tenant farmer of Gillbrow, Mosser.

RITSON, JOSEPH, clerk (1710–1758). Son of Revd Joseph Ritson, schoolmaster and curate of Alnwick, Northumberland. Married 1737 Mary, daughter of Revd Thomas Jefferson, minister of Cockermouth. Ritson was schoolmaster of Cockermouth, 1731–58 and also curate of Brigham, 1736; vicar of Dearham 1736–58; rector of Egremont, 1737–58. Died 5 Jul 1758. I.F. was granted administration of his effects. (*CFH*, 282)

RITSON, THOMAS (*c.*1727–1798) of Branthwaite. Joiner and furniture maker. Described as joiner, of Bassenthwaite, when he married Rachel Fletcher of Pardshaw at Dean, 17 Feb 1750. Their sons, Isaac (b. 1752), John (b. 1754) and Fletcher Ritson (b. 1756) appear to have followed their father's trade and are recorded doing joinery work for I.F. in the 1770s. Thomas Ritson was buried at Dean 11 Jan 1798 aged 70 years.

ROBINSON, ELIHU (1734–1807) (Q) of Eaglesfield. Yeoman. Born 5 Jan 1735, son of Samuel Robinson of Kirby, near Pardshaw Hall. Married Jul 1757 Ruth, daughter of John Mark of Caldbeck. They had no children. Elihu Robinson was a leading member of Pardshaw meeting, who took over the Monthly and Quarterly Meeting clerkships on I.F.'s death in 1781, and represented Cumberland Q.M. at London Y.M. on 11 occasions between 1759 and 1789. He was described (*DNB, sub* John Dalton) as 'a quaker gentleman of fortune and scientific attainments'. These scientific interests included meteorology (cf. the meteorological observations in his diaries: LSF, MS Box R3) and brought him into contact with leading figures in the field 'through the late-eighteenth century's informal Quaker network of scientific contacts' (Thackray, *John Dalton*, p. 17). In 1776 Robinson took into his house the ten-year-old John Dalton, whose love of study quickly attracted his

attention and he was able to provide Dalton with evening lessons in mathematics and access to his substantial library. Through such encouragement, Robinson effectively became Dalton's first patron and the two men remained in contact with each other until the end of Robinson's life. He was essentially a yeoman farmer – his diaries record his agricultural activities – but he also had business interests. In 1780 he wrote, 'I have several times endeavoured to augment mine income by engaging a little in trade; I hope not through ambitious vision but a desire to be enabled to do more good. However, I have seldom been prosperous, but the contrary' (LSF, MS Box R3/6). This and the other 'reflections' he committed to paper give the impression that he was a humble man with a deep religious faith. He continued to live in his house on the main street in Eaglesfield and died 14 Sep 1807. Henry Lonsdale saw Elihu Robinson as the archetypal Quaker yeoman of the period: 'decked out in his three-cocked beaver, light drab coat, vest, and knee-breeches, yellowish-grey ribbed stockings, and silver-buckled shoes, all in the best style of rich Quakerism, fine and spotless, and walking in sober fashion through the village with silver-headed cane in support.' Sources: DQB; LSF, MS Box R3; *DNB, sub* Dalton, John; Arnold Thackray, *John Dalton: critical assessment of his life and science* (Harvard Univ. Press, 1972), pp. 15–17; Henry Lonsdale, *Worthies of Cumberland*, vol. v (London, Routledge, 1874), pp. 34–9.

ROBINSON, ISAAC Partner with John Nixon (*q.v.*) and I.F. in Knockibea lead mine 1777. Identification is uncertain: possibly the same as Isaac Robinson, (1743–1822) (Q) of Greysouthen and Whitehaven, son of John and Martha Robinson of Greysouthen, who married Sarah Hill at Dean church in 1766 and was disowned.

ROBINSON, JOHN (1690–1761) (Q) of Beech Hill. Yeoman. Born 25 Oct 1690, son of John and Mary Robinson of Beech Hill. The Robinson family had lived at Beech Hill since the middle of the seventeenth century or before, and had been early converts to Quakerism. Married 7 Nov 1731, Mary, Daughter of William and Mary Pattinson of Askill, Loweswater. Described at his death as 'cashier' to Pardshaw M.M., a position which his son took over (CRO, D/FCF/1/86). He died 12 Oct 1761. His son **JOHN ROBINSON (1734–1769), younger**, of Beech Hill, was born 2 Feb 1734 and died unmarried on 2 Aug 1769. Elihu Robinson (*q.v.*), who described him as his cousin, wrote that his death was due to 'a fever attended with a pus or pustles under which he lay about 6 days' and recorded the following tribute: 'He was about 35 years of age, a comely person of a noble mind, human, generous, prudent and an agreeable companion, a kind and generous master, a remarkable helpful & respectful neighbour, a sincere & affectionate friend' (Copy of addendum to John Robinson's diary, J.G. Brooker's file of abstracts of documents, in possession of W.D. Brooker, Aberdeen, 1989). After his death Beech Hill passed to his infant nephew, John Allason, son of William Allason of Mossergate (*q.v.*).

ROBINSON, JOHN (1708–1781) (Q) of Pardshaw. Yeoman. Born 7 Sep 1708, son of John and Isabella Robinson of Pardshaw. Married 7 Feb 1733 Mary, daughter of Susanna Harris of Underwood, and sister to I.F.'s wife, Susanna. She died 7 Sep 1768; he died 12 Sep 1781.

ROBINSON, JOHN (1735–1791) (Q) of Dublin. Wholesale merchant and timber merchant of Aston's Quay, Dublin. Born 11 Mar 1735, eldest son of John (*q.v.*)and Mary Robinson of Pardshaw and thus Susanna Fletcher's nephew. Married 1758 Isabella, daughter of Samuel Sandwith of Dublin. Apparently a wealthy man: when he visited Underwood with his daughters in Nov 1774, on their way to boarding school at Nottingham, I.F. commented that the girls were 'educated far above the country'.

ROBINSON, JONATHAN Of the several people of this name, the one most frequently mentioned in the diary appears to be **JONATHAN ROBINSON (d. 1791/2)** of Mosser and Westminster. He may have been a descendant of Joseph Robinson, who was left an estate at Mosser Mains by his father, John (d. 1702) of Beech Hill. Jonathan married, 29 May 1746, Sarah, daughter of John Mirehouse of Mockerkin. He was living at Westminster by 1760 and in 1761–2 sold most of his Mosser Mains property, the bulk of it to Joseph Porter (*q.v.*), but small parcels to others, including two fields to I.F., part of the payment for which was in the form of an annuity of £5 which I.F. was to pay during Robinson's life. He is described in the conveyances of his property as yeoman of London and Brigham (CRO, DX/471, bundle 3). He retained a small part of his property and appears to have returned to Mosser by 1766, when he was churchwarden. It is not clear whether he was the Jonathan Robinson who worked as I.F.'s gardener 1766–9. In 1778, however, he was living in London again but came to Mosser to receive his annuity from I.F. He described himself as yeoman of Mosser in his will, made May 1789. He died before Feb 1792 (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J. Robinson, 1792).

ROBINSON, JOSEPH (b. 1736) (Q) of London. Born 27 Oct 1736, second son of John (*q.v.*) and Mary Robinson of Pardshaw. Moved to London in 1759 where he was hired to John Hunt, probably the Quaker minister of that name (1712–1778), who later emigrated to Pennsylvania. Robinson became a merchant at 26 Houndsditch, London, but returned to Pardshaw later in his life. He was living there with his sister in 1790. He died at Mosser 'at great age' (JGB, no.52).

ROBINSON, THOMAS (*c.*1745–1823) (Q) of Mosser. Shoemaker. As the diary entries show, his 'pay night' was on 31 July each year. Married, 7 Nov 1779, Anne, youngest daughter of John (*q.v.*) and Mary Robinson of Pardshaw (JGB, no.52). He was living at Pardshaw when he died on 29 Jun 1823 aged about 78 years.

ROBINSON, WILLIAM (1740–1819) (Q) of Dublin. Ship's captain. Born 5 Feb 1740, third son of John (*q.v.*) and Mary Robinson of Pardshaw. Married 1780 or 1784 Mary Gaynor of Bristol. Died 31 Dec 1819 at Rathmines [*sic*] (JGB, no. 52). He was a mariner, described by I.F. as 'Captain' in 1767. I.F.'s son, Isaac (*q.v.*), sailed with Robinson on his ship, the *Isabella*, from 1777.

RUDD, JOHN. At least two men of this name occur in the diary:

JOHN RUDD (1741–1800) of Cockermouth and Dovenby. Attorney in Cockermouth, son of John Rudd (1714–1762) of Whitehaven (*CFH*, 287).

JOHN RUDD of Mosser. Tailor. Married, 24 Dec 1743, Sarah Twentyman of

Loweswater. When their son was baptised at Loweswater in 1747, Rudd was living at Waterend. It may have been this John Rudd and family who were given a poor law settlement certificate in Mosser in 1759, though the diary also refers to John Rudd, cooper, in 1757 and 1767.

SAUL, JOSEPH (1729–1812) (Q) of Newhouse in Holm M.M. Quaker minister. Born 1 Apr 1729, son of Daniel and Rachel Saul of Wolsty. Became a minister as a young man. His preaching was described as 'simple, clear and edifying' and, on the evidence of the diary, he was a frequent preacher at funerals. When John Robinson of Pardshaw (*q.v.*) died in Sep 1781, for example, he was sent for to attend the funeral. He travelled in the ministry in several parts of England. He died 21 May 1812. (*Annual Monitor*, 4 (1816), 26; LSF, TCMD, vol. 5, p.34)

SENHOUSE, JOSEPH (1696–1766) (Q) of Wigton. Born 13 Feb 1696, son of John and Jane Senhouse of Wigton. Married 6 Jan 1723 Sarah, daughter and heiress of John Tiffin of Cockermouth, from whom she inherited the Calder Abbey estate. Their children were John Senhouse, High Sheriff of Cumberland 1758–9, and Eleanor, who married Alexander Hoskins (*q.v.*). Joseph Senhouse died in Nov 1766. (*CFH*, 302; PRO, C12/1963/12)

SIMPSON, THOMAS. At least two men of this name occur in the diaries:

THOMAS SIMPSON (1706–1768), attorney, Clerk of the Peace for Cumberland 1730–68; agent for the Cockermouth Castle estates of the Duke of Somerset, 1745–8, and the Earl of Egremont, 1750–58. (*CFH*, 307; CRO, D/Lec, index to correspondence)

THOMAS SIMPSON (d. 1769) of Westmorland County, Virginia, and Whitehaven. Merchant. Married Mary, daughter of Thomas Smith. (Lancs RO, WRW(C), T Simpson, 1769)

SKYRIN, WILLIAM (1722–1769) (Q) of Whitehaven. Iron merchant. Born 1722, younger son of John and Grace Skyrin of High House, Lupton, Westmorland. Had moved to Whitehaven by 1754, when he married Eleanor Raynes, daughter of Ann Petty of Nottingham, whose sister, Hannah Petty, married Richard Dearman (*q.v.*). In 1762 Skyrin was living in Lowther Street, Whitehaven, and was described as a merchant (Whitehaven Census). After Dearman's arrival in Whitehaven in 1759 Skyrin and he entered a trading partnership, which later included a one-fifth share in the Seaton ironworks. He was also in partnership with his cousin John Skyrin (*q.v.*) in the hardware business at Whitehaven. By 1763 Skyrin appears to have been living 'about a mile' out of Whitehaven, probably at Jericho, where he is known to have had property (Dickinson College, diary of Thomas Fisher, 30.viii.1763). His involvement with Joshua Gee, the ironmaster, in Frizington Hall property led to conflict with Peter Nicholson (*q.v.*) over this: Nicholson claimed Skyrin had 'become an accomplice with Gee in the publication of his infamous libel, with a view to utterly destroy my reputation ... to deprive me of my property in Frizington-Hall farm' and took Skyrin to court at Lancaster Assizes, Spring 1768 (P Nicholson, *The Case of Peter Nicholson* (Kendal, 1770), p. 19). The dispute appears to have been settled finally in April 1769, shortly before Skyrin's death, when he paid Nicholson

£40. As a fellow executor with I.F. in the affairs of Christopher Wilson, he figures largely in the diary. Skyrin died 'of a dropsy' 14 May 1769.

SKYRIN, JOHN (d. 1792), cousin of the last. His partnership with William Skyrin was finally dissolved in 1772 and he became bankrupt soon afterwards, in Dec 1772. Nevertheless, he continued in trade: *c.*1776 'Skyren & Cowpland' was described as 'as good a house ... as any in [Whitehaven] and if any plan of business can be fallen on for mutual advantage, they will be glad to embrace it' (K. Morgan (ed), *An American Quaker in the British Isles* (Oxford, 1992), p. 293). On his death in Birmingham in Jan 1792, *The Cumberland Pacquet* (31 Jan 1792) described him as 'formerly a principal tradesman in [Whitehaven], a person of a social and friendly disposition; unfortunate but of unimpeachable integrity; and very highly esteemed, even in adversity.'

SMITHSON, ROBERT (d. 1760) of Cockermouth. Described in his probate papers as a weaver (Lancs RO, WRW(C), R. Smithson, 1760) but also involved in trade: for example, at different times between 1756 and his death in 1760 he appears to have imported Irish yarn in partnership variously with I.F., Peter Nicholson (*q.v.*) and Jonathan Harris (*q.v.*). Married 23 May 1742 Mary, daughter of Joseph Littledale. She died Feb 1756. He died from a fall from his horse while intoxicated on 17 Jul 1760 when returning home from Whitehaven. He left three small children.

SOWERBY, WILLIAM (1731–1816) (Q) of Richmond, Yorkshire. Quaker minister, whose visits to Cumberland are recorded in the diary on four occasions: in 1764, twice in 1771 and in 1778. Born 1731 at Gilling, near Richmond, to non-Quaker parents. In his youth was a servant in a Quaker family and, as a consequence, joined the Society of Friends in 1752. Became a minister at the age of 31 and travelled in various parts of England. Worked on the farm at Ackworth School from 1780 but retired to Buterside, Wensleydale, where he died 18 Feb 1816. (DQB)

STAIR, Lord. John Dalrymple (1720–1789), 5th earl of Stair. His seat was at Culhorn House, Inch parish, Wigtownshire, and his estates included the lead mine at Knockibae, New Luce parish, in which I.F. had an interest from 1776.

STEPHENS, JAMES. Apparently agent or manager of the Black Craig lead mines, near Newton Stewart, 1776.

THOMPSON, ADAM (*c.*1696–1783) of Mossergate. Labourer. The 'old Adam' of the diary who regularly laboured for I.F. at Underwood between 1766 and 1776. His work included working at the lime kiln (1s per day 1766), digging peats (6d per day, 1767), hedging and ditching (between 3d and 7d per rood, 1771–6). His wife, Sybilla (d. Jan 1775, buried at Loweswater church) was paid for spinning 18 hanks of yarn for I.F. in 1762. In 1775 he was living at Low Mosser (Loweswater par. reg.) but by 1783 had moved to Mossergate (CRO, DX/471, bundle 8, will). He was buried at Brigham 24 July 1783 aged 87 years.

TOLSON, HENRY (1745–1807) of Cockermouth. Doctor. Baptised 28 Mar 1745, son of Henry Tolson, junior, of Papcastle. Married 25 Sep 1773 Margaret Head (*q.v.*) of Brandlingill at Brigham church. He died on 22 Nov 1807; his wife Margaret on 22 Feb 1814 (M.I., Bridekirk church). Another member of the Tolson family was also a physician in Cockermouth: *The Cumberland Pacquet* (6 Sep 1796) records the death of 'Mr Tolson, senior, surgeon' on 31 Aug 1796.

TWINEHAM, WILLIAM (*c.*1743–1823?) Labourer, working on a daily basis for I.F. in 1780–1, paid at rate of 10d per day. Married Jane Anderson at Loweswater 22 May 1768 and two children were baptised there 1769 and 1772. At their marriage he and his wife were both servants and he was living at Ennerdale. By the date of the baptism of their first child in 1769 he was working as a labourer and living at Waterend. Was farming at the Wood, Whinfell, in 1775 and 1778, but had moved to Mosser by 1781 (Brigham par. reg.). Jane Twineham helped with the harvest at Underwood in 1776. Exactly where they lived when they moved to Mosser is not known. It was probably close to Underwood as, in the absence of a maid servant, Jane came to Underwood each morning in Dec 1780 to help with the beasts. William is perhaps to be identified with the William Twineham of Park, Loweswater, who died in March 1823 aged 79 years (Loweswater par. reg.).

USHER, JOHN. There were several families of Usher in the Dean area in the eighteenth century. The John Ushers mentioned in the diary appear to have been father and son and to have lived at Pardshaw Hall.

JOHN USHER, senior (*c.*1689–1769) was a waller or stonemason. He was paid at a rate of 1s per day in 1760–1. He was described as a slater, living at Kirby, in 1720 and as a waller at his death. He was buried at Dean 9 Sep 1769 aged 80 years.

His son **JOHN USHER, junior (1720–1797)** was baptised at Dean 13 Mar 1720. He was buried at Dean 20 May 1797, when he was described as a weaver of Pardshaw Hall. He was probably the John Usher who owned an old smithy near the meeting house at Pardshaw Hall in 1775.

WALKER, JOHN (1709–1770) (Q) of Dean Mains. Yeoman. Born 20 Jul 1709, son of Joseph and Mary Walker of Dean. Married, 1747, Mary, daughter of Peter Hudson (*q.v.*) of Eaglesfield. In 1767–8 Walker, John Fearon (*q.v.*) and Lancelot Airey, the executors of Henry Fearon's will, were in dispute with Pardshaw M.M. for proceeding to law without permission. John Walker died before June 1770. (Lancs RO, WRW(C), J Walker, 1770)

WALKER, MUSGRAVE (1741–1793) of Workington. Captain in the militia. Baptized at Workington 2 Feb 1741, son of John Walker, a ship's captain (see diary entry, 1 Feb 1766). Married 29 Apr 1766, Mary ('Mally') Head of Brandlingill (*q.v.*), who brought with her an estate at Moorside, Blindbothel. Their marriage had foundered by Sep 1772 when articles of separation were drawn up, he agreeing to pay Mary an annuity of £20 paid in two instalments. He subsequently had a son, John Walker, by Ann Hunter of Scarborough, Yorkshire, who was living with him in 1793 and to whom he left his seven houses in Priestgate, Workington. He owned shares in shipping and his will also referred to his 'instruments of music' (Lancs RO,

WRW(C), M. Walker, 1793). He died 13 Jul 1793 in Kendal, 'the oldest captain in the Cumberland militia, and greatly beloved by the battalion' (*Cumberland Pacquet*, 23 Jul. 1793).

WHINNEY, JOSEPH. Identification uncertain. May have been Joseph, son of Peter and Mary Whinney (Q) of Brigham, who was born 8 Dec 1741. The diary references are mainly to his going through and settling accounts, both those of the stocking factory (1763, 1765–9) and those of Christopher Wilson's (*q.v.*) affairs (1764).

WIGHAM, RACHEL (*c.*1722–1813) (Q) of Coanwood and Allendale, Northumberland. Quaker minister. Born *c.*1722, daughter of John and Jennet Teasdale of Alston. Married, 20 Feb 1746, William Wigham of Hargill House, Coanwood. She was an active and able minister, travelling several times in Britain and Ireland. Three visits to Cumberland are recorded in the diary: in 1763, 1769 and 1773. 'She was a sharp reprover of such as took undue liberties, but cherished every appearance of good with the utmost candour ... a sincere friend and good neighbour; sympathizing with the afflicted and charitable to the poor of every denomination; she also cherished the most tender regard for the animal creation.' After her husband's death in 1777 she lived with her youngest daughter in Allendale, where she died, after being blind and bed-ridden for several years, on 6 Apr 1813. (DQB)

WILKINSON, CHRISTIAN See below, under WILKINSON, HENRY

WILKINSON, ELIZABETH (1712–1771) (Q) of Lorton Hall and Cockermouth. Quaker minister. Born 11 Nov 1712, daughter of John Scott of Ousebridge End, near Isel. Her parents died when she was young and she was brought up in Ireland. She lived 'many years' in London before her marriage but was living at Greysouthen in 1750 when she married Jonathan Wilkinson (*q.v.*) of Lorton Hall. She became a minister *c.*1760 and her travels included visits to Scotland and Ireland as well as her journey to America between Jul 1761 and Jun 1763 in company with John Stephenson, Robert Proud, Alice Hall, and Hannah Harris (*q.v.*). In December 1765 she made a verbal attack on I.F. at the close of the Select M.M. at Pardshaw Hall, accusing him of partiality in the executorship of Christopher Wilson's estate and in connection with the bankruptcies of Jonathan Harris and Thomas Abbatt. This exposed the deep divisions within the M.M. which had come to a head with the lawsuit over Christopher Wilson's affairs. I.F. was deeply wounded by her attack and wrote her a vigorous answer in Feb 1766, rebutting her charges and attacking her for encouraging partisan feeling within the Quaker community. He claimed that she had 'imposed' herself on the Society ever since she returned from America ('Truth Vindicated', *passim*). The episode caused a rift which had not healed by the time of her death at Cockermouth on 30 Oct 1771. In his printed refutation of Peter Nicholson's charges against Pardshaw M.M., written in 1770, I.F. referred to the acrimony which had developed between himself and Elizabeth Wilkinson. Describing her as 'that blaspheming preacher and prophetess', he claimed that, as well as making wrongful allegations against him, she had cursed him to his face and

called down divine vengeance upon him. He saw these attacks as evidence of her tendency towards religious enthusiasm, which he described as 'nearly allied to madness, reason is lost upon it, because it acts by the immediate influence of some superior being, the truth of which is not to be controverted' (*Observations & Remarks*, p. 38). After her death I.F. attempted unsuccessfully to prevent Pardshaw M.M. and Cumberland Q.M. from writing a testimony to her life. The testimony from Cumberland Q.M. is preserved in LSF, TCMD, vol. 2, p. 386.

WILKINSON, HENRY of Dumfries. Described as a joiner of Dumfries when he married Christian Smith of Whitehaven 9 Oct 1746 at St. Nicholas' church, Whitehaven. He acquired property at Ullock Mains in 1760 (CRO, D/Lec/262, Benson bundle F) but died in 1762 (see diary entry 7 Aug 1762). I.F. acted for his widow, **CHRISTIAN WILKINSON** from 1762. She assigned the property in trust to David Smith in 1765, attempted unsuccessfully to sell in June 1771 and finally sold it in 1774.

WILKINSON, JOHN (1700–1776) (Q) of Waterend and Brandlingill. Yeoman. Born 3 Oct 1700, eldest son of John and Mary Wilkinson of Waterend, and thus brother of Jonathan Wilkinson (*q.v.*). Married (1) 1 May 1729, Elizabeth, daughter of John Fearon of Eaglesfield; (2) 19 May 1737, Ann, daughter of Japheth and Margaret Fletcher of Underwood, I.F.'s sister, who died at Brandlingill 23 Sep 1771. John Wilkinson appears to have moved to Brandlingill by 1737. He died suddenly 12 Dec 1776.

WILKINSON, JONATHAN (1704–1779) (Q) of Lorton Hall and Cockermouth. Born 23 Jan 1704, son of John and Mary Wilkinson of Waterend, Loweswater, and thus brother of John Wilkinson (*q.v.*). Married (1) 1750 Elizabeth Scott, then of Greysouthen (see above, Wilkinson, Elizabeth). In 1740 he had purchased the estate at Lorton Hall (CRO, D/Ben/5/280) which seems to have become a centre for Quaker preaching. John Churchman, an American minister visiting Cumberland in 1753, 'went to Lortonhall and had an evening meeting with the people of the town, to which came the priest and most of his hearers' (*Friends Library*, vi. 220). Wilkinson sold the property in 1759 and thereafter lived in Cockermouth. By the mid 1760s Jonathan and Elizabeth Wilkinson were highly critical of I.F. and other elders in Pardshaw M.M. and appear to have aligned themselves behind those Friends who had taken the executors of Christopher Wilson to court. The root of Jonathan Wilkinson's friction with I.F. is not clear, but it surfaced in the disagreement over the meeting's treatment of Thomas Abbatt (*q.v.*), whose exclusion Wilkinson sought in 1765, and culminated in his complaint against. I.F. in Pardshaw M.M. in 1772 in connection with his attack on Elizabeth in his pamphlet printed in 1771. Wilkinson married (2), Dec 1775, Sarah Allason of Cockermouth. He died 8 Jun 1779 at Cockermouth. The notice of his death in *The Cumberland Pacquet* (15 Jun 1779) described him as 'an indulgent husband, a kind parent, a good neighbour and sincere Christian'.

WILSON FAMILY of Greysouthen and Graythwaite. One of the leading and most prolific Quaker families in the Pardshaw area. The family descended from

Christopher Wilson (d.1692) of Greysouthen, one of the first generation of Friends, who 'had low thoughts of himselfe, although well reputed of his neighbours for his honesty among men and free heartedness', and John Steel of Graythwaite, 'a man the Lord's power was wonderfully with' (Norman Penney (ed), *First Publishers of Truth*, (London, 1907) pp. 38, 40). John Wilson (1667–1746) and Ann Steel (1674–1744), their son and daughter respectively, married in 1693 and had five daughters and four sons: it was said that no less than a third of the members of Pardshaw meeting in the nineteenth century could claim descent from this couple. John Wilson was clerk of Pardshaw M.M. and, as well as farming at Graythwaite (which had come into his possession through his wife), was 'well known in this county for his distinguished abilities as a clerk and conveyancer' (*Observations & Remarks*, p. 23). The following members of the family feature prominently in the diaries:

CHRISTOPHER WILSON (1704–1761) (Q) of Greysouthen. Merchant and Quaker minister. Born 6 Jul 1704, second son of John and Ann Wilson of Graythwaite. 'His father gave him a good and suitable education, according to his degree and station of life (he being a man of a pretty considerable estate in this part of the country). He was in his youth of a sprightly and active disposition, but in general behaved well. He was brought up a husband-man, or in the science of agriculture' (*Observations & Remarks*, p. 23). He appears to have taken over the Wilson family farm at Greysouthen, which became his home. In 1735 he married Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah Woodville of Hudson Place, Loweswater. He had appeared as a minister before his marriage, travelling in 1732 to visit meetings in the south and east of England. Soon after his marriage he and James Dickinson (1658–1741), one of the patriarchs of Pardshaw meeting and a widely travelled minister, visited meetings in the 'western parts of this nation' in 1735–6. Thomas Chalkley, a leading minister of the time, who met Wilson on that journey, described him as 'a choice young man'. In 1744 Wilson travelled to America, visiting Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, Long Island, Rhode Island, North Carolina and New England (CRO, D/FCF/1/85). In 1756 he and John Hunt went again to America under appointment from London Y.M. to put pressure on Friends in Pennsylvania to resist paying taxation for military purposes. His contacts with America were not confined to the ministry and he developed extensive trading links across the Atlantic, particularly to Virginia and Carolina. According to I.F., he was 'induced and prevailed upon to enter into trade and merchandise by his friends and acquaintance he had made in America ... but it proved no more than a golden dream, and an imaginary, flattering, delusive prospect, which soon brought him into great losses, anxiety of mind and disagreeable engagements' (*Observations & Remarks* p. 23). By the time of his death he was involved in no less than five partnerships: with his brother-in-law John Nixon (*q.v.*) in a commission trade to America and in the manufacture of tobacco at Whitehaven; with Jonathan Hudson (*q.v.*), exporting goods to America and importing tobacco etc.; with Thomas Pleasants, Robert Abrahams, and John Pleasants of Baly Creek, Virginia, by a partnership agreement dated 19 Mar 1757, in a similar trade; with Jonathan Hudson (*q.v.*) and others in trading to Carolina; and with his younger brother Thomas Wilson (*q.v.*) of Loweswater and others in trading to Chester River, Virginia. The imports appear to have consisted largely of tobacco, supplemented by deerskins and

iron (PRO, C12/1967/15). His own comments on his bad experiences in trade are preserved in an essay dated 30 Jun 1759: 'I had a sufficiency from my father, with prudent industry, to live comfortably upon; yet I have been, by little and little, drawn into trading to foreign parts; and the Lord, I have seen, blasted all my endeavours. Yet in hopes to regain what I had lost I ventured out again ... but still have been baffled in all my designs until I am distressed in body and mind; and wish it may be a warning to all Friends for the future, not to launch out in such a manner. Food and raiment is enough ... to live in a cottage, and have an easy mind, eat bread and drink water, is much preferable to large dealings in trade' (printed in *The Friend* (Philadelphia), 1842, p. 308). Christopher Wilson died 1 Nov 1761, after an illness of about six weeks, naming I.F., Richard Dearman (*q.v.*), William Skyrin (*q.v.*), his wife Sarah and son John (*q.v.*), as executors. The difficulties they encountered in settling his debts and winding up his estate form a major theme in the diary in subsequent years. His widow, Sarah Wilson, died 5 Apr 1775. Biographical memoirs of Christopher Wilson are preserved in LSF, MSS Vol. S213, pp. 575–82 and TEMP MSS, 745 (TR2), pp. 55–61.

JOHN WILSON (1701–1787) (Q) of Whinfell Hall. Eldest son of John and Ann Wilson of Graythwaite. Married 1734 Sarah, daughter of Joseph and Mary Walker of Dean Mains. Elder of Pardshaw meeting from 1755.

JOHN WILSON (b. 1722) (Q) of Greysouthen. Cousin of the last. Younger son of Peter and Rebecca Wilson of Greysouthen. Married 1750 Mary, daughter of Matthew Robinson of Eaglesfield. Also an elder of Pardshaw meeting from 1755.

JOHN WILSON (b. 1738) (Q) of America. Born 11 Dec 1738, elder son of Christopher (*q.v.*) and Sarah Wilson of Greysouthen. Emigrated to America early in 1759, as 'agent or factor' for his father. He returned from Maryland in July 1762, after his father's death, but went to Joppa, Maryland in 1763. In 1764 he was intending to marry Alisanna Webster, daughter of Margaret Webster of Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, Maryland. By 1774 he was living at Rock Run, Harford County, Maryland, along with other Cumbrian Quakers, including his second cousin Peter Wilson (CL, 2H FLE, letter from P. Wilson, 27 May 1775) and John Gill, senior (*q.v.*).

JONATHAN WILSON (1710–1782) (Q) of Graythwaite. Yeoman. Born 30 Nov 1710, third son of John and Ann Wilson of Graythwaite. Inherited the Graythwaite estate on his father's death in 1746, keeping house with his father's servant, Mary Cass, who was not a Friend. 'They lived several years by themselves and several Friends were uneasy at such their way of living, especially as there were many reflections spread against their conduct.' Eventually, in Sep 1757 he presented his intentions of marriage with Mary Cass, but Pardshaw meeting would not accept her into membership, thus effectively refusing them permission to marry. In Dec 1757 the case was brought to Cumberland Q.M., which urged that she should be received into membership 'as she hath come so long to meetings and her conduct so inoffensive for anything that appears to us to the contrary' (CRO, D/FCF/5/2). However, Pardshaw Women's M.M. in Feb 1758 still refused to make her a member and, despite a further appeal to Q.M. which found in her favour, the dispute rumbled on into the spring. Jonathan Wilson eventually lost patience with Friends and he and Mary Cass were married at Brigham church on 4 Sep 1758. He was consequently disowned (CRO, D/FCF/1/25). He died 30 Dec 1782 and was buried at Pardshaw Hall.

THOMAS WILSON (1713–1799) (Q) of Place, Loweswater. Yeoman. Born 11 Jan 1713, fourth and youngest son of John and Ann Wilson of Graythwaite. Married 1739 Mary, daughter of Mary Pearson of Ullock. His father made over to him a farm at Iredale Place, Waterend, Loweswater, in 1742, which became his home until his death in 1799. He was also involved in a trading partnership to Chester River, Virginia, with his brother, Christopher Wilson (*q.v.*) and, in an attempt to recover £100 which he claimed the partnership owed him, he headed the list of complainants in the Chancery suit against his brother's executors (PRO, C12/1967/15). He died 23 Mar 1799.

WILSON, ISAAC (1715–1785) and **RACHEL (1720–1775) (Q)** of Kendal. Isaac Wilson was born 16 Mar 1715, son of Anthony and Dorothy Wilson of High Wray, Lancs. He set up in business as a shearman dyer (i.e. cloth finisher and merchant) in Stramongate, Kendal. His wife, Rachel, was born 8 Apr 1720, daughter of John and Deborah Wilson of Highgate, Kendal. They were married at Kendal 18 Feb 1741. Rachel, who had been acknowledged as a minister at the age of 18, travelled widely in the ministry, and visited America in 1768–9. The couple became leading lights in the Quaker community at a national level. Two of Isaac Wilson's visits to Friends in Cumberland appear to have been disciplinary in character. He was a member of the committee appointed by London Y.M. who visited the county in Sep 1761, and, with Samuel Fothergill (*q.v.*), was instrumental in restoring peace to Pardshaw M.M. in 1766. He was also involved as arbitrator in the dispute between William Skyrin (*q.v.*), Joshua Gee and Peter Nicholson (*q.v.*), in 1768, of which he remarked 'I am pleased with getting quit of a very troublesome affair ... I believe the number of papers I have by me, containing matter of evidence, is not less than ten quires'. The serenity of the Wilson household at Kendal made a deep impression on Elihu Robinson (*q.v.*), who commented on the 'love, harmony and peace' which 'seemed to preside' over the home when he visited them in 1768 (LSF, MS Box R3/3). Rachel Wilson died on a visit to London on 18 Mar 1775. Isaac Wilson died at Kendal on 18 Aug 1785. (J. Somervell, *Isaac & Rachel Wilson* (London, 1924), *passim*)

WILSON, JONATHAN (1748–1810). Schoolmaster at Pardshaw Hall from Nov 1766 to the summer of 1771. Son of Jonathan Wilson of Stainburn, he was baptised at Workington 26 May 1748. Left Pardshaw to take up appointment as curate of Rusland chapel, Colton parish, Lancashire, July 1771. Ordained deacon 1771; priest 1772. Resigned curacy of Rusland 1775 (Lancs RO, DRCh/37/112/59–68). Married (1) Margaret Yearsley in 1781; (2) Ann Askew at Whicham, on 30 May 1784. He died in 1810. I am grateful to Barbara Wood of Burton in Kendal for these biographical details.

WINN, THOMAS (b. 1729?) (Q). Lead miner. Perhaps to be identified with Thomas, son of Samuel and Agnes Winn of Sedbergh M.M., born Apr 1729. Described by I.F. as a miner when he first came to Underwood with J. Greenup in Oct 1766. He was paid wages (at the rate of 1s per day) by I.F., presumably for mining, in the spring of 1767 and appears to have been living at Underwood from Dec 1770 (when he agreed to sink a pit for I.F. at 8s per fathom). In Dec 1773

I.F.'s servant girl, Betty Crosthwaite (see Appendix II), claimed that Winn had made her pregnant, and he departed hastily to work in the mines at Newton Stewart (probably the lead mines at Black Craig). Despite his own denials of involvement with Betty Crosthwaite and I.F.'s claim to have seen 'no uncommon familiarity between them', he was disowned in Jun 1774 (CRO, D/FCF/1/87, pp.60–1). After I.F. and partners took a lease of the Knockibae mine in Wigtownshire in 1776, Winn appears to have acted as their manager there until 1779, when he requested money 'to free him from confinement in Scotland'.

WITTED, LAWRENCE (d. 1782) of Cockermouth. Gardener, working for I.F. between 1765 and 1781. As well as keeping the gardens at Underwood, he occasionally did farm work such as threshing, lifting potatoes and helping in harvest. His wage was often 1s per day but varied between 8d and 14d. He was probably the Lawrence Witted of Cockermouth who married Mary Branthwaite at Lamplugh, 6 May 1735, and who had eleven children baptized at Cockermouth between 1736 and 1758. He was buried at Cockermouth church 13 Jul 1782.

WOODVILLE, WILLIAM. At least three men of this name occur in the diary:

WILLIAM WOODVILLE (1714–1758) (Q) of Hudson Place (formerly 'Woodvill Place'), Loweswater. Born 5 Aug 1714, son of William and Sarah Woodville of Waterend, Loweswater. Married 3 Nov 1743 Jane daughter of Isaac and Mary Fearon of Shatton, Embleton. In 1758 he sold Hudson Place to John Pattinson. Had moved to Cockermouth by 1752, where he died 13 Dec 1758.

WILLIAM WOODVILLE (1733–1788) (Q) of Whitekeld. Yeoman. Born 21 Apr 1733, son of John Woodville of Whitekeld, who was brother of the last. Married 22 Oct 1754 Hannah, daughter of Isaac Piper of Gilgarron. Died 17 Feb 1788.

WILLIAM WOODVILLE (1752–1805) (Q), physician. Born 1752, youngest son of William (*q.v.*) and Jane Woodville of Hudson Place and Cockermouth. Trained in medicine at Edinburgh, gaining an M.D. in 1775. He returned to his mother's house at Papcastle and appears to have practised in Cockermouth, but in Jan 1778 accidentally shot and killed a man he believed to be a robber. He left Cumberland and, after living in Denbigh, settled in London by 1782 where he became physician to the Middlesex Dispensary. He was involved in the treatment of small-pox and pioneered vaccination with Edward Jenner. He died of smallpox on 26 Mar 1805 and was buried at Bunhill Fields. (*DNB*, DQB)

WORDSWORTH, JOHN (1741–1784) of Cockermouth. Sir James Lowther's (*q.v.*) agent in Cockermouth from 1764. He lived in Castlegate, Cockermouth, until 1766 and in Main Street from 1766 to 1783 in the house, built by Joshua Lucock (*q.v.*), where his son, William, the poet, was born. John Wordsworth was the son of Richard Wordsworth, Lowther's attorney at law, and trained with his father as an attorney. He married 5 Feb 1766 Ann Cookson (d. 1778) of Penrith and died 2 Jan 1784.

GLOSSARY

The following glossary aims to explain some of the technical and dialect terms which occur in the diary. The letter 'Q' is placed after words having a particular sense in a Quaker context.

Abstracts, book of [Q] see Extracts, book of

affidavit man probably a witness who swore at the Conviction (*q.v.*) that individual Quakers had refused to pay tithes.

air box a square wooden tube used to convey air to the rock face as a shaft was being sunk. (*OED*)

barr-heads meaning not traced.

bigg barley; **bigland** barley land.

brake sought braxy or congestive fever in young sheep. (*Glossary*) See also **sought**.

brief a letter patent issued by the sovereign, licensing the collection of money for a specified charitable object in churches throughout England. (*OED*)

buss a two- or three-masted vessel used in the herring fishery. (*OED*)

cast (a) to overturn sheaves of corn to help them to dry; (b) to turn up earth to form a bank.

certificate [Q] The term is used by Fletcher in three separate senses: (a) a marriage certificate, recording the declarations made by the couple and witnessed by all present at the Meeting for Worship at which the marriage was solemnised; (b) a certificate for the transfer of a Friend's membership from one Monthly Meeting to another, attesting to his/her orderly behaviour, and freedom from debts and marriage engagements; and (c) a 'travelling minute' granted to a Friend travelling in the ministry by his/her Monthly Meeting and certifying the Meeting's unity with the minister's journey.

chamberley stale urine, especially used for washing.

clud a cluster. (*EDD*)

coaler charcoal burner.

cock hedge 'a trimmed thorn or quickset hedge.' (*EDD*) But note also the Cumbrian term 'cock-gard', meaning a mode of hedging, otherwise called 'stake and rise', in which stakes ('stowers') were placed at intervals and woven through with brushwood, twigs, etc. ('rise') (ibid, *s.v.* 'cock', 'stower', 'rise').

Commissary the representative of the Archdeacon of Richmond in Copeland deanery. The 'Commissary court' was the local court of probate and the point of collection for money raised by church briefs.

Conviction, the [Q] A petty sessions before two justices of the peace at which distraint warrants were issued against Quakers who refused to pay tithes.

coop a small cart. (*EDD*)

coopstangs cart shafts (from 'stang', a long pole or beam of wood). (*EDD*)

crooks supports for pit winding gear?

day, 1st, 2nd, etc. [Q] Quakers refused to call the days of the week by their vernacular names as these derived from heathen gods. They therefore numbered them, '1st day' being Sunday; '2nd day', Monday, and so on.

deighting 'dighting', dressing or sifting grain. (*Glossary*)

denial, paper of [Q] a written statement from Monthly Meeting disowning an individual Friend's behaviour or actions and effectively stating that the Meeting no longer considered that he/she was in unity with Friends. By the mid eighteenth century many denials were against Friends who had married non-Quakers in the local parish church.

diper diaper, a fabric, usually of linen, woven with patterns. (*OED*)

dry cock the second stage of gathering hay, when, after two or three days drying, the hay was gathered into larger heaps known as 'dry-cocks'. (*Glossary*)

earth nut the tuberous caraway, also known as earth chestnut or pig nut (*Bunium bulbocastanum*).

elders [Q] A committee of 'serious, discreet and judicious' Friends who had responsibility for encouraging ministry in Meetings for Worship. London Yearly Meeting had asked Monthly Meetings to appoint elders in 1727.

eller the alder tree (*Alnus glutinosa*).

Extracts, Book of [Q] The physical embodiment of the Quaker 'discipline', in the form of a collection of extracts from the minutes and rules issued from time to time by London Yearly Meeting under the title 'Christian and Brotherly Advices given forth from time to time by the Yearly Meeting in London'. It was issued in manuscript form to Quarterly Meetings in 1738 and a revised and updated edition appeared in print in 1783.

faughing fallowing.

framings cf. 'frame', the head-gear carrying the pulleys above a pit. (*EDD*)

fog the aftermath, left after hay has been cut.

garding wood probably wood for fencing ('garthing').

gat a measure of coals. A comparison of the diary entry and cash accounts for 1 Sep 1764 suggests that 2 gats = 4 coup loads. The term 'gat' is not recorded in R.E. Zupko, *Dictionary of English Weights and Measures* (1968).

General Meeting [Q] A Meeting for Worship which gathered together Friends from a wider area than the particular congregation. In Pardshaw Monthly Meeting General Meetings were held on Sundays every six weeks, falling by course at the various meeting houses within the Monthly Meeting's area. They appear to have been established in 1726 'for the better spreading of Truth' (CRO, D/FCF/1/85, 18.viii.1726 et seq.).

glisters 'clyster', an enema or suppository. (*OED*)

grasses a measure of a stint of pasture, expressed in terms of the number of animals which could be grazed.

Head Court The principal meeting of the borough court at Cockermouth, held annually around Michaelmas.

hogaback the blue scabious. (*Scabiosa succisa*) (*EDD*)

hogg young sheep, from being weaned to entering their second winter.

how seeds a variant of 'howe meal seeds', the husks of oats. (*EDD*)

kible a hoisting bucket.

knoud the grey gurnard (*Trigla gurnardus*), known in Scotland and Ireland as the 'knowd'. (*EDD*)

leader tendon.

leading carting (manure, coals, etc.).

ley arable land temporarily put down to grass.

line flax.

looking corn weeding corn. (*Glossary*)

lotted allotted; apportioned.

Meeting for Business [Q] Those sessions of the Quarterly and Yearly Meetings in which questions of membership, discipline, record-keeping, property, etc. were considered.

Meeting for Conference [Q] A meeting of ministers and elders held at the same time as the Quarterly Meeting.

Meeting (for Worship) [Q] The gathering of the Quaker congregation for worship. In the eighteenth century, as well as the weekly Sunday ('1st day') morning meeting, most congregations also met mid-week.

melder an indefinite quantity of corn, especially oats, taken to the mill to be ground at one time, usually for domestic use. (*EDD*)

minister [Q] A Friend who regularly offered prayer or vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship. Since 1722 the names of ministers had been recorded by their Monthly Meetings and they, along with elders, formed an inner circle of the Society of Friends.

Monthly Meeting [Q] The principal local business meeting consisting of Friends from a group of individual Preparative Meetings. Pardshaw Monthly Meeting covered the south and west of the county and embraced the congregations at Broughton, Cockermouth, Isel, Keswick, Pardshaw, and Whitehaven in the mid eighteenth century.

mount a pile of turf, burnt for use as a fertilizer. See *CW2*, 67 (1967), 145; 70 (1970), 199.

mug(g) (a) a woolly, white-faced lowland sheep; in Cumberland the white-faced breed from which the improved Leicester originated; (b) a sheep without horns. (*EDD; Glossary*)

National Stock [Q] A central fund of London Y.M., originally intended for use towards the relief of suffering Friends. It was collected by county contributions sent in by Quarterly Meetings.

Preparative Meeting [Q] The business meeting of the individual Quaker congregation, so named because its function was to prepare business to bring to Monthly Meeting.

public Friend [Q] A Quaker minister, particluarly one who travelled in the ministry, preaching at public Meetings for Worship outside his/her home area.

purvey a fixed assessment, based on land value, on which local taxation and rates were collected. The sum to be raised was expressed as multiples or fractions of the fixed assessment. See J.V. Beckett, 'Local custom and the "new taxation" in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries: the example of Cumberland', *Northern History*, 12 (1976), 105–26.

Quarter(ly) Meeting [Q] The business meeting of all Friends at county level. In the mid eighteenth century Cumberland Quarterly Meeting embraced the four

Monthly Meetings of Carlisle, Holm, Caldbeck and Pardshaw and included all the congregations in the county except Penrith and Alston.

Queries [Q] From 1682 London Yearly Meeting had gathered factual information on the progress of the Society by sending questions ('queries') out to local meetings. By the mid eighteenth century the Queries had become an instrument of control, the form of the questions making it clear what was considered acceptable Quaker behaviour and practice, and the system of answering them had become highly formal. Each congregation was expected to return written answers to the Queries to their superior Meeting.

ragg hoar frost.

raisers additions under a beehive to increase the space for the bees to work. (EDD)

rambles coarse slates. (*Glossary*)

recklesses perhaps the auricula (*Primula auricula*). 'Reckless' is recorded as a corruption of 'auriculas'. (*EDD*)

riggin the ridge stones for a roof.

row a wheel? **row ropes** ropes for the pit wheel?

rudding clearing land, grubbing up hedges, etc. (*Glossary, s.v.* 'rid')

runcipal peas 'rouncival', a large variety of garden or field pea.

scale to spread or scatter a substance, especially manure.

sagathies sagathy, a light-weight stuff made of either silk and wool or silk and cotton. (*OED*)

salving smearing the fleece with a greasy mixture, usually of butter and tar, as a preventive measure against lice and scabs. Also referred to as 'greasing'.

saughs willows, osiers.

segg a bull which has been castrated when fully grown. (*EDD*)

Select Meeting [Q] The meeting of ministers and elders.

serat 'cerate', a stiff ointment composed of wax, lard or oil. (*OED*)

sharped having nails and screws inserted in the horseshoe to prevent slipping in frosty weather. (*EDD*)

shear to reap corn.

sheeting web stout cloth of linen or cotton, such as is used for bed linen. (*OED*)

shock see **stook**.

skeet skate.

slape slippery.

snow a small vessel resembling a brig. (*OED*)

sought 'sowt', a non-specific disease of sheep, especially where not thriving on poor pasture. (*EDD*) 'Sheep and lambs who have been moved from good to poor pasture, the ewe loses her milk, the lamb suffers and contracts *sowt*, the first sympton being the breaking out of pustulous sores about the ears.' (*Glossary*, 306)

spanged variegated, flecked. (*EDD*)

spetch cf. 'spetchel', turf used in bedding stone. 'A spetchel hedge is one constructed of alternate rows of stones and thin turf.' (*EDD*)

spiled gate meaning not certain. A 'spile' was a splinter of wood; a stake; or a peg. (*EDD*)

springer the bottom stone of the coping of a gable.

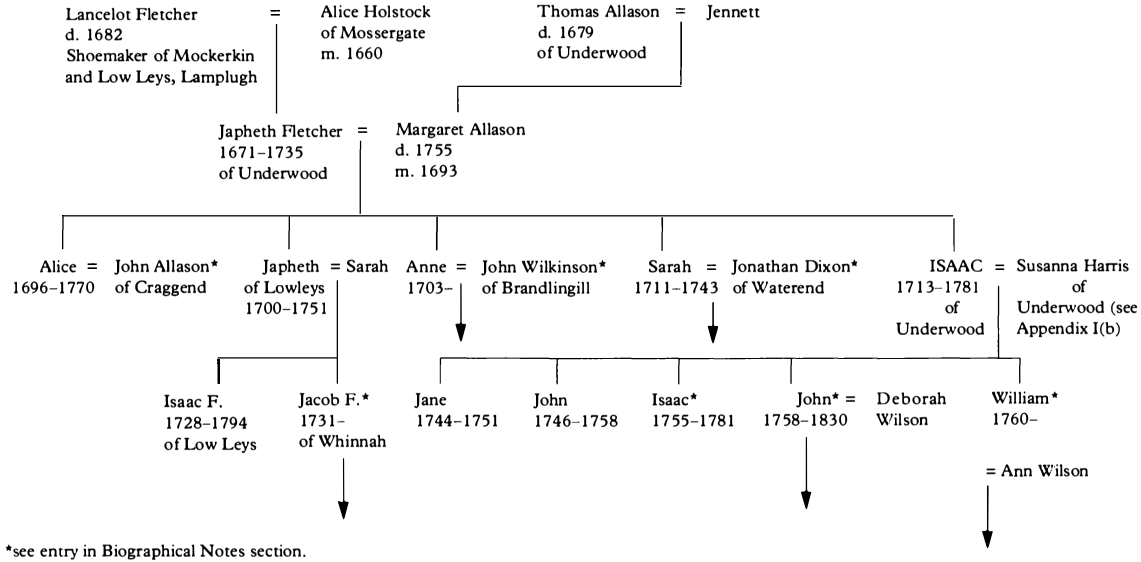
staps uprights supporting the sides of a cart (*Glossary*).

steep rennet.

stover see stower.
stower a stake.
stook a number of sheaves of corn, often twelve, set up in the field to dry. Interchangeable with 'shock'.
stulps gate posts.
Sufferings [Q] Information concerning the penalties and persecution suffered by Friends for their faith had been collected systematically by Quarterly Meetings and Yearly Meeting since the 1660s. By the mid eighteenth century the principal form of Quaker 'Sufferings' was the distraint of goods for non-payment of tithes, church rates, etc.
Surrogate the Commissary's deputy.
switching threshing.
tables tabling, the stone coping of a wall or gable.
tarren tarn.
testimony [Q] Fletcher uses the word in the sense of a written testimony, prepared by a Quaker meeting to record the grace of God visible in the life of a deceased Friend. Such testimonies were frequently prepared after the death of 'public' Friends.
throng busy.
tip a tup, or ram.
twinter a sheep of two winters.
wad black lead, plumbago.
wap a bundle of hay or straw. (*Glossary, s.v.* 'lap')
wedder wether, a castrated male sheep.
Yearly Meeting [Q] (a) the circulating Northern Yearly Meeting for the 'four northern counties' (i.e. Cumberland, Westmorland, Lancashire and Cheshire), held from 1699 to 1798 in April each year. It was held in rotation in each of the counties in turn; (b) London Yearly Meeting, the national gathering of representatives from meetings throughout Britain, held in London in late May/early June each year.
yoaking the area ploughed by a plough-team at one stretch. (*EDD*)

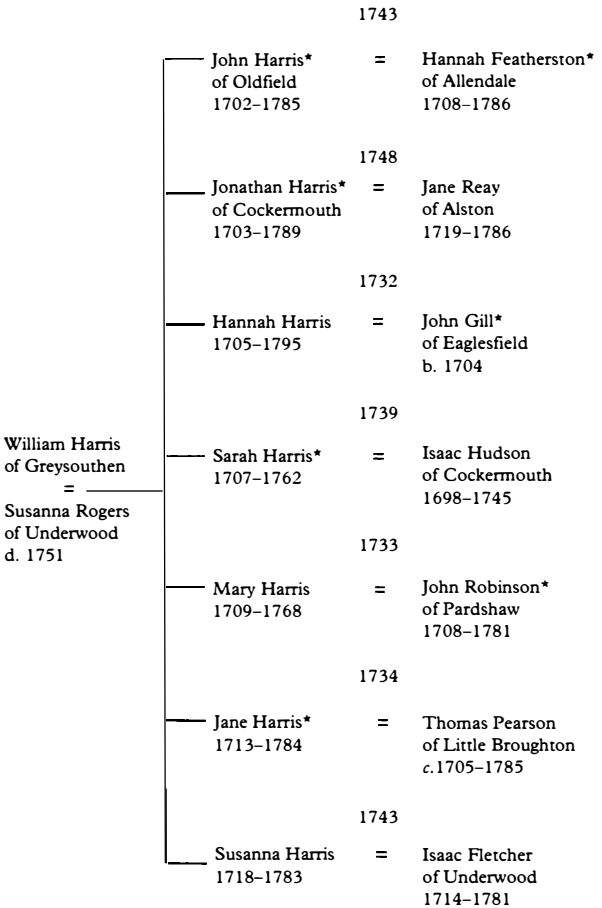
APPENDIX I

Appendix I(a) Close family connexions of Isaac Fletcher



*see entry in Biographical Notes section.

Appendix I(b) Close family connexions of Susanna Fletcher (née Harris)



* see entry in Biographical Notes section.

APPENDIX II
THE UNDERWOOD HOUSEHOLD: HIRED SERVANTS 1756–1781

These notes aim to consolidate the information in the diary and cash accounts concerning the hired men and maid servants at Underwood. Where possible tentative identifications have been made using parish register and Quaker register data: '(Q)' indicates that the individual was a Quaker. The half-year hiring fairs at Cockermouth were held at Whitsuntide ('Whit') and Martinmas ('Mart'). Conventions on the citing of sources are the same as for the Biographical Notes.

A: HIRED FARM SERVANTS

1756–Mart 1759 JOHN JACKSON (½-year wage: £3 10s)
(Q) Born 1735; died 1804. See Biographical Notes.

Mart 1759–Apr 1761 WILLIAM SCOTT (½-year wage: £3 10s)
Perhaps the William Scott who, with Jonathan Scott, took a lease of Jane Head's land at Brandlingill and Cleaty Bank in Feb 1761.

May 1761–Mart 1763 JOHN COLLIN (½-year wage: £3 15s rising to £4 5s)
Servant with John Taylor, a farmer in Mosser, before coming to Underwood.

Mart 1763–Whit 1764 JOSEPH PEARSON

Whit 1764–Whit 1765 ARCHIBALD ARMSTRONG (½-year wage: £4 4s)
In Nov 1764 I.F. found 'too great freedom' between him and the maid servant, Jane Wood, but kept him on. He was married by 8 Jul 1765.

Whit 1765–Dec 1765 ANDREW GLENDENING
Probably Scottish: he left Underwood due to ill-health on 31 Dec 1765, 'in very weak condition', to return to Scotland with his brother William.

Dec 1765–Whit 1768 PETER MURRAY (½-year wage: £4 8s rising to £5 10s)
See also below, 1777–80. Probably the Peter Murray who married Mary Simpson at Dean, 14 Nov 1768, when both were described as of that parish. When he and his family returned to Underwood in Apr 1778 they had been living at Ullock.

June 1766–Nov 1766 JAMES FISHER (weekly wage 3s 0d)

Whit 1768–Mart 1768 JOHN OTLEY (½-year wage: £4 10s)

Mart 1768–Mart 1769 GEORGE CROUDERS (½-year wage: £4 17s 6d)

Identification uncertain: a George Crudders was married at Ennerdale 13 Nov 1757. Children of George Cruthers were baptized at Arlecdon (1776) and Moresby (1780–88), while children of George and Ann Crowthers were baptized at Cockermouth between 1774 and 1788.

?–Whit 1771 JOHN STORRY (½-year wage: £5 5s)

Had worked for I.F. as a day labourer at Underwood (at 9d per day and meat) in June 1769. Probably son of Simon Storey of High Calvey, baptized at Dean 15 Aug 1749. Married Dinah Stoddart at Loweswater 27 May 1773, when they were both described as servants. Their children were baptized at Loweswater 1774–1788.

Whit 1771–Mart 1771 JONATHAN THOMPSON (9d per day)

I.F. took him on for the summer half-year; his work included managing the lime kiln. He worked 4 days per week at 9d per day (equivalent to a ½-year wage of £3 18s).

1772(?)–Sep 1777 JOSEPH MITCHELL (½-year wage: £5)

Married Mary Barrows at Dean 14 Jul 1771, when he was living in Brigham parish. Had apparently worked as a day labourer at Underwood in April 1772, when he was paid for 13 days' work at 8d per day. He and his family appear to have been living at Underwood by Dec 1772 when his daughter Susan was christened at Dean. By 1777 he was nursing grievances – I.F. commented on his 'sulky way' – and he ceased to work for I.F. in Sep 1777 after making unspecified complaints. He and his family continued to live at Underwood until 25 Apr 1778, when they moved to Pardshaw.

Jan 1776–Whit 1776 PHILIP CRAIG (weekly wage: 1s 0d)

Described by I.F. as 'a Scotch lad'.

Sep 1777–[Whit] 1780 PETER MURRAY (½-year wage: £6)

See above. Moved to Underwood from Ullock 28 Apr 1778.

July 1778–Oct 1778 JOSEPH PEARSON (weekly wage: 3s 6d plus 2s over for mowing)

(Q)? Hired for the harvest period only. May not be the same Joseph Pearson as I.F.'s servant in 1763–4. The fact that he went to the General Meeting at Broughton in Aug 1778 suggests that he was a Quaker and may identify him with Joseph Pearson (1752–1824), son of John and Mary Pearson of Little Broughton who was living as a servant within the compass of Pardshaw P.M. when he applied for membership of the Society of Friends in 1771 (CRO, D/FCF/1/68, p.70).

B: MAID SERVANTS

to Whit 1756 **SARAH MESSENGER**
Paid £3 2s 'in full for wages' at the end of May 1756, but it is not clear what her ½-yearly wage was.

Whit 1756–May 1757 **PEGGY SEYMOUR** **(½-year wage: £1 8s)**
Left Underwood and went home a month early because of a lame ankle. Perhaps to be identified with Margaret, daughter of John Seymour, baptized at Camerton 19 Mar 1737, and who married Joseph Barwise there 19 Apr 1761.

May 1757–Whit 1757 **SARAH BELL** **(wage: 8s 6d for 4 weeks)**

Whit 1757–Dec 1757 **HANNAH LITTLE** **(½-year wage: £1 7s)**
Left because of dishonesty, which included stealing yarn.

Jan 1758–? **ANN WALKER** **(½-year wage: £1 8s)**
I.F. hired her from Sosgill.

Whit 1759–Mart 1760 **HANNAH BELL** **(½-year wage: £1 8s)**
(Q): her certificate transferring her membership from Carlisle M.M. was read at Pardshaw M.M. in Jul 1759; her certificate back to Carlisle was signed Jan 1761. Probably to be identified with Hannah, daughter of David Bell of Close, in Carlisle M.M., born 27 Sep 1738.

Mart 1760–Whit 1764 **BETTY WATMAN** **(½-year wage: £1 12s 6d)**
Baptized at Wigton 3 June 1744, daughter of Thomas Watman of Moorhouse, Wigton, and thus sister of Jane Watman, below.

[1762]–Sep 1763 **JANE WATMAN** **(½-year wage: £1)**
Sister of the above. Baptized at Wigton 21 May 1749.

Feb 1764–Nov 1771 **RUTH JOHNSON** **(½-year wage: no wages at first; £1 from 1767; £1 7s 4d from 1769)**
Cash accounts suggest that her father was John Johnson, perhaps of Pardshaw Hall. She went to Crabtreebeck, Loweswater, on leaving Underwood in 1771.

Whit 1764–Mart 1764 **JANE WOOD** **(½-year wage: £1 16s 6d)**
Dismissed when I.F. found 'too great freedom' between her and the man servant, Archibald Armstrong.

Mart 1764–Apr 1768 SUSIE PEARSON (½-year wage: £1 15s)
(Q) Born 18 Oct 1743, daughter of Thomas and Jane Pearson of Little Broughton, and thus Susanna Fletcher's neice. In 1776 she married Anthony Saul of Great Broughton, a weaver; she was his second wife. She died at Great Broughton 6 Jan 1819.

?–Mart 1766 AGNES (½-year wage: £1 7s 6d)
Recorded only in payment of wages in cash acct.

Apr 1768–Mart 1768 MARTHA DRAPE (½-year wage: £1 14s)
Perhaps to be identified with the Martha, daughter of John Drape, baptized at Kirkbride, 16 June 1745.

Feb 1769–Mart 1769 JANE BLACK (½-year wage: £1 14s)
(Q) Born 3 Apr 1745, daughter of Matthew and Isabel Black. Married Bernard Mackrea of Whitehaven at Dean in Dec 1778 and was consequently disowned.

Nov 1771–Mart 1773 BETTY CROSTHWAITE (½-year wage: £1 18s)
Hired at Mosser Mains. In Dec 1773 she swore to the parish officers at Workington that Thomas Winn, I.F.'s lead miner at Underwood, had made her pregnant. She may possibly have been the Elizabeth Crosthwaite whose illegitimate daughter was baptized at Lazonby 29 Dec 1773.

1774?–Mart 1775 SARAH FLETCHER (½-year wage: £1 13s)

?Mart 1774–Dec 1775 PEGGY THOMPSON (½-year wage: 10s)
Cash accounts show that she was the daughter of William Thompson, which probably identifies her as Margaret, daughter of William Thompson, tailor of Ullock, baptized at Dean 27 Dec 1761. She left Underwood after an argument with Ruth Johnson, below.

?Mart 1775–Mart 1777 RUTH JOHNSON (½-year wage: £1 10s)
Sister of Rachel, below, and daughter of James Johnson. After leaving Underwood she was hired as a servant to Kirby, Dean parish.

? 1776–May 1777 RACHEL JOHNSON (½-year wage: £1)
Sister of Ruth Johnson, above.

Whit 1777–Nov 1780 ANN CHORLEY ('Nancy') (½-year wage: £1 12s, raised to £2 in 1778)
Left Underwood on 29 Nov 1780 after some ill-feeling, and went as a servant to Henry Pearson's of Lorton.

Dec 1780– BETTY BROWN (½-year wage: £1 16s)
[end of diary]
Hired at Flimby for I.F. by William Twineham.

APPENDIX III
TOPOGRAPHICAL NOTES

The following notes aim to identify the farms and hamlets mentioned most frequently in the diary, and to give background information about their inhabitants. Most of the places listed below are shown on Figure 2. Where a farm can be identified with a holding shown on the relevant tithe plan of *c.*1840, the tithe plan acreage is given at the end of the entry. Further biographical information on many of the landowners and tenants mentioned below will be found in the Biographical Notes.

AIKBANK, Mosser township (NY 117 259)
The corn mill at Aikbank had been bought by John and Ann Dixon of Waterend in 1698 and it remained in the hands of their descendants, the Dixon family of Toddel, until at least 1840 (CRO, DX/471). In 1756 Jonathan Dixon leased Aikbank mill and land to George Wilkinson, who was tenant until 1763. During Wilkinson's tenancy the miller at Aikbank was Walter Smith (see diary entry for 10 Aug 1761). In 1772 Dixon leased the property to Joseph Black, who remained tenant of Aikbank until at least 1808 (CRO, QRP/1). Acreage in 1840: 36 acres (14.5 ha).

BEECH HILL (or 'Hill'), Mosser township (NY 110 246)
The farm closest to Underwood; home of the Robinson family from the 1660s or before. 'Old' John Robinson (1690–1761) was succeeded by his son, John (1733–1769), under whose will the estate passed to his infant nephew John Allason (1768–1822), son of Mary (née Robinson) and William Allason of Mossergate. During John Allason's minority the estate was occupied by John Jackson, who also rented part of Underwood land from I.F. from 1779. Acreage in 1840: 88 acres (35.5 ha).

BRAMLEY, Mosser township (NY 108 237)
There were two holdings at Bramley in the eighteenth century:

A: bought by Thomas Iredale in 1742, descended in 1759 to his son, Joseph Iredale, who farmed the property himself until 1805.

B: an estate belonging to the Allison family until 1743, when it passed to Mary and Susanna Drewry, on the death of John Allison. They sold it in 1777 to William Wilson, who sold the bulk of the property to Joseph Iredale, owner of the other farm at Bramley, in 1786. In the 1760s the property appears to have been farmed by tenants: John Grayson in 1762, and Lyddia Wilson in 1767.

Acreage of the combined holdings at Bramley in 1840: 79 acres (32 ha).

BRANDLINGILL, Blindbothel township (NY 122 265)
There were at least two properties at Brandlingill:

A: owned in 1780 by Jane Head and her brother-in-law Henry Tolson, husband of

Margaret Head. Had probably descended in the Head family since the seventeenth century: an Edward Head of Brandlingill was recorded in 1669. In 1780 the Heads' estate was occupied by Henry Hewitson.

B: owned by John Wilkinson (1700–1776), who married I.F.'s sister Ann (1703–1771). In 1780 it was owned by their son, John Wilkinson (1739–1813), and occupied by himself, James Robinson and William Armstrong.

CRAGG END, Whinfell township (NY 141 265)
Owned and farmed by the Allason family from 1724 to 1871. It descended from John Allason (1699–1779), who married I.F.'s sister, Alice (1696–1770), to their son John (1734–1816). Acreage in 1841: 35 acres (14 ha).

EDGE [i.e. Branthwaite Edge], Dean parish (NY 05 24)
The coal pit at 'Edge' was probably the Dean Colliery leased to Gabriel Griffith in 1761 and to John Fearon from 1766 (O. Wood, *West Cumberland Coal* (Kendal, 1988), p. 76).

FELLSIDE, Mosser township (NY 123 249)
Purchased 1758 by Amos Cowman, who sold the estate in 1765 to Captain Henry Allason of Seaton, on whose death *c.*1774 it passed to his sisters Ann, wife of Henry Bowman, and Mary Bell, widow. During the period of the diary the farm was let to tenants, of whom Robert Townley (from 1765), Joseph Dobson (to 1779) and John Dobson (in 1780) are known. Acreage in 1840: 99 acres (40 ha).

GILLBROW, Mosser township (NY 118 246)
Owned from 1703 by John Walker, on whose death in 1740 it passed to Mary (1716–1760), wife of Richard Head of Brandlingill, who left it by will to her youngest daughter, Margaret, who married Henry Tolson in 1773. By 1761 Gillbrow was farmed by Anthony Richardson, who was still tenant in 1791. Acreage in 1840: 55 acres (22 ha).

GRAYTHWAITE, Mosser township (NY 115 232)
Home of the Wilson family to whom it came in 1693 on the marriage of John Wilson (1667–1746) to Ann Steel (1674–1744), daughter and heiress of John Steel of Graythwaite, a prominent early Quaker. On John Wilson's death the Graythwaite property descended to their third son, Jonathan (1710–1782) in whose family it remained until the early nineteenth century. Acreage in 1840: 92 acres (37 ha).

HIGHFIELD See OLDFIELD.

HILL See BEECH HILL.

KIRBY, near Pardshaw Hall, Dean parish (NY 106 257)
No longer standing, but shown on the first edition Ordnance Survey 6" map, surveyed 1864. Property at Kirby was purchased in 1713 from Richard Head by Samuel Robinson (d. 1750) of Eaglesfield, father of Elihu Robinson. Samuel was living at Kirby in the 1730s and 1740s (Hudson family papers). Kirby was

apparently a public house: Fletcher repeatedly records visits there to execute deeds, discuss business, etc. and on at least one occasion (Sarah Hudson's funeral in 1762) he bought ale from Kirby.

LOW LEYS, Lamplugh township (NY 067 193)
Home of Fletcher's grandfather, Lancelot Fletcher (d. 1682). The estate passed to Japheth Fletcher (1700–1751), the diarist's brother, and thus to Japheth's son, the diarist's nephew and namesake, Isaac Fletcher (1728–1794) of Low Leys.

MOCKERKIN, Loweswater township (NY 090 232)
Small hamlet, containing seven main farms and several smaller properties in the mid eighteenth century. The principal landowners in 1758 were Peter Fearon, John Fletcher, John Mirehouse, Joseph Mirehouse, Joseph Tiffin (infant), Joseph Ullock and John Watson. Most appear to have been owner-occupiers.

MOSSER MAINS, Mosser township (NY 115 251)
Called simply 'Mosser' by Fletcher. It contained several dwellings in the eighteenth century, of which the principal farms were the following:

A: a holding recorded as 'Midtowne' in 1703, when it was owned by Thomas Pearson. From the 1760s it was owned and occupied by John Pearson (d. 1795).

B: a holding inherited in 1752 by John Burnyeat (d. 1765) on the death of his father. After his death it passed to his widow, Jane (d. 1775) and thus to their son, Philip Burnyeat (d. 1793). In 1780 it was occupied by Thomas Robinson and William Carlisle.

C: a holding owned and occupied by Joseph Porter from 1762 to 1791. Porter had purchased land at Mosser Mains from Thomas Wood in 1758 (material omitted from diary entry, 20 May 1758) and from Jonathan Robinson in 1762.

D: a holding at Mosser Mains was owned by John Robinson of Beech Hill in 1702, when he devised it to his son, Joseph. John and Mary Robinson of Beech Hill leased land at Mosser Mains to James Graham for nine years in 1758.

E: a mill at Mosser Mains is recorded in the name 'Milldam' on the first edition Ordnance Survey 1:10,560 map at NY 117 249. This was probably associated with a mill, known as Briscoe's mill in the early eighteenth century, and recorded as belonging to Lancelot Briscoe in 1684. It was purchased in 1747 by John Taylor, described as miller of Mosser Mains when he sold it to Joseph Wood in 1759. Wood sold the property to Jonathan Dixon, senior, of Waterend (who already owned Aikbank Mill, the other mill in Mosser township) in 1762.

MOSSERGATE, Mosser township (NY 116 246)
The name applied in the 18th century to several dwellings on the sites of the modern farms of Mossergate (NY 116 246) and High Mosser (NY 118 246). Five holdings can be identified:

A: one estate was inherited in 1709 by Japheth Fletcher (I.F's father) from his uncle, John Holstocke. It passed to I.F. who sold it in 1772 to William Allason (1734–1801). John Carlisle, to whom I.F. leased the property in 1762 was still tenant in 1780.

B: William Allason also owned another property at Mossergate, where he lived.

This he inherited from his father, John (d. 1746), who had purchased it from Joseph Steel in 1736.

C: a holding (the modern Mossergate Farm) which was the home of the Fawcett family, passing from father to son, from Peter Fawcett (d. 1688), to Daniel (d. 1746), to Joseph (d. 1786), to John (d. 1817).

D: a property at Mossergate, purchased by Eleanor (d. 1756) and Isaac Wise in 1728, which descended to the Fisher family. In 1780 it was owned and occupied by Joseph Fisher who sold part of it in 1790 to William Allason (owner of properties A and B), and part to Jonathan Fawcett of holding C.

E: a smaller property (described as 19 acres in 1810) in the hands of Joseph and Jane Hutchinson of Mossergate in the mid eighteenth century. They had acquired it from John Williamson in 1722, when it was known as 'Williamson's quarter tenement'. On Jane Hutchinson's death in 1773 her property descended to her nephew, Joseph Ashley of Brigham, who leased it. John Steel was tenant in 1780; in 1786 it was leased to John Carlisle, tenant of holding A; and in 1810 to Mary Fawcett, owner of holding C (Fawcett papers).

OLDFIELD, otherwise HIGHFIELD, Greysouthen township (NY 058 272)
Home successively of John Harris (1702–1785) and, after his widow Hannah's death in 1786, of Jonathan Harris (1703–1789), brothers of Susanna Fletcher. It may have been in the Harris family from the 17th century, as their grandfather, John Harris was described as being of Greysouthen. That Oldfield and Highfield were alternative names for the same property is made clear in John Harris's will. (Lancs RO, WCW(C)). In 1763 an American visitor described Oldfield thus: 'this place is situate in a pretty fruitfull valley – a moor on each side – it's hid amongst a fine parcel of pines & other trees; a fine stream of water goes thro the fields & gardens which afterwards turns a mill' (Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, diary of Thomas Fisher, 31.viii.1763).

PARDSHAW, Dean parish (NY 09 24)
A small village. One of its farms was the home of the Robinson family from the sixteenth century. John Robinson (1708–1781) of Pardshaw married Susanna Fletcher's sister, Mary Harris in 1733. His estate appears to have been occupied by George Jackson in 1780.

PARDSHAW HALL, Dean parish (NY 10 25)
A hamlet of three holdings in 1780. Among the landowners recorded in the diary were Pennington Hutchinson (d. 1772); John Johnson, yeoman (also mentioned in Pennington Hutchinson's will); Thomas Wood (d. 1769) and his widow, Dorothy; and members of the Steel family (James Steel (d. 1756); John Steel, owner/occupier, 1780).

At the north-east end of the hamlet, under the limestone outcrop called Pardshaw Crag, stands the Quaker meeting house (at NY 1037 2546) which was the centre of Pardshaw M.M. and was I.F.'s regular place of worship. The present meeting house was built in 1729 to replace one built across the lane under the edge of the crag in 1672. The schoolroom fronting the lane was built in 1745 when I.F. himself took over as schoolmaster. The complex of buildings around the burial ground was thus

central to the life of the Quaker community in the area. See David M. Butler, *Quaker Meeting Houses of the Lake Counties* (London, 1978), pp. 40–8.

SOSGILL, Loweswater township (NY 102 240)
A hamlet of four farms on the edge of Mosser township. In 1759 the four holdings were owned by John Jenkinson, carpenter, Joseph Mirehouse, Jeremiah Nicholson, and John Nutt.

TODDELL ('Todal'), Whinfell township (NY 122 264)
One of the two farms at Toddell was bought in 1700 by John Dixon (1660–1723) of Waterend, Loweswater. In 1766 his son, Jonathan Dixon 'the elder' (1708–1776), made the Toddell property over to his younger son Jonah (1742–1812), who leased it for four years to William Hodgson in 1769 but later farmed it himself. The house remained in the hands of the Dixon family until the death of Frances Kathleen Dixon in 1971. Acreage in 1841: 48 acres (19 ha).

UNDERWOOD, Mosser township (NY 108 247)
Home of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher. Originally two holdings. The lower house at Underwood (NY 1085 2475) bears the initials of the diarist and his wife on a lead plaque over the porch. That house (perhaps built in 1742, the date on the lintel of the kitchen door) represents the steading on which Fletcher was brought up and which descended to him through his mother, Margaret, daughter of Thomas Allason (d. 1679) of Underwood. A datestone bearing the initials of Thomas Allason ('T.A. 16[66]') is built into an outbuilding. The upper farmstead (NY 1084 2469) belonged to Susanna Fletcher's family, the Harrises (see Appendix I). The estate came to them in 1708 on the death of John Rogers of Underwood, the father of Susanna, wife of William Harris of Greysouthen. The initials 'J.H. 1728' and 'J.H. 1736' on the farm buildings are probably those of their son Jonathan Harris (1703–1789), who sold the property, most of it to his brother-in-law I.F., when he was in financial difficulties in 1764. I.F. thus became owner of most of both the seventeenth-century Underwood properties. In 1840 Underwood contained 107 acres (43 ha).

WATEREND, Loweswater township (NY 11 22)
In the narrow sense Waterend refers to the modern Grange Hotel and the farm beside it, but the name was used more generally to refer to all the farms at the head of the lake at Loweswater, including the four 'Place' farms on the south-west side of the valley: Hudson, Iredale, Jenkinson and Johnson Place (the last name no longer appears on maps). The following properties were all in Quaker hands in the eighteenth century:

A: Waterend proper (NY 116 226) belonged to the Dixon family from at least the beginning of the seventeenth century until 1862 (see also Toddell). In 1766 it was conveyed by Jonathan Dixon 'the elder' (1708–1776) to his elder son Jonathan, 'the younger' (1740–1809) of Waterend. In 1780 the land was occupied by him and by Joseph Richardson. Acreage *c.*1843: 62 acres (25 ha).

B: Hudson Place (NY 115 222), formerly 'Woodvill Place', belonged to the Woodvill family from at least 1619 until William Woodvill (d. 1758) of

Cockermouth sold it to John Pattinson in 1758. Pattinson then sold the property, together with half of Johnson Place (see below), to Peter Hudson in 1776. In 1780 the land was occupied by the owner and by John Bowman.

C: Jenkinson Place (NY 112 225), or 'Middle Place', was in the hands of the Jenkinson family from at least 1613 until it was sold by John Jenkinson in 1813. Acreage *c.*1843: 49 acres (20 ha).

D: Iredale Place (NY 110 226) took its name from its 17th-century owners. In 1676 it was divided into two holdings, one of which (35 acres (14 ha) *c.*1843) was bought in 1680 by John Rogers of Underwood (*q.v.*). That half passed to his daughter, Susanna Harris, and thus to her son Jonathan Harris, the diarist's brother-in-law, who sold it in 1752 to Jacob Hudson (d.1765) of Greysouthen, in whose family it remained until 1817. The other half of the original Iredale estate (33 acres (13 ha) *c.*1843) was acquired by John Wilson (1667–1746) of Graythwaite (*q.v.*) who made it over to his youngest son, Thomas Wilson (1713–1799), in whose family it remained until 1820. In 1780 both estates were occupied by their owners.

E: Johnson Place (lost, but on the same site as Hudson Place) had been divided into two holdings in 1664, when one half passed to John Wilkinson, ancestor of John Wilkinson (1700–1776) of Waterend and Brandlingill. It had passed by 1765 to John Pattinson, owner of Hudson Place, with which it appears to have merged. The other half of the original holding (20 acres (8 ha) c.1843) remained in the hands of the Johnson family until the end of the seventeenth century and subsequently belonged to Thomas Wilson (1713–1799) of Iredale Place, who made it over to his son, Christopher, in 1781.

WHINNAH ('Whinney'), Mosser township (NY 107 240)
Purchased *c.*1751 by Japheth Fletcher (1700–1751), the diarist's brother. On his death it passed to his younger son, Jacob Fletcher (b. 1731) in whose hands it appears to have remained for the rest of the century. Acreage in 1840: 46 acres (18.5 ha).

WHITEKELD, Lamplugh township (NY 070 227)
Home of John Woodville (1707–1780) and family and also of members of the Harris family.

Sources:
In addition to the internal evidence of the diaries themselves, the principal sources drawn on in compiling the above notes are: JGB; Land Tax assessments, 1780 (CRO, QRP/1/14); and records of tenancy changes in manorial documents. The last are for Mosser: CRO, D/Lec/247 (Egremont Lordship court leet verdicts); for Loweswater: CRO, D/WM/11; for Mockerkin and Sosgill: CRO, D/Lec/311, 312, and Brown's Survey, 1758; and for Whinfell: CRO, D/Lec/220; D/Lons, Wharton manors papers. Title deeds, etc. for several of the properties described above are preserved in CRO, DX/24, DX/127, and DX/471, and in the Fawcett family papers. Acreages are from the tithe commutation apportionments in CRO, DRC/8.

APPENDIX IV
LETTERS OF ISAAC AND SUSANNA FLETCHER

1. Isaac Fletcher, Whitehaven, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 12 October 1747. (CL, 2H FLE)

... Our Bristol brewer [*Stephen Beck*] came yesterday & appears to be a very understanding man as to that business. I suppose he will make very great alterations as to the conveniences. He is only come now to see the place, & if he likes it & master & he can agree upon terms will come to settle here very shortly. There is a sloop off. I suppose corn loaden for us which makes me in a hurry to go down & see after it. I can not come home this week end as usuall but intends to be at home next week end. ...

2. Isaac Fletcher, Bristol, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 11 July 1756. (CL, 2H FLE)

... We arrived at this city yesterday at about four a clock in the afternoon, all very well after a very pleasant voyage of eight days to Chepstow. Came from thence yesterday ... We were this day week all the day becalmed before the mouth of Dublin Bay. Could have run up to the city in a few hours but durst not go any nearer on account of the Press, lest we should loose some of our men ... We had two women passengers on board, the one had a child along with her about 2 years old & the other had one about same age & three more who were elder (the eldest daughter grown up to a woman) but none of them in the cabin. We were all very agreeable all the while which is a very great ... [*document damaged*]. At sea the women were all very sea sick, as were there little children. [*Describes his own sea-sickness, without vomiting, and their arrival at Chepstow. Then follows an account of his initial meeting with Stephen Beck and wife*:] ... Stephen was standing in the shop door & I went up very boldly to him & adress'd him in as civil a manner as I was capable of, which, after a good deal of confusion & colour coming & going in his face, he return'd in a very complisant, obliging manner but she showed no manner of emotion or alteration in countenance or otherwise. She asked after thee & little John very readily & I told her thou had thy kind love to her & Stephen, which was received in the usual way. Enquired after several friends & news since there leaving Whitehaven, but found they knew almost as much as I did. We stop'd about an hour & returned to our inn, which is at the sign of the Three Cups, upon the Back, Bristol ...

3. Isaac Fletcher, on board the 'Nancy' in the River Wye at Chepstow, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 6 August 1756. (CL, 2H FLE).

... We have at last brought our affairs to a very favourable issue on our part, even much beyond our expectations, & on that account am well satisfyed with my coming, altho' the time has been very long, often caused by their unnecessary delays

& keeping us at a distance until after the sale of the *Bristol* [*on 20 July*]. I bought her for £390 ... We went about £20 further then designed on account of securing ourselves against S. Beck for he had above six pounds to pay more than his share of the vessil amounted unto, so the ship secured us from anything that might happen from him. So I have now one third & one twelfth of the ship, & Matthew Gale the same share, & Peter Gibson one sixth, which is the whole. I have therefore secured in the ship upwards of £160 which sum would (the most of it) been due from S. Beck if they had bought her. We got all our accounts agreed unto and signed (with relation to the ship & trade) on 2nd day last ... and if P. Nicholson had not been here I believe we would have never come near any conclusion, for his application & industry herein has been very great, & we having such recommendations & friendship shewed us from as great men in the mercantile way as any in the place, keept them in awe of exposing them, so they were obliged at last to submit. We struck off S. Beck's account about £150 & near £100 from Coram. [*Further details of wrangling over accounts; description of his dream of an asp which tried to bite him but which he struck down; reference to friendships made in Bristol and the 'many favours & civilities shewed us during this troublesome affair'.*] ... I came from Bristol yesterday morning at one a clock in the market boat, full of passengers, mostly huckster women & some men that had been at the fair. A very rude wicked company. I chose to stay upon deck all night rather than associate with such thieving, foul-mouth'd people, tho' most of them pretty well dress'd. ... I return with the *Nancy* brig, Captain Peter Gibson. ... I have 3 packs of yarn to buy in Dublin & a bill to receive which S. Beck gave me ...

... and am with great affection & regard
thy sincere Friend & loving husband
Isaac Fletcher.

4. Isaac Fletcher, London, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 14 November 1761. (CL, 2H FLE)

[*Describing his visit with Samuel Fothergill and Isaac Wilson to Monthly Meetings in the London area:*] ... at Horsleydown ... they have been very backward in appointing meetings for us, being entire strangers to the nature and intention of our visit. After the first part of the meeting was over we had a great difficulty to get the Queries read, which are usually read with us once a quarter, they being not used here at all. After about an hour debate thereupon they read them and answer'd as could get them to do it ... We had the women present with the men all the time (tho' the women hold no Month Meetings nor any other meetings of discipline here), as also the children & servants. The meeting held about five hours. The next meeting appointed for us is Gracechurch Street on 2nd day. ... We have had a great deal of opposition about the visit at this city. They look upon it as a sort of an inquisition & are not willing to undergo a search. There are a number of very good & valuable Friends here but some of the leading men I think scarce merits that character. ...

5. Isaac Fletcher, London, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 17 January 1765. (Preserved loose in 1765 diary volume).

Dear Suse,
My last from this place of the 15th current was wrote in haste & I had not the time to write more particularly. We got here all well on the 15th at eight a clock in the night after traviling that day no less than one hundred & ten miles from before three in the morning, but notwithstanding was nothing near so much fatigued as I thought. The swelling of my legs I thought the worst of but believe it was more caused for want of sleep than the fly, for it is a very easy carriage & plenty of room for six people & I like it better than the post chaise. My legs are now quite well again and I am in a very good state of health. I have this day seen Joseph & William Robinson who are both in good health. William intends to come home by sea by way of Dublin if he can get a convenient passage. Yesterday was mostly taken up in making ready our papers for the counsel which papers were sent to him last night & he has fixed on tomorrow night at six a clock for us to meet him at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn. Blenerhasset is much pleased with the answer I had prepared. My kind love to sons and all enquiring friends.

I am respectfully thy affectionate husband
Isaac Fletcher.

Direct for me at the George in Aldermanbury, London.

6. Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, to Isaac Fletcher, the George, Aldermanbury, London, 20 January 1765. (Preserved loose in 1765 diary volume).

Dear Husband,
Thine received from York and one this day from London which brought me the agreable nuse of your ariving at London and thy being in good hilth and acording to they reqest I write, but thou did not tell me where to direct two. I and the childer are well and the rest of the family. I was very uneasy about the[e] till I got thy first letter which gave me sum satisfaction. There was much sencering about your going away. Our invitrate friend J.W. was enquiring of W.G. about you and seamed apprahencive but you are still much reflected against and your reputation suffer much, which hath given me a great deal of unesines, so hope you wilnot forgetit in your bill. Sarah Robinson is very ill and not expected to live many days. The dispute between Mosser and Bridechurch did not cum to a trial. The order was sett aside and the[y] have since removed him back. I have not moch more to say but desire thou wood lett me hear from the[e].

I am respectfully thy loving wife
Susanna Fletcher.

P.S. My love to the rest of thy companions. I am afraid thou canot read it. Thou knows I's not much acustomed to writing, so excuse me.

7. Isaac Fletcher, London, to Susanna Fletcher, Underwood, 24 January 1765. (Preserved loose in 1765 diary volume).

Dear Suse,
I expected that I should now been able to have informed thee when we would have been ready to have left this place but I am just come from the counsel & he can't be ready with the draft of our answers until 7th day night, at which time hope to give thee account when we may be expected. Propose to return by the Kendal machine. If so, must have horses sent for us there. We have waited on the counsel several times & he saith we have nothing to fear from them & further informs us we have acted prudently and safely, but has disuaded us from filing any cross bill & will do the same & more effectually in the answer. We are all well & in high spirits. William Robinson comes along with us in the machine. Joseph Robinson intended to have come down with us but can't get leave from his mistress. Peter Nicholson is here about his suit with John Abraham but his cause is put off. I have been with Blackburn who informs me that John Finlinson, the person who Richard Radcliffe sold the stock[ing]s to is dead, but shall take care of it so far as I can.

I am respectfully thy affectionate husband
Isaac Fletcher.

P.S. My love to sons & all enquiring Friends. Shall write thee again in a few days.

8. Isaac Fletcher, Underwood, to Jonathan Dixon, junior, at Joseph Saul's, Front Street, Philadelphia, 12 January 1768. (I.F.'s copy, in CL, 2H FLE)

[*The letter concerns I.F. asking Jonathan Dixon, senior, to honour a bill sent by Jonathan Dixon, junior. At I.F.'s first visit to Jonathan, senior, he refused to accept the draft and 'seemed much out of temper both with me and thee'. I.F. visited him a second time with Joseph Hutchinson, tailor and mercer of Cockermouth, and:*]
... found him guttering in a field near his own house, but to our great mortification could not by any arguments that we were capable to make use of move him anything in thy favour, but he threw out many ill-natured reflections upon me as being the means of perswading him to put his land to thee which he now heartily repented & wished he had not been so great a fool as to have been prevailed upon with us, for he believed thou wouldst soon waste it all, or words to that import... [*However, Jonathan, senior, eventually acceded to Jonathan junior's request for money and for a mortgage on his (Jonathan junior's) estate.*] ... We expect thou hast purchased the plantation thou mentionest, and that the money for thy draft was to pay the one half of the purchase money, but thy father orders me to tell thee that he had much rather that thou wouldest return again into thy native land and live upon thy own estate here. He has lately received a letter from thee which he shewed me. I was much pleased with the spirit and resolution in which it was wrote. I think it has not a little contributed to his present seeming good disposition, for while I was reading it I observed the tears run down his cheeks and he could scarce speak to me for some considerable time after; but expect this good disposition will too soon wear off and leave him again in his usual way. I would advise thee to write to him frequently and always in a respectfull becoming manner, for he is thy father and there is a filial duty, defferance and respect due

to him from thee, notwithstanding he has acted foolishly in his late marriage which caused the misunderstanding between you. ...

P.S. Please to remember me to John Gill, junior, & any other of my acquaintance on your continent as convenience may offer. I can hear nothing from old John Gill nor the doctor since he came over the water. If thou canst give me any inteligence about them shall think myself obliged to thee. Hannah Gill & her daughter now lives at Underwood and are well in health.

9. Isaac Fletcher, Underwood, to Dr. William Gill, c/o Joseph Ogden, at the Cross Keys, Philadelphia, 8 August 1770. (I.F.'s copy, CL, 2H FLE)

Respected nephew William Gill,

Thine of the 17th March last only came to hand on the 6th current adressed to William Hudson & superscribed to me under his name dashed out. William Hudson has not been at Liverpool for several months past. He sailed, I believe, in March last from London on board an Indea man bound to some part of the East Indies. Tho' he wrote me a very friendly letter a little before he sailed, yet he did not say on what voyage he was going, only that he was going a long voyage and not likely to be in England again shortly and doubted not my taking the proper care of his affairs during his absence & was glad to understand that me & familey had survived so dangerous & mortal a disorder which had proved fatal to so many strong & healthy people in our neighbourhood. He knew very well that I was always much against his going that voyage, as it often proves fatal to so many of our English sailors, having such variety of climates to go through & they, or many of them, make too free with the liquor & fruits of the country. So shall now leave that subject with my hearty & sincere good wishes for his health, prosperity & good conduct, so that he may arrive safely again in Old England, the Paradise of the world, the land of wealth & plenty!

Now, dear William, I am very sorry to hear of thy bad state of health and that the climate doth not agree with thy constitution. I hope thou art very carefull not to take the example of the sailors I was just speaking of in making too free either with the liquors or fruits of the country, both of which are very good, salutiferous & healthfull when used with moderation, but much on the contrary if taken to excess; but as I know nothing amiss with thee in those respects, so only make these remarks by way of caution that when we see rocks & dangers ahead we may use our best endeavours to steer our course so wisely and prudently as to run clear of them and to keep them at a proper distance and out of harm's way; but a word to the wise is sufficient.

I observe what thou says about hearing of my losing the use of my speech, memory & limbs, which are all false & in a great degree without foundation. As to my speech, during the three months of my delirium I had too much use of it, for they tell me that I talked almost without ceasing day & night during that time of insensibility. My disorder at last turned to a sort of an ague which came on so very violent that they expected every fitt would have cary'd me off & been my last, I being then so weak that they judged I could not stand the shock much longer & both the physician and apothecary thought there were little or no hopes & no way but one for a long time. But the strength of my constitution deceived them, for the vessel, tho' reduced to a meer wreck by the violence of the raging winds and tempestuous seas,

yet weathered the point & stood out the storm until a calm in some measure ensued, which gave time to refitt a little so that the wish'd for port was at last gained; but indeed the vessel has not yet had repairs sufficient to make her sea worthy, save a little summer voyage, or so, but hope to have the needfull repairations near completed this summer.

And as to my memory, it was quite gone at my first recovery when the fever left me. The former impressions were almost wore out & obliterated, so that I had all things to learn afresh as from a new beginning, but as I recovered my health & strength, my memory also was restored again by degrees, which I doubt not in time will return again unto its former state, for I am now as capable of doing business, I think, as ever, for I have done a great deal of business in conveyancing and other branches where there were some very considerable difficulties which required invention & study. But I completed the whole as well and with as much ease as ever, tho' it was accomplished with considerable bodily pain. And upon the whole I do not find but my capacity and intellects are as strong as ever, & even more clear by my confinement and retirement from the world.

But as to my limbs there are yet a very considerable defect, tho' I can walk about with a stick to support me, my feet continue a sort of numbish & swell pretty much at times and are sometimes in the mornings from the ankles downwards swell'd almost as round as balls so that I can't wear any shoes for some time but have got a pair of wide Russian slippers which answers my purpose very well. My legs are now pimpled and broke quite up to my knees, as they sometimes used to be before thou left this country, which has I believe much abated the swelling which is not very considerable at present. But my greatest pain & complaint have been in my back upon both kidneys, which gave me intollerable pain, but some time ago I got quit of a large quantity of slimey mucus which one might have lifted out of the pot with a stick like a jelley. This entirely removed the pain from the right kidney which has been entirely free since, but the pain in the left still continues in the kidney & along the ureters down to the bladder on that side. Dr. Dixon has been much apprehensive of a stone being lodged some way in the kidney or passage down from thence to the bladder as the cause of my pain & complaint, but I think it is nothing of that kind but some of the slimey mucus or other matter lodged there by the extreem heat of the fevor which nature has not yet had sufficient force and strength to dislodge. I am now drinking Mealrigg water,[a] which I have brought me in bottles from the wells for a tryal of its virtue & if the water have any good effect I purpose to go to the wells myself in a little time. The doctor orders me to drink about three jills a day and not more until I have experienced its opperations & effects. It works moderately by urine which has a very considerable white sedement, which when dryed is almost as white as white paint; and am in hopes that in time it will have the desired effect but perhaps the quantity may be too little & the water not so good as at the well. This being my present state, must leave the rest to time, the great revealer of secrits to discover.

My wife was more severely handled in the fever than myself & the doctors had no hopes of her getting the better of it for a long time. She continued about a month in the fever and a violent & uncommon lax sett her to rights in a little time & quite carried off the dreggs of the distemper so that she has had her health better than before & has had but little of the cholick complaint which used so sorely to afflict her

since. So hope it has been a sort of a renewal of her constitution. My two oldest sons both had the fever but in a moderate way. Thy sister [*Susanna Gill*] also had it but not very violent. So now I think that I have cleared up the whole, so that thou wilt in some degree be able to judge for thyself respecting the truth of the storry told about my bad situation, which I think I may and ought to be very thankfull that I am no worse, the very long continuance of the disorder considered. I should be very glad to know how the storry came to you and by what intelligence for I much suspect some of our good friends at Cockermouth for sending such a wish'd for account over, but perhaps thou mayst find it out how & from whom it came & let me know so soon as convenient.

Now as to the black lead mine. I wrote John Wilson pretty fully on the 11th of June last & sent per packett, which I hope will be come to hand before this time, to which I referr. As to the wedge of lead thou sent to Liverpool for W.H. [*William Hudson*] & me, am afraid that it will be lost, as I know not to whose care thou gave it otherwise would write for it, for it would be of considerable use to me for a sample as I judge it is much better than the sample they sent me first over. I have long expected the two barrels of lead which John Wilson wrote me they would ship for me the first opportunity either to Liverpool or Whitehaven to make a tryal of the markets, but this long delay has been a great detriment to the concern, for people now begin to think that it is all a farse & only an amusement, for nothing they believe will ever come. So some of my friends have joyned & leased some ground near the Borrowdale mines in order to make a tryall for themselves. They have made me an offer of being a partner but I declined it on your account at present, still expecting that yours will at last come over, tho' the time begins to look now very long & many people who I had expectation from will, I doubt not, be served another way very soon if you do not send it over quickly. Therefore I desire you would not delay but use expedition & believe no more idle tales of my being incapable of action &c. for I think that I am as capable as ever.

And I could wish thou would return to England again pretty soon for fear the country should fix a real consumption on thy constitution, for I am yet very willing to render thee any service in my power. And if thou wilt send me over as soon as possible a few barrels of lead (each barrel is by J.W.'s letter 350 lb. weight), which thou can easily do as I expect thou art a partner, I will immediatly satisfy thy creditors here so that thou shall have nothing to fear in that respect. I would therefore desire that thou would not fail to send me a few barrels of lead of the above weight & I will make the way ready & clear for thy return and advise thee accordingly. I wish thee to consider of this project & resolve as soon as possible to put it in execution. I can get no account with H.B. [*Henry Bowman*] about thy affairs yet as I have no legal authority from thee so to do, so that affair must rest 'till thy return unless thou send me a power of attorney for that purpose. Then I shall get the affair settled I doubt not some way, but these attornies are so extreemly mercenary that I am afraid we shall have a disagreable account from that place. But indeed, as to my own part I can't say that he ever used me ill on any account, his character as an attorney considered, so must leave it to further tryal expecting the best.

Now as there are a new company beginning to work for black lead at Borrowdale am afraid they will get the start of us in the markets & every thing else, as you are so very slow in sending over, so I insist that thou wilt quicken their motions a little &

give them some gentle cathartics for that purpose, for I do assure you that we are now losing the very best time, for the company at Borrowdale have lately advertised their lead in the publick papers at a very high price, so I should endeavour to agree with them to take a quantity a little under their price or, if we could not agree, to advertise to sell a little below them. But the uncertainty of yours coming has prevented me & tyed my hands from doing anything to advantage of the company. Therefore expedition is now the watch word, so hope thou wilt not neglect to remind them of it.

Pray give my kind love to thy father, brothers, John Wilson, the rest of the company, and all other enquiring friends & let them know that I am yet alive & as capable of business as ever, tho' not so quick in motion at present. My wife & sons joyn in kind love to thee and am very respectfully,

thy assured friend & kinsman
Isaac Fletcher

P.S. Thy mother & sister live here at the house late Jonathan Harris's, are well in health & desire to be kindly remembered to you all. I.F.
Write every opportunity. Our neighbour John Robinson of Hill is dead of the fevor. John Wilson of Graysouthen is lately married to Joseph Saul's sister of the Holm.
P.S. The framed certificates are safe in the hands of thy sister, but as to thy boots, shoes & spatterdashes, they were never found, save a pair of old spaterdashes which thou left at our house & not worth sending. We believe that the man thou hadst to look at thy horse got them & concealed them from us. I.F.
Pray be so good as to send me a receipt how to make the specific balsam.

Note:

a. The spa at Mealrigg (NY 13 45), Bromfield parish, is recorded by W. Hutchinson, *Hist. Cumberland* (1794), vol. ii, p. 299, who commented that its supposed 'considerable virtues ... have never yet been clearly ascertained.'

10. Isaac Fletcher, Underwood, to Sir James Lowther, Whitehaven, 29 January 1781. (Preserved loose in 1781 diary volume)

Sir James,

I am sorry that I am not able to waite upon thee myself, having been confined at home for several months by a gravel or stranguary complaint. The cause of this trouble is owing to the burgage, late William Hudson's, sold to thy agents several years ago for thee. The price then was three hundred and twenty guineas, of which ten guineas were paid in hand at the execution of the article, the original of which is in your hands, and, some short time after, all the deeds and writings were delivered up to you and have been ever since in your hands, we having a receipt for them signed by John Lucock; William Hudson being then a minor and under the guardianship of his late mother Sarah Hudson who signed the said article and undertook for him during his minority, he being the only child and heir-at-law to his late father, Isaac Hudson. The said William Hudson came of age on the 11th of June 1764 and he conveyed said burgage to John Robinson Esqr. of Appleby by lease and release bearing date the 17th & 18th June 1767 by thy express order and

direction. The said conveyance was lodged in my hands being then an indifferent person between the parties until the lease was drawn and executed which was then to have been done directly or the first opportunity and the money paid or security given, but before anything further was done the said William Hudson died at sea on the fourth of August 1771 having made and published his last will and testament ... [dated] November 16th 1769, in which he devises all his real and personal estate unto Isaac Fletcher of Underwood and Joseph Robinson of Houndsditch, London ... And as every thing relating the said burgage is quite clear and unexceptionable and the conveyance made to thy order, hope that nothing now can stand in the way of its immediate execution. And as I have a power of attorney from Joseph Robinson to act for him as if present, and shall also do what you or counsell may judge further necessary for the more full confirmation of the title to thee or order when called upon.

I send this along with sundry other papers relating the said burgage by my wife, who has sundry times waited upon you before since my confinement, and I now fully expect that you will make a final settlement to the satisfaction of the persons concerned as well as yourselves.

I am with all due respects thy sincere friend and hearty well wisher
Isaac Fletcher.

P.S. As Smith, Wright and Gray, bankers, ... [*damage*] have my security for £82 6s 7d and ... [*damage*] now due and I understand is to be paid to James Spedding, thy agent in Whitehaven. If thou would be so good as to order the said sum to be allowed on account of payment in part for the said burgage it would very much oblige thy friend Isaac Fletcher, for money is now not to be had in the country at any rate.

APPENDIX V
GRAIN PRICES, COCKERMOUTH MARKET, 1756–1781

The following table draws together grain prices recorded in the diary and in the cash accounts. Prices are expressed in shillings and pence per bushel.

Year	*Wheat*	*Rye*	*Barley*	*Oats*
1756	–	–	9s 0d	6s 2d
1757	22s 0d	–	15s 0d	–
1758	14s to 18s	7s 0d	6s 0d	3s 0d
1759	10s to 14s	7s 6d	6s 0d	–
1760	11s 6d to 12s	6s 4d to 7s 5d	–	–
1761	10s to 13s	7s 6d to 9s	–	4s 7d to 5s 6d
1762	16s	11s	7s	4s 6d to 6s 0d
1763	–	–	10s 6d	6s 6d to 8s 0d
1764	14s 6d	–	8s 6d	5s 0d
1765[a]	15s, 24s	–	8s 6d to 10s	7s 0d
1766	16s 0d	11s 0d	11s 0d	–
1767	–	–	–	–
1768	16s 0d	6s 0d	8s 6d	4s 0d to 6s 0d
1769	17s 0d	–	6s 0d	–
1770[b]	13s to 18s	–	9s 0d	6s 0d
1771[c]	17s to 19s	–	13s 0d	6s 6d
1772	–	–	–	6s 0d
1773	18s 6d	–	10s 0d	–
1774	–	–	12s 8d	–
1775	–	–	–	7s 0d
1776	13s 6d, 13s 9d	–	–	–
1777	–	–	–	6s 6d
1778	17s 0d	–	–	–
1779	14s 0d, 16s 4d	–	8s 6d, 10s 0d	5s 6d, 5s 8d
1780	–	–	6s 0d	–
1781	–	–	–	6s 6d

Notes

a. I.F. noted 'corn very high' on 1 Jul 1765.
b. I.F. noted 'corn pretty high' on 24 Dec 1770.
c. I.F. noted 'corn high' on 20 May 1771.

APPENDIX VI
BOOKS PURCHASED BY ISAAC FLETCHER, 1756–1781

The following details have been abstracted from the cash accounts which are included in the diary volumes: they do not necessarily include books referred to in the text of the diary. I.F. also purchased 'magazines' for which he paid Mary Cowley an annual subscription of 7s (7s 6d in 1773–7) between 1762 and 1781. They appear to be identified as the *Universal Magazine* in the accounts for 14 Apr 1777. He also subscribed to the *Farmer's Magazine* (annual subscription *c.*5s) from 1776 (see diary entry for 25 June 1776) to 1779.

Date	*Author/Title*	*From whom purchased*	*Price*
31.viii.56	*Conferrance with the Indians*	(C)	6d
6.xii.56	[Thos.] Stackhouse, *Sacred History*	DM	£3 6s
9.xii.56	[Thos.] Ellwood's *Sacred History*	DM	18s
	[Hen.] Crouch on the *Customs*	DM	6s
	Law Expositor & Law of Dower & Trusts	DM	7s 6d
21.i.57	B. Martin's *English Grammar*	DM	2s
25.vii.57	Jacob's *Parish Officer*	(C)	2s
24.ii.60	*Compleat Parish Officer*	(C)	3s
21.iii.60	Greek and Latin Test[amen]t	MC	5s
22.iii.60	Dictionary (4 vols, octavo @ 11s)	JS	£2 4s
24.v.60	a set of maps	(L)	£2 2s
30.v.60	Robert Barclay's *Works*	(L)	13s
24.vii.60	*Spect[acl]e de la Nature* (7 vols.)	JS	£1 1s
28.x.60	essay on Spirit	DM	1s 2d
	Lex Vadiorum	JS	4s 6d
4.xi.60	Militia Laws	JS	1s 6d
29.xi.60	Touchstone, *Wills*	JS	1s 6d
22.xii.60	Godolphin's *Orph[eu]s Legacy*	(C)	6s 6d
9.ii.61	[Edw.] Leigh's *Critica Sacra*	DM	3s
15.v.61	[Thos.] Wood's *Institutes*	'at High cross sale'	14s 6d
3.vi.61	[Isaac] Watt's *Logick*	(C)	2s 6d
	[Wm.] Sherlock on *Death*	(C)	1s
10.ix.61	*Child's Christian Education*	(W)	10d
	H. Scougal's *Life of God in the Soul of Man*	(W)	6d
20.xi.61	[Wm.] Sewel's *History [of the Quakers]*	LH	14s
	[Geo. Bishop], *New England Judged*	LH	5s
	Dell's *Tryal of Spirits &c.*	LH	1s 6d
	Dell on *Baptism*	LH	4d
	Hugh Turford's [*Grounds of a Holy Life?*]	LH	6d

Date	*Author/Title*	*From whom purchased*	*Price*
	[Wm.] Penn's *Advice to his Children*	LH	6d
1.xii.61	*History of the H[eathen] Gods*	(L)	3s 6d
8.iii.62	law magazines	JS	6s
31.v.62	Law's *Adress to the Clergy*	LH	2s
	Catechism	LH	6d
22.vii.62	Kelly's *Navigation* (for Wm. Hudson)	DM	7s
13.ix.62	[Ric.] Burn's *Justice* (3 vols. octavo)	JS	£1 1s
4.iv.63	a book of shipbuilding (for Wm. Hudson)	(C)	£1
18.vi.63	a Bible	JS	4s 6d
	Statutes (2 vols.)	JS	£1 6s 7d
20.viii.63	[Ric.] Burn's *Ecclesiastical Law*	JS	£2 10s
	Statutes at Large (3rd vol.)	JS	13s 6d
16.viii.64	*Statutes* (4 vols.)	JS	£2 14s
5.ix.64	*Solicitor's Guide*	JS	2s 8d
7.i.65	Coke's *Reports*	(L)	10s 6d
18.i.65	*Chancery Practice*	(L)	2s
21.i.65	*Cases in Equity*	(L)	£2 10s
	Duty of Executors	(L)	6s
	Doctor and Student	(L)	5s
	Attorney Practice Epitome	(L)	2s
26.i.65	4 small books for the children	(L)	1s 9d
	book on education	(L)	2s 6d
	Thomas Letchworth, *Poem*	(L)	1s
19.vii.65	*English Tutor*	DM	1s
4.i.66	Webster's *History of Metals*	DM	2s
13.v.66	*Death of Abel*	(L)	3s
28.v.66	books for lads	(L)	2s 6d
8.xii.66	*Art of Speaking*	DM	3s 6d
16.ii.67	Allen's *Dictionary*	DM	3s
10.viii.67	[John] Locke's *Works* (3 vols. folio)	Wilson, Cockermouth	£1 6s
7.xii.67	Caesar's *Comment[arie]s* (for John)	(C)?	4s 6d
21.i.68	Andrew Rivetus's Latin Bible	?	2s
9.v.68	Ovid, *Metamorphosis*	JS	6s
27.i.69	Quintus Curt[iu]s [*De Rebus Alexandri Magni*],[ed. J.] Minele	(C)	1s 4d
24.ii.69	Clerk's *Introduction*	MC	2s
13.iii.69	[Abraham?] Cowley's *Works* (1st vol.)	(C)	1s 4d
	[Joseph] Priestley, *English Grammar*	(C)	2s 6d
3.xii.70	Passer's *Lexicon*	DM	2s 6d
22.i.71	*Ancient History* (2nd vol.)	William Robinson	1s 6d
19.vii.71	Scrivelius, *Greek Lexicon*	'schoolmaster'	3s 6d
20.i.72	Watson's *Horace*	MC	11s 8d
19.iv.72	*Ancient History (Irish)* (11th vol.)	William Robinson	1s 6d
26.ii.73	2 law books	John Skyrin's sale	1s
	James Naylor's *Works*	John Skyrin's sale	3d

Date	*Author/Title*	*From whom purchased*	*Price*
12.iv.73	[Humphrey] Preadeaux's *Life of Mahomet*	MC	1s 6d
1.xi.73	*Dict[ionarium] Polygrap[hicu]m*	MC	14s
7.ii.74	[John] Woodward on *Fossils*	DM	1s 6d
19.iii.74	Eusebius or Chapman's *Defence of Christianity*	DM	4s 6d
11.ii.75	Clerk's *Homer*, Greek and Latin	JW	13s
	Guthry's *Geogr[aphical] Gram[mar]*	John Nixon, Whitehaven	
6s 6d			
12.v.75	Dr. Buchan's book	JW	6s
28.vi.75	*Pleasing Instructor* (for Alex. Patton)	DM	2s 6d
4.ix.75	Baxter's *Enquirey* (3 vol.)	Joseph Benson, C'mouth	
6s 6d			
24.x.75	Elizabeth Bathurst book	Elihu Robinson	1s 4d
22.iii.77	[Chas.] Leadbetter's *Gauging*	John Fearon	3s 6d
25.v.77	Weston's *Book-keeping*	JW	5s
	[Wm.] Guthrey's *Geography*	JW	7s
11.iii.78	[Wm.] Blackstone's *Comment[ary]*	JW	10s 6d

Key to Booksellers:

(C) unspecified, Cockermouth
MC Mary Cowley, Cockermouth
LH Luke Hind, London.
(L) unspecified, London
DM David Matthews, Cockermouth. Described in 1764 as 'stationer' (CRO, D/Lons/L3/2/232,1764 acct., p. 24) and in 1776 as 'bookbinder', aged 59 years (PRO, C12/1973/4).
JS Joshua Stanger, Cockermouth
(W) unspecified, Whitehaven
JW John Ware, Whitehaven. Proprietor of *The Cumberland Pacquet.*

APPENDIX VII
LEAD MINING AT MOSSER: A GEOLOGICAL NOTE

In March 1758 John Reay of Alston came to Underwood 'about the lead vain in the gill' but it was not until the autumn of 1766 that Fletcher appears to have begun in earnest to attempt to win lead ore on his estate. Between then and 1773 the diary contains numerous references to the progress of Fletcher's miners as they sought, apparently largely unsuccessfully, for a workable vein. Whether the lead plaque bearing the initials of Isaac and Susanna Fletcher which is mounted over the porch at Underwood is made of lead from his own mine is not known. The location of one of Fletcher's workings is indicated in the diary entry for 9 December 1766 as being 'in the gill' near Mossergate, which suggests that it was in the deeply-incised valley of Mosser Beck at approximately NY 119 245.

Brian Young of the British Geological Survey, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, has kindly provided the following note on base metal mineralisation in the Mosser area.

The mudstones, siltstones and sandstones of the Ordivician Skiddaw Group of the northern Lake District host numerous veins of lead ore, in places accompanied by appreciable quantities of zinc ore and barytes. Other veins carry copper ores and one vein is known in which the dominant metals are arsenic and cobalt.[1] Whereas most of this mineralisation is concentrated in the Keswick, vale of Newlands, and Threlkeld areas, scattered deposits occur elsewhere, including the Mosser area.

In his six-inch geological survey of Cumberland Sheet 54 SE (1921–4), E.E.L. Dixon noted a 'vein of lead under mill-wheel' at Aikbank Mill (NY 1170 2596). In Mosser Beck, approximately 150 m. ENE of High Mosser, at NY 1191 2454, Dixon recorded on Cumberland Sheet 62 NE: 'fault visible, ?hades west at 65˚. A little Pb [lead] in siliceous bed 1 ft. [0.3 m.] thick on east side.' Near Catgill Bridge (NY 1186 2551) Dixon noted on his field slip for Cumberland Sheet 62 NE 'quartz veins, Pb [lead] reported but not found.' The source of the report is not given. No other details of these occurrences are given and none of the mineralisation was seen at the time of the recent revision survey of the area by B.C. Webb in 1983–6. No evidence has been recorded of trials or workings on any of these. The two smelting sites noted by Dixon on Cumberland 54 SE (the 'site of hearth' at Kirby Brow (NY 1103 2557) and the 'site of bloomery' at NY 1227 2610) are almost certainly both ancient iron smelting sites, unrelated to the local lead mineralisation.

The documentary references in Isaac Fletcher's diary clearly record persistent attempts at mineral exploration over a period of almost seven years. Apart from a reference to 'pieces of ore' being obtained in 1766 and to a suggestion of the presence of cobalt (17 Mar 1773), the diary makes little mention of any of the work revealing ore minerals and there is no suggestion of anything saleable being mined. The efforts were probably optimistic trials of small 'shows' of mineralistion in the streams. At this time investigation for new deposits in the Lake District would have

been active and many potential sites would have been explored, only to be abandoned when they proved fruitless.

The reference in the diary on 17 March 1773 to the possible presence of cobalt calls for brief comment. Only one vein in the Skiddaw Group rocks of the northern Lake District is known to contain significant amounts of cobalt mineralisation. This is the Scar Crag vein on Causey Pike (NY 206 208).[2] An abortive attempt to mine this metal in the mid nineteenth century was recorded by Postlethwaite.[3] No earlier attempts at working are known. If cobalt was indeed found in the Mosser area, a hitherto unknown occurrence of cobalt mineralisation may lie concealed here.

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