

June 29th 1784 - (longest day)

sent a note to Mr. D. Glover to inform him he need not be at y^e trouble to go into y^e City - sent my diary to my friend M^{rs} of exchequer for not going to Mr. Depps - &c. made Miss Clarke a visit - at 1/2 past 12 set out with Mr. & Mrs. Vesey & M^{rs} Hancock for Strawberry Hill. we arrived there at 1/4 before 3 - Mr. Walpole came out to receive us, I told him it was not my fault we did not come earlier - he had desired us to be with him at 2 o'clock - but Mr. V. is never punctual - M^{rs} Garrick came immediately after us - Mr. Walpole was so obliging to take us through most of y^e Rooms & opened the Cabinets (w^{ch} are not opened to the Company who come to see y^e house) w^{ch} contain ~~many~~ Miniatures & various fine & curious things both Modern & Antique - I have not time to enumerate - the whole style of this House is true Gothic - every room - closet - ^{Bandbox} Gallery &c has painted glass windows - it is y^e most perfect thing of y^e kind in England I believe I may say ⁱⁿ Europe ~~any~~ - one ought to live in this house at least a Month to see every thing

It is full'd with Vertue, Mr W.
was particularly attentive to
me & gave himself much
trouble as he saw I enjoy'd
real pleasure, in looking at y^e
Pictures & other curious &
beautiful works of Art. he
was also so obliging to show me
again (for I was here last year)
y^e beautiful drawings of Lady
Dix: Beauchamp w^{ch} are in a
Chest built on purpose &
w^{ch} he only opens for his most
particular friends - these
Drawings are to subjects taken
from a Play he wrote of the
Mysterious Mother - a Tragedy
I once heard read by Mr. Tytche
the story is of most horrid to
be conceived - but these drawings
tho' they recall to mind y^e
horrid Subject are most affecting
by ^{ye circumstances are very expressive} interesting: at 4 o'clock
we went down to dinner
w^{ch} was a very elegant one
incomparably well served -

it shew'd ^{up}. Master of the House
I ^{was} a man of fortune & taste
accustom'd to elegancies. There
was no other company but those
I have mention'd. I sat next
Mr. W. & he honor'd me with the
greatest share of his attention
we did not sit long after dinner
the 2 gentlemen rose when we
did & Mr. Walpole carried us
to a China closet fill'd with
modern & old china. after we
had arm'd ourselves there for
some time - we went upstairs -
& spent the remainder of our
time after coffee & Tea in very
agreeable converse. I had an
opportunity of 1/2 an hours
private conversation wth Mrs
Garrick - she loves me with
a most lively affection. I
communicated to her my
present prospect of future
happiness - she shed tears of
joy & assured me she should
prom my representation receive
Mr. D. with open arms - I do

not know a more warm or
friendly heart than Mrs G's
she possesses a truly great
soul. a little before I was
reluctantly took our leave
of Mr W- we had not been
able to walk in his beautiful
grounds as it has rained of
whole afternoon. Mr W. gave
to my charge a letter for his
Niece Lady Maria Walgrave.
wh. I was to send to Gloucester
House. My head ach'd so
bad I could ill join in conver-
sation in returning home, I
did not however complain, we
talked of Mrs Montagu & Miss
Gregory - of. latter is going to be
married to a clergyman of very
small fortune & her friends
approach'd Mrs M. with dissatisfied
with y^e match. I declined going
in to sup. Mr G. Vesey's came home
abt 10 o'clock we were 2 hours
coming from Twickenham -
I found Miss C. at home I

Sat. the 1st her if any hour, I felt so

21st June Monday

Recd. a kind letter from The D^r. D^r. of Portland
good accounts of herself & Mrs Delany
if D^r. invites me to go to Bullstoad
in y^e. Autumn - or when she
returns from Margate -

morning as if just recovering out
of an illness - I had some tea be
fore I got up w^h was not till near
10 o'clock - y^e. habit maker came
I suspect a new riding habit -
wrote & recd. a note from Miss
Asgill - dress'd - then settled
accounts wth Betty & Richard -
Recd. letters from Mrs Jackson &
Annina answer'd them & sent
y^m. to Mr J: who was only come
to town for a few hours - dined
wth Miss C - we sat together till
y^e. past 5 - I was much better
but not able to employ myself
- wrote a little in my diary &
begun a letter to my friend Miss
Litchfield. was interrupted by
Mrs Ord who made a friendly un-

not know a snow storm or

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in to sup. At y^e. Vesays came home
abt 10 o'clock we were 2 hours
coming from Twickenham -
I found Miss C. at home I

sat with her in an hour, I felt so
ill I was obliged to go to bed - Betty
gave me some hot pepper mint
water - her prescription did me
good - for though I had a good deal
of fever I slept more than I
had done for since Thursday -
~~said Mr. V. - letters to S. House.~~

June 22. 1704 - I felt this
morning as if just recovering out
of an illness - I had some tea be-
fore I got up which was not till near
10 o'clock - y^e. habit maker came
I bespoke a new riding habit -
wrote & rec^d a note from Miss
Asgill - dress'd - then settled
accounts with Betty & Richard -
rec^d letters from Mrs. Jackson &
Amaria answer'd them & sent
y^m to Mr. J: who was only come
to town for a few hours - din'd
with Miss C - we sat together till
y^e past 5 - I was much better
but not able to employ myself
- wrote a little in my diary &
begun a letter to my friend Miss
Litchfield. was interrupted by
Mrs. Ord who made a friendly un-

expected visit - she sat with me
till 1/2 past 8 o'clock - I heard from
her that Mr. & Mrs. Smelt were
gone - they were to set out from
Windsor (where they had been with
~~the~~ their Majesties for 3 or 4 days)
to day for Oxford & from thence
on home. Mrs. Ord told me the
whole affair of Miss Gregorys Marriage
with I was sorry to hear was a very
imprudent one in every respect
except that of Gentility - she has not I
think behaved gratefully and
openly towards her best friend
Mrs. Montagu. Mrs. Ord said many
pleasing & flattering things to me
& what was most grateful to me
to hear, was, the repetition of
kind things of Smelt & Mrs.
Carters had said of me to her -
When Mrs. Ord left me, I went to
Miss Clarke - she seemed inclined
to walk - we made haste with our tea
& set out she went with me as far
as St James Place - through of Park
as I wish'd to call on Mrs. Delany
friend Mrs. Sandford - she was at

home, Miss C. left me & promised
to call again in p.m. hour. There
were two ladies with Mrs. Sandford
they soon went away - I spent
an hour very agreeable with this
very excellent pleasing & amiable
woman - she did me of favor
to assure me she was extremely
happy to have had an opportunity
of being personally acquainted with
me - & as she now intended to re-
side in London she hoped to see
me often - communicated to me
her plans respecting her 2 sons
&c &c. someone or other I shall
speak more at large of Mrs. L.
character - it is such a one
as every good mind must ad-
mire - she is very estimable.
Miss C. came for me - we walk'd
on to y. Glovers who were just
return'd from y. Country - Mr. L.
Mr. G. prop'd us to stay supper
Mr. G. drank Mr. L. health &
kind enquiries were made after
him - at 11 Miss C. & I came
home - I was quite recover'd

This Ev'g. — Lady Dartrey
sent me a letter from Lady
Wake wth had been enclosed
in one to her it was dated
y^e 15th ~~last~~ as Lady D. had
been to Oxford therefore she
c^d not send it sooner — this
letter contained very good ac-
counts — Lady W. & her family
are comfortably settled once
more at Courteenhall.
Miss C. & I went to our rooms
as soon as we came home

June 23rd 1784 Wednesday — Betty's sister
Mrs. Harman came at 4th past 9 the cat
& dress'd my hair — this was a long
affair — 12 set out at 11th Mr.
Went for Richmond Hill — it
was a rainy day — we have not had
quite a fair one for some time
next Mr. Bishot Mr. Gray & Torrey are
wth load — 412 I went over New
Bridge for y^e first time since
I left Court — how happy I felt
when I compared my present liberty
to that life of restraint. we got
to Mr. J. Reynolds at 12 past two —
A number of Party were ^{not} to assemble

till 1/2 past 4 - y^e. Viceroy
left me & went & paid a
visit to y^e. Duke of Montagu
& y^e. Duchess of Baulenagh -
I was quite alone in y^e.
House - I ask'd for Pen ink
& Paper & wrote an answer
to Lady Wakes letter - The
Viceroy returned in an hour
- H. J. R. rode from
Town - he came a little
before 4 - he never
stays here & only
comes now and
then a week to dine
- y^e. House is on y^e. top
of R. Hill & commands
y^e. whole of the most
beautiful View in
y^e. World - at least Lord
Palmerston says so,
who Mr. Harolds told
me had been a Proper
Hunter all his life, &
Mr. Norton, who has
seen all y^e. Views in
Switzerland &c. &c.
Miss Palmer joined us
at 4 - She came from
Town contrary to y^e. ad-
vice of her Physician
George Baker - She has
had a slow fever for a
Indiscrete

great while - I like
Miss Palmer, she is
a pretty woman, lively
& unaffected.

at 1/2 past 4 all the Party
were assembled. w^h con-
sisted of Lord & Lady
Spencer Miss Bingham
Miss Moleworth the
Bishop of Nassau
his wife Mr Shipley &
Miss Georgiana Shipley
& Gen^l Mordaunt.

The Company were
all lively & good
humoured & w^h time
pass'd cheerfully.

at 9 o'clock w^h whole
Afternoon therefore
we could not walk out.

There are some fine
Pictures by Old
Maisters - Poussin &c
both in y^e dining &
drawing room. w^h are
two large rooms one
on y^e ground floor & one
above y^e drawing room
Command y^e View.
they are of y^e same size
& have large windows.

These seem to be y^e. principle rooms
in y^e. House - which is not a large one
at 8 o'clock we all separated -
I came home with y^e. Vesey's we
got to Town at 10 o'clock - we
conversed abt Miss Gregory's
Marriage - & Miss Laura Shepley
& Mr. Fitzgroves running away
Yesterday to Scotland &c &c
They pers'd me to go home to
sup^r wth them I excus'd myself.
Miss C - was at home we sat
together till 11 o'clock - I sent
my letter by this Post to Lady
Wake, & one to my friend Miss
Litchfield with some of my diary.

June 24th 1794 Thursday - rec^d.
& answer'd notes to Miss Agill &
Miss Gunning - had y^e. Choemaker
&c. Miss Blisset paid me a very
long visit - began a long letter
to Lord Napier - dined with
Miss C - after dinner finish'd
my letter to Lord Napier which
I sent this Post - at y^e went to
y^e. Vesey's - met there Mrs
Garrick & Mr. Walpole who came

for a day to Town - Mr. Allen
Pepper & Dr. Higgins were of
others of y^e. company - an
agreeable afternoon at 10
they were all gone - y^e. Sunday
sent for Miss Clarke we had
supper & came home at 12 o'clock
- I had a share of some fine
flowers Mrs. Garrick brought
from Hampton

June 25th 1786, Thursday
Miss Glover came & sat with me about
an hour - she told me Mr. & Mrs.
Glover were gone for a few days
to Sunning Hill - that they had
dined at Mr. Bendaicus on Wed^{ne}.
he was told both by Mr. & Mrs. that
he must now give up all thoughts
of prevailing on me to accept his
hand - he still persisted in saying
it was impossible for him to relin-
quish his hopes - his happiness
was too ~~overly~~ deeply concerned
in it - they then told him of
my engagement to Mr. D. he
was extremely affected by this

intelligence, & said I must in-
deed then give her up - he
wished me every happiness &c
&c. I was ~~was~~ really concerned
to find by Miss Glover that
he appeared very unhappy &
miserable - I did not ima-
gine that a Man who had
lived & did live so much in
y^e. World - who was advanced
in life & had children of
whom he was ^{and} ~~attached~~ could
have felt so much attached
to a Woman he had had so
few opportunities of seeing.
Mrs Garrick came to me at
1 o'clock - Miss Glover left me.
Mrs G. sat with me till 3 o'clock
we had much interesting con-
versation - she opened her heart
to me - alas her heart is
a broken one - she will never
recover y^e. loss of Mr G. they
lived together 34 years in y^e.
utmost harmony - he died her

lover as well as Husband
friend - it seemed a relief
to her to shed tears in the
presence of one who sym-
pathized with her - we talked
of Miss & Anne.

I dined with Miss C - she left
me at 5. I wrote a letter
of Congratulation to Mrs. Allison
(Miss Gregory that was) Mrs.
Berry had sent me a Cover -
rec'd a letter from Mrs. Rogers -
a few lines, to thank me for
the Turbot I had sent her -
she informed me she had a-
gain been ill - rec'd a very
grateful letter from Mrs. Peet
- Miss Sumner's servant brought
me a note she left this morning
before she set out for Boston.
at 7 past 6 Mrs. Lenton & Miss
Glover came to invite me to
walk - I excused myself as

I expected Ann & Maria home - Mr
Clarke went with them. Betty
came & told me that a relation
of hers was come from Little
in Derbyshire, who informed
her that Mr D. had been
so good to call (in his way)
upon her father & Mother.
to tell them she was well &c
this was on Wed. Morn.
I imagine therefore that
Mr D. could not arrive
at home before Thursday
or late on Wed. Evng.

I wrote a letter to Mr Walsing
ham w^{ch} I sent by this post
to enquire after her & Miss
Boyle ~~for~~ I had heard they
were much frighten'd abt. 10
days ago - by a Highway man
who whilst he robb'd them held
a pistol close to Miss Boyles

heart threatening to shoot her
if she did not make haste to
deliver her money.

M^{rs} Lenton &c. return'd and
drank tea together & as I
gave up all hopes of a morning
to town to day - Miss Clarke &
I accompanied M^{rs} L & Miss G.
home - M^r Richard Glover join'd
us - we sup'd & staid till 11 -
the conversation was trifling
& lively - G^l. was fine &
proposed walking home wth Miss
C agreed to as there could be
no danger wth M^r R. Glover &
our man sent to guard us -
As soon as we came home
I retired to our room.

Saturday 26th 1784 June. My
Uncle Frederick paid ^{me} a very long
visit - I communicated to him
my engagement wth M^r D -
he said I certainly was of best
advise of what w^d contribute
to my happiness - & gave me

such advice as it was natural
for a prudent man who had
seen much of y^e world to give, I
listened to him, but my heart
was averse to many things he
said. I know how necessary
prudence is - ~~that I have~~
there I will suppress what I was
going to say - I only add that I
really believe my uncle has a
sincere regard for me. we
talk'd a great deal of my Grand-
father Lord Archibald of his
Brother Lord Orkney - of family
disappointments - of y^e ingratitude
of Kings &c. &c. &c. he also gave
me an account of M^{rs} Hamiltons
family - y^e characters of her
Brothers &c. When my uncle
left me I wrote a letter to Lady
Stormont w^h I should have done
long ago - Miss C & I dined together
the sat wth me till y^e past 5 - I
work'd & she read a few pages of
a foolish novel w^h was too bad
a title to continue, it was not
indolent but sad poor stuff.

I finish'd reading a book I
began yesterday - Remarks on
y^e. french & English Ladies by
Andrews - I do not much like
y^e. Authors stile of writing but
he seems to have a thorough
knowledge of y^e. Characters of
y^e. french women - at least it
agrees wth what I have heard
from those who have lived
in their society. I rec^d. a
letter by this post from A. M.
wth inform'd me she should come
to Joan on Monday - that she
was gone from Harewood to Sun-
ning Hill - &c. I wrote a letter
to Mr Jackson - Adm^r Wm Benn
came to inform me abt y^e.
Penny Post house &c at Dollod
Mrs Vesey came for me we
went together to Mr Papy's where
we met - Mr & Mrs Muloo Mrs
Chapone. Mr & Mrs Ord - Mr
Cambridge's eldest son. The con-

conversation was in general sensible & informing - Mr. Cambridge seems a young man of very good parts - his language is correct & he converses with ease & vivacity. Mr. V. brought me home at 11 - we set Mr. Cambridge down at his house. Miss C sat with me till 1/2 past 11 - when she left me I began & finished Voltaire's Mémoires wth has not been long published - & wth is the present rage - I was curious to read it as I heard there was not any doubt of y^e book being really written by this great tho' wicked author, & that it contained a just character of y^e King of Prussia, & a faithful account of what his friend & enemy Voltaire thought of him. after I had finished y^e book I repented having

and indulged my curiosity - why
should one wish to become acquaint-
ed wth vicious & wicked people
No woman ought to read a book
wth she wd be ashamed to own
she has read - I reproach my-
self for having read this.
Mr. Stanhope & Darcy call'd. but were not let
in - in 4th morning

Sunday 27th June 1789 - Wed. 2
Answer'd a note from Lady Stormont
- she is come to Town to lay in -
It pour'd such deluges of rain
it was impossible to go out
after I was dress'd I read prayers
&c &c. Mr. Jewers call'd - I did
not know he was come to Town
& was sorry he was not let in.
began a letter to Mrs Carter. -
at 4th & a half J. J. Reynolds Carriage
came for me - went to his house
& dinner - Miss Palmer & I had
an hour to ourselves - Mr
J. R. Dr Beattie & his son a boy of
abt 14 join'd us - before dinner
Miss Palmer & I went into of

Gallery & painting room - this was
a great treat to me - at 5 o'clock
all y^r. Company were met.

There were no other ladies besides
Miss Palmer & me - the men were
y^r. celebrated Dr. Beattie & his son
Gen^l. Paoli & his friend whose
name I always forget - Mr. Boswell
Lord Elliot - a foreigner whom
I did not know & who did not
speak a word - y^r. great Dr.
Johnston. I was introduced
by Miss Palmer to her first
favorite Lord Elliot - I sat next
him at dinner & we were soon
acquainted - he is a man of
very respectable character & I
have heard his wife his children
others are all excellent people.
I was much obliged to hear
the railing of all y^r. Company
upon Mr. Boswell's professed
attachment to me. Gen^l. Paoli
told me he had loved abt
one ever since he was of the

Party to y^e. Abbey where he saw &
conversed wth me for y^e. first time.
Nothing could be more kindly
or agreeable than y^e. conversation
wth P. & I were obliged to sit
long after dinner - we left
y^e. Gentlemen at y^e. 12 o'clock.

M^{rs}. Palmer shew'd me a head
of her painting w^{ch} is quite in
y^e. J^r. style - She never had any
instruction but observing
her Uncle - & after she had fin-
ish'd any thing shewing it to
him & he points out y^e. faults.
She play'd & sang to me, she has
great sweetness of voice, this ac-
complishment too is self-taught.

Lady Stormonts Coach came for
me at 4 past 7. I was obliged
to quit y^e. agreeable M^{rs}. Palmer.
I found Lady J. pretty well we
had a little a little talk 4 past 9, I
told her abt. Mr. B. but I reserved
my information abt. Mr. J. for
another time. Lord Stormont thought
join'd us he had been at Lord

Manuscripts of New Wood -
He told us Lord M: was much
better & in good spirits. I asked
him if there was any truth in
y^e report of his intention of
giving over business he assured
me there was not. Lord J^r
I conversed abt y^e P. of W. y^e
Court &c. he gave one frank
for Mrs Carter. I had Lady C.
Coach at 10 came home. It
was too late for me to fulfill
my promise of going to y^e Overseas
Ship C² I sat together till past
11 o'clock - Dr Jackson had called
to inform me his wife was
brought to bed last Monday of
Daughter - Mrs W^m Sandford
also had call'd.

Monday 20th June 1784 - y^e habit
Baker came brought home my new
habit - I paid him 4. 14. 6. Al Maria
came to Town abt 11. I was rejoiced
to see her looking so much better - we
had so much to say to each other y^t we
were together y^e greatest part of y^e Morn^g

- At 1/2 past 3 Miss Glover came in
my Uncle's Coach to fetch me - I just
stop'd for letters of Post coming in -
had letters from Lady Wake Mrs
Jackson Mr. Tichenor - &c. I read in
Chemin faisant. there was no other
company at my Uncle's - Miss Hamilton
sang & play'd after dinner - at 4 o'clock
Miss G. & I came away - had my Uncle's
Coach she set me down at Mrs. Chapones
- met there - Mr. Browne an old Spa
acquaintance of mine. Mr. & Mrs. Paps
Mrs. Ord Mrs. Versey Mrs. Handcock. I was
well entertained in listening to Mr. B.
& Mr. P. Mr. Browne is one of my great
favorites - he is a very uncommon
character - I mean by his superior
excellence. Mrs. Versey brought me
home at 11 - Mrs. C's was gone to
their loom. I went & conversed with A
M for 1/2 of an hour - sent Mr. Carter
letter by this post - wrote an answer
to Mr. Dick - letter before I went to bed
- Mrs. Newton & Mr. Wm. Sandford
had call'd when I was out. found a
note from Lady Stormont

Tuesday - 29th June 1784 - A Maria
came & sat with an hour before
I dress'd - after I was dress'd we
settled some accounts together
- I sent Benjamin after Mr. Jackson
of H Street the & y. Child well
Mr. Townsend sent one word ~~that~~ she
had heard from Mrs. Delany. & that
she was well &c. &c.

Mr. Jackson came at 1 o'clock
& sat with us till 2 past 3 - Mrs.
Chapman & Mr. Ord & her
Grandson Master Bigg. a boy
of 11 or 12 years old who is at West
minster school came in did
not make long visits.

Rec'd another from Mrs. Jackson.
- din'd at home - A.M. play'd on
y. Harpsicord - we separated
from 2 past 5 till 7 met in
y. Drawing room - Mr. Jones
came to Tea - Mrs. Lewton
Miss Glover, Miss Hamilton.
& her Brother came in unexpect-
edly - as I knew Mr. Jones

was fond of Music - I prevailed
on my Cousin to sing we adjourned
to J. Parlour where J. Harpissian
was - she sang two fine
Italian Songs - after which
the Mr. Fenton &c. left us -
we returned to J. drawing room
Mr. Sewes was surprised
at my Cousin singing - he
sat with us till 10 o'clock & we
talked - he took impression
of notes - we talk'd of Prospects,
Land & Columbus diary - Mrs
Jelmy of J. of Portland &c. &c.
when he seemed to enjoy his
quiet evening - he had been
so well satisfied ^{with his reception} that he gave
up going to J. Opera to see J.
famous Dance of le Diable.
After he went I answered Mrs
Jackson's 2 letters - sent that
Mrs J's, by this night Post
Bell left us at 11 - A M & I
sat up talking till past 12
o'clock

Wednesday 30th June 1784. Miss
Glover came at 9 to Breakfast. I breakfasted
below with Miss C's & her - I left
y^m at 10 as Mr. R Glover came to
Breakfast & lives in the de
Chambre & did not choose to
be seen - I went to dress - he
sent me up two notes to be
g^od either come down or admit
a my toilet - some laughable
mishaps pass'd from above to
below &c. but he was forced
to go away without seeing me -
I return'd to y^e. Parlour when
I was dress'd - Miss Glover staid
till 12 past 12. I sat y^e.
whole Morn'g with A. M -
we amused ourselves in making
non sense verses - rec'd. a
note from Mr. Dever, & an ex-
tract from a letter of Mrs
Delany w^h concern'd me. a
note from Lady Clavering w^h I
answer'd - rec'd. a letter by
y^e. post from Miss Gunning
Lady Stormont's Coach came
for me 1/4 before 5. went to

dine with her - we din'd till a
late - little George & Charles
join'd us at desert & with us
great part of y^e. afternoon -
I had a long ^{uninterrupted} conversation
wth Lady Stormont. I com-
municated to her the whole
story of Mr. Dickens's attach-
ment to me &c. &c. &c. She
did not make a single ob-
jection & assured me she
should be impatient to see him
& show him every attention
for my sake, & indeed for his own
from y^e favorable ^{idea} impressions she
had conceived of him - she advis'd
me to inform my Aunt Warwick
my Uncle & other near relations
she said she was sure they had de-
to good an opinion ~~that~~ of my
judgment that they ~~should~~ be well
satisfied wth the choice I made
in a husband - &c. &c. Lord Stormont
came home at 7 past 9 - he always
seems happy to see me - we had
some confidential discourse abt his
Deat Son. - I shov'd him Miss H.
More's prose Epistle to Mrs. D. &c.

with he was ^{very} much pleased. he
gave me some presents for Miss H.
Mrs: a little before 10 I had
Lady Storrants Coach & Servants
as usual. I went to Mr. Glovers
where I had promised to meet
Miss Clarke - there were only
^{Mr. R. Glover} besides of family - they had
just finished supper but of
table was covered with fruit from
Mr & Mrs - Villas - at 11 o'clock
Miss C & I came home and
immediately to our rooms
I felt my spirits tired.

Thursday 1st July 1784 A.M.
went out very early this morn.
I breakfasted in my room - then
dressed for day - recd. a Note in
French from Mr. Richard Glover with
^{Manuscript} his Journal written when in France
& Italy - Mr. Vesey came & made
me a little visit wanted me to dine
there - I excused myself - A.M.
came home at 1 o'clock, sat & worked
with me till dinner time -
Mr. Hamilton (my uncles wife)

made^{us} a visit - she talk'd away
for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour - she gave us
an account of y^e. very dissipated
life of people of fashion ~~lived~~
lived in Dublin. Dined at home
wth Miss C - they left me^{as} soon
as dinner was over to go to y^e.
Vesey's - who had sent for us
to a fine desert of fruit
- I did not go as I wish to
be to myself a little before
I went out. at y^e o'clock Mrs
Chapone came for me in Mrs
Ord's Coach - we went to her
house - we talk'd of Miss Smith
I was happy to hear Mrs Chapone
speak of her in y^e. most favorable
manner - y^e. company at Mrs Ord's
were Mr. & Mrs Pepys - her 2^d Son y^e.
Clergyman & Mrs Vesey Mrs Chapone
Miss Ord - y^e. new laws were
spoke of & approved - Miss Sleggs
marriage was talk'd of - we were
all of opinion that she wd be very
happy as Mr. Alison bore a very
good character & tho' they

had not much to begin wth word
with that he would by being
well known & esteemed get good
preference in y^e Church -
Mr. Ord said he was quite a
popular Preacher at Edinburgh
Mr. Portney has ^{just} given him
a living of 150 P. An. at Sudbro
Thrapston, Northamptonshire
I believe near Peterborough
the afternoon pass'd agreeably
I came away with Mrs. Versey
at 10 o'clock - we sat Mrs. Chapon
down at her House, she was
so obliging to answer my enquiries
relative to Mr. Ord whom she has
known many years - her Husband
was a Gentleman of large fortune
he had been dead 12 years she
lost him & 3 daughters in y^e
space of 2 years - y^e eldest daughter
was 20 years of age - handsome
& very amiable - y^e 2^d 16 - y^e 3^d
14 all 3 were charming young
women - she also lost a son a
fine youth who was in y^e Army

he died in America during of
last war - He has now five chil-
dren. The Eldest lives on his
Estate in married he lives at
his own Place in Northumberland
of 2^d in of Church - of 3^d in
of East Indies - of eldest daugh-
ter married to a Son of Justice
Mr. Bigg in Cornwall - of
youngest daughter unmarried
a modest well accomplished
young woman lives with her
Mother - Mr. Ord is a sensible
friendly agreeable Roman.
He lives in a very handsome
style without parade.

Mr. Vesey made me go in with
her. Mr. V. Mr. Handcock were
at home we were just going to
set down to supper when I recd. a
Note from Maria to say I would
stop at home as Mr. Jackson
was to sup at our house, I
excused myself to Mr. Vesey

I came home - Mr Jackson
staid till 1/2 past 12 o'clock
at Maria's & I had some con-
versation with him in my room.
after he left us - did not
go to bed till past 1 o'clock
Mr. Smith had called this evening when I was out &
Friday 2^d July 1784

Did not get up early; as soon
as I had breakfasted dress'd for
y^e. Day - arranged some papers
&c. Mr. Stanhope made me a
very long visit - he took occasion
to tell me what a very high
opinion he had of my character
&c &c &c I insisted
upon knowing what he had paid
for y^e. Bell glass for y^e. flowers
& return'd him y^e. Money.
Lady Cleveland came & he left
me. she staid an hour we
had much conversation abt
Ld & Lady Napier &c she
quite opened her heart to
me, said how happy she had

been during y^e life of her
husband &c. &c. when
she went which was abt. near
3 o'clock - I invited Miss Clarke
to walk with me through y^e Green
Park & Mrs Sandfords. I left y^m
in y^e Park & went to her. I sat
up an hour with her - found her
pretty well. we conversed abt. y^e
Duchy & Mr. Dewees's - ~~the~~
I saw her son William who is a
clever boy - he was 14. Yesterday
is to be brought up to y^e Law
he inform'd me that he had
breakfasted with Mr. Digby (y^e
Queens Vice Chamberlain)
this Morn^g - who said the report
of y^e Prince of Wales being again
ill was true, that H. L. H. went
to y^e L: yesterday to excuse
his being at Court & y^t. he had
so great an oppression of breath
he could hardly speak to her.
When y^e Serv^t. came for me
Mrs Sandford sent to beg Miss
Clarke would come & sent her

Tom int. y. Park for them R.M.
came. Bell was gone home to
Dad's - I introduced her to Mrs
Safford - we came home $\frac{1}{4}$ before
4 - Rec'd & answered a note from
Mrs Lady Stormont. Rec'd a
letter by y. Post from Miss H.
More - to reproach me for
not having written an answer
to her last &c. dined at home
with Miss Clarke - after din-
ner R.M. - play'd a few Lupon,
we separated at $\frac{1}{2}$ past
5 o'clock - I wrote in my
Diary - at 7 we met to tea
after tea Miss C's left me to take
a walk - I wrote a long letter to
Miss Garrison w.^h I sent by this
Post - Miss C's came home abt
10 we sup'd - after supper R.M.
read aloud some of Mrs R. Glover's
Diary & I work'd till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 -
Shut up till 12 began a letter
to Lady H. &c.

Saturday 3^d July 1784 - Mr. R. Glover
came I was sleeping did not see him.
- A Maria came & sat with me at
12 my Uncle Frederick came he
sat with us some time the House
was full of Subject - y^e disty^o
of y^e Nation &c - Lady Frances
Hapner came in - A Mr left us -
my Uncle did not stay long
he told Lady Frances & me that
his Nephew & our Cousin Col^l
Cathcart ^{brother of Lady Stirling} spoke in y^e house of com-
mons yesterday for y^e 1st time that
the subject was on y^e present state
of y^e affairs in India on y^e 4th
he was ^{well} qualified to speak, ^{he has} ~~from~~
coolness, sense, a fine tone of
voice & an engaging countenance,
he is in my opinion a charming
Young Man & will make a
distinguished figure in y^e world
he had already gain'd great
credit for his bravery & is
universally & deservedly
beloved. He is very handsome

preparing & engaging - modest
& elegant. Lady S. Harper
& I had a tête à tête from
1 o'clock till 3 - She informed
me that her son was to go
abroad next week & told me
many confidential things.
As I know her loves &
I hope her esteem, I thought it
right to inform her of my
engagement with Mr. J. - she
was much satisfied with it.
I had of future
happiness & greatly approved
my choice &c. &c. When she
left me at 3 o'clock & I sat together
till 4 o'clock - Lady D. had
sent for me to dine with
her at Chelsea to meet Mr. D.
I excused myself. Lady Stormont
sent her carriage for me went
to dine with her. I found her
pretty well convinced - she con-

plain'd however of a nervous draught
we din'd till a titi - we had
y^e. Company of dear Miss George
& Charles for some time after
dinner - Lady Stormont & I
talk'd of Lord & Lady Cathcart
Mr Mrs Graham's & Napier
&c. &c. Her 2 Brothers Lord
Cathcart & Col^l. Cathcart came
in for 2 an hour - Lord C. is
now attend his duty at y^e.
Tower Guard - we complimented
Col^l. Cathcart on his success
yesterday in y^e. house &c.
After they left us we talk'd
over Col^l. Cathcart's character
Lord Stormont came then
at 1/2 past 9 - he had been
at Ken Wood he said Lord
Massfield was not so well
to day - told us how well Master
Murray had behaved (he wth his
tutor) is at present with Lord
Massfield - I had Lady S. carry
came away at 10 - Lord I said

was sorry to be deprived of
seeing much of me as he wished
to see.

Lady Stourmont in of course of
conversation this afternoon
informed me, that as she knew
how much interest Lord I
took in my happiness she
had communicated to him
my engagement & with Mr. D.
that Lord I was perfectly
satisfied wth y^r choice. I had
made & that he had said
I was a ~~perfect~~ ^{person} of only ~~perfect~~
he had met with ~~my~~ who
possessed sentiment without
acting imprudently or being
romantic &c &c. I heard to
day y^t y^r Prince of Wales was
very ill of a pain in his side
I sent Lady Stourmont a little
Box in a present, as she wanted
one to put some herb in
as she had been ordered to take

Miss came in at y^e. same time we
sat together till past 11 o'clock -
I found a Rosegay Lady Dartrey
had sent me - Mrs. Virey had called
to make me a visit after her
return from Chelsea. found a
letter from y^e. W^m. Dorr^d. of Bathurst
to tell me how uneasy she & Mrs.
Delany were at not having
heard from me - I had just
time to write a few lines to
her Grace before y^e. post went
out, & promised to write a longer
letter by Mondays Post -
After A M left me wrote in my
Diary went to bed abt. 12 o'clock

came away at 10. Lord I said I

Sunday 4th July 1704. Went to day
with Mrs Smith and Master Bury &
Mr. Pepsys - to Mr. Agars to see
some very capital Pictures
- Mr. Agar rec^d us very politely
I had y^e. good fortune to make
some proper observations at
y^e. Pictures - he was so pleased
that he has invited me to go
again - he expects 5 Pictures
from Rome every day & he
is well acquainted with my Uncle
William - therefore I will go
wth him when he comes to Town
I will then attempt some
description of them as I have
not leisure at present. When
we left Mr. A's. Mr. Pepsys
parted from us - Mrs O. her daughter
& I went to pay a Visit to Mrs
Stainforth & Mrs Elizabeth I
at y^e. Queens House. I made
my peace wth them for not
having been y^e. whole winter

how we heard of Prince of
Wales was better & was to go
out tomorrow. - Mrs O brought
me home at $\frac{1}{4}$ past 3 - & Mrs L
& I were together a little while
she went to dine at Mr. Glowers
Bill & I excused ourselves
we din'd till a little - at 5
we separated I read & drew
till 9 - walk'd to Mr. Glowers.
Bill went there to tea. -
saw there only Mr. family
Miss Clarke & I walk'd home
at 11 Mr. Moonshine bright
& it was a real summer
evening.

Monday 3rd July 1784. Lord
Darby call'd early, brought me
a note from Lady Darby - & by
I was to dine at Chelsea to see
Lady Francis Somerset, & sleep
there. I could not go as I was
engaged. Lord Darby left me
after a few minutes but
return'd again - I told him
about Mr. D. he was very happy

I hear things were in so good a train
I desired I would let him inform
Lady Bathurst, this I could not
have any objection to. I sat
writing in my dressing room
all morning. A.M. sat with me
wrote a long letter to Lady
Wake & one to Mrs. Delany &
begun one to J. D. D. of
Portland. at 4 Lady Stormont's
carriage came went there to din-
ner - we din'd tete a tete - had
y^e. 2 Deaf boys after dinner.
in y^e. afternoon Richard brought
me two letters - one from Mrs
Carter & one from Lord Napier
- both, kind friendly & affectionate
Lady Stormont & I had a great
deal of conversation abt my
nephew Frederick. I did all in
my power to promote a recon-
ciliation - & I believe gain'd
some ground. Lady Frances
Harper join'd us at 7 past
P. - she showed us a small
miniature by Saunders

of her son, a good likeness
& prettily painted - y^e. price
5 Guineas - y^e. size for a
king. Saunders lives in
Bond Street - Lady P. & Lady
S.H. said I must positively
ask to him for my picture
& make a present of it to
Mr. D. Lord Stormont came in 1/4
of an hour before I came away, gave
me thanks for Mr. D. - he had been to
dine at Lord Mansfield's at New Wood
- Lord M. is but indifferent - his
complaints are nervous & he can
not sleep well. Lord S. told me
that y^e. Coal Tax nor y^e. Horse
Tax would take place - that they
thought Superfine Sugars wd. be
tax'd - had Lady Stormont's Coach come
home at 1/4 past 10 o'clock - Miss C. is at
home finished my letter to y^e. Dr. of
Portland - sent 3 letters by this post
one to y^e. Dr. one to Mrs. Delany one to
Lady Woke -

Tuesday 6th July 1704 - M^r. Dewes came
abt 12 I was dressing - A.M. went & sat
at 1st 1/2 an hour till I went down. he
sat with me till past 1 o'clock - I showed
him y^e. extracts I was making of
the letters he lent me of M^r. Selamy
- he paid me some Complements upon
my industry - & not only approved of
what I had done but made me
happy by saying I might keep them
that I need not be in haste to
return y^e. letters, & that when I
had finish'd y^e. present Packet
I should have the rest of her
letters w^{ch} he had in his possession
I also that he w^d. endeavour to
procure all those ^{that} ~~from~~ M^rs Porty
(his sisters) ~~possessions~~ had. M^r
J. inform'd me he should be in
Derbyshire this Summer. I told
him I should introduce a friend
of mine to him when he was in
y^e. part of y^e. world. I wish M^r
J. to be acquainted wth so good

A respectable a Man - I did not
however ~~ever~~ say any thing to
Mr. Dewes of y.^e nature of my
friendship with Mr. D.
As I had said I was going to
Mrs. Sandford Mr. Dewes desired
he might accompany me, we
walk'd together through y.^e boiling
heat. Mrs. Sandford was happy
to see me - Mr. D. said something
I sat on with Mrs. Sandford her
son Wm was of y.^e home - Mrs. S.
told me many things which con-
firmed y.^e opinion I before had
of Mr. Dewes's Character - at
2 o'clock I left Mrs. Sandford -
I met Lady Darby in her coach
she stop'd & made me come in
she had been to my House -
she told me she came to Town
on purpose to see me, to talk
with me about Mr. Dickenson &c

as Lord Dartrey had communicated
it I told him yesterday, we could
not converse upon this subject as
Vesey Dawson was in y^e coach -
I went with Lady D. to several
places - & sat in y^e coach whilst
she made a visit to Lady Anne
- she set me down at home at 3
o'clock. I promised to go to Chelsea
y^e course of next week. I was
so fatigued with y^e heat I had not
y^e power of doing any thing but
conversed with A. M. till she went
down to dinner - $\frac{1}{4}$ before 5 o'clock
walk'd to Lady Clevering - ^{where I dined} there
was only Miss Spring who is come
to stay with her sometime - after
dinner - Miss Spring play'd & sung to
me - she has been well taught
& sings with judgment & has a
good voice. Lady C. & I settled a
plan for going to Hertford together
- she entertain'd me very much
by an account of y^e Officers Miss
C.'s had had - the stile of life

She led in India &c. &c. I walk
home at 9 o'clock wrote & sent
a letter to Miss H. More. Miss
C's came home at 10. Mr. Jackson
so sup'd with us & staid till 12 o'clock

Wednesday 4th July 1784 - a note
from Mr. Papy to press me to go on
Saturday to Thames Ditton, he sent
me a note he had rec^d from Mrs.
Walsingham in w^{ch} she desires he
will persuade me. I wrote an
answer to say I w^d go. After I was
dressed sat up. whole Morning wth Maria
I drew she work'd - din'd at home wth
Miss C's after dinner A.M. play'd
some lessons we separated from 2
past 5 till 6. Miss Glover came at
6 - sat wth us - a Mr. Bridges came
in to visit Miss C's after tea
A.M. went to her friend Mrs. Harris
where she was to sleep. Mrs. B. sat
on till past 8 - Miss J. - staid till
9 - I drew 9. whole Evng. Miss C

Rec'd a note from Mrs Jackson of H. Hill of tell me
she was recovered from her lying in & hoped soon she
ye. Haver had a note.

Recd. a kind friendly letter from Mrs. Bloom in reply
to my congratulations upon her marriage

I sat together till near 12 -
I went to bed at 1 o'clock

Thursday 8th July 1704 to Mr. P. Hote
As soon as I was dress'd sat down
to my drawing - got Blairs sermons
w^{ch} I sent to Mr. Jackson to send
to my friend Mr. L: as he ^{had} told
me he had an opportunity of
sending them. Mr. Jackson
came to me at 4 with a message
from y^e Duke of Newcastle to
desire I would inform what
sort of Mourning he should go
in & Court for y^e late D^y.
Harrington - I was not a little
entertain'd to think he should
apply to me for this importance
information - I sent his Grace
my opinion. A M. returned from
Lambeth. I sat wth her in her
room for some time. at 1/2
past 4 went to y^e Veroyes, met
there Lord & Lady Verthey, Mr. Robt
& Lady Harries. Mr. John Parnell

Mr. Watts - Mr. Knox (Lord Willington)
- a pleasant party! Lady
Lady D. M. W. left us at 8 past
7: Miss Clarke joined us & by
in of. Lady. Mr. Burke & Mr. King
came in. I have not time to
enter on of. different topics of
conversation - at 8 past 9
came home - wrote in my diary
it had been neglected at 10
o'clock Mr. Jackson came to supper
I sent for Miss C's Mr. J. Stid
till 12 with us.

Recd. another letter from of.
Miserable good for nothing Mr.
Capeland - Mr. L. Glover had
call'd - a note from Lady Stormont
~~to say she is to be here tomorrow~~
Friday 9th July 1784 - Recd. a note
from Lady Clevering wth informed
me - Mr. Penhelt was brought &
bed of a fine Boy - & that she in-
tended to go to Hertford on Tuesday

wish'd me to Breakfast wth her
tomorrow or come to her this Evg.
So I wrote an Answer, told her I
feared I could not go to Horton as
my Uncle's business is
not yet settled - indeed it is
not yet put in any train so
as to leave me at liberty to
fulfil my Country engagements
- rec'd. a very kind letter from
Mrs. Walcingham fill'd wth enthusiasm
for me to meet Mr. Walpole
Pepps & Mrs. Garrick on Sunday
Dec 22. My Uncle Frederick
~~came~~ at Charles Price's Brother
came at 11 he was an hour wth
me talking over his disheps
on his Brother's account, I gave
y^e poor Man my opinion &
advice - &c. - My Uncle
F: from 12 till past 1 - he
inform'd me of y^e new plan
he had adopted for his Son.
Miss Glover came in y^e Morning

to spend y^e. Day wth. a Maria saw
them both at different times
During y^e. Morn^g. wrote an
Answer to Mrs Walsingham - y^e.
Post came in before I went out
we rec^d. a very affectionate from
Mr. Dickenson wth. appreciable
assurances of his Father's ap-
probation we rec^d. also a
letter from Miss Jennings. in
w^{ch}. she expresses much sympathy
for my coming to Boston —
Lady Stormont's Coach & Serv^{ts}
came for me before 4 o'clock
I went for her to our Cousin
G^{en}l^l Wallesham - we sat 1/2 an
hour with her - she seem'd
happy to have us - she really
is a friendly good creature.
Lady I. & I then proceeded
to Portland Place. we sat wth.
Lord Stormont in his fine
Library till dinner, he din'd
wth. us & we din'd in one of

his Laorns - he was with
~~at home the~~
~~so the~~ whole afternoon
except in an hour when he
went to visit Mr. Legge.
we had as usual of two
Gr. Boys - Lord I was
very entertaining &
agreeable - when Lady
P & I were alone, I again
attempted to bring about
a reconciliation I have
at heart between y. Anne
& Anne, I think I gained
a little ground. saw two
pictures of my Grandmother
Hamilton - one of w. & Lord
Cathcart is to let his sister
have - by these pictures
& from what I have heard
Lady Archibald must have
been a very elegant pretty
woman. at 10 o'clock I came

away. Had Lady St. Cath. called
on Mr. Glovers - they were gone
to bed. came home sat with
Miss Clarke till 1/2 past 11.
A Mr. told me Mr. Glovers had
been to our house. sup. reasons
of our not meeting there
this Evng. I sat up till 2
o'clock in Mr. Mornings wrote a
long letter for tomorrow's post
to Mr. D.

Ms. Esq. has resigned
her place as Lady of the Bed-
chamber - on account of
her very declining health.
Lady Harcourt has had hands
on Thursday yesterday on
being appointed in her room.

Saturday 10th July 1784

wrote to Lady Clavering & Mrs
Jarvis, settled some important
trifles, with Anna Maria, took
leave of her & Isabella at 10 o'clock
when Mr. Pepsys came for me. Mrs
Pepsys Mr. Walsingham &c had assured
me of their approbation & that I
I had their sanction for going with
an old ^{acquaintance} married man of perfect
good character without a Chaperon.
We had a pleasant airing to
Thames Ditton where we arrived
at 3 o'clock. Mr. P. amused me
by relating a number of curious
Anecdotes, I cannot boast of
recollecting them for my thoughts
were too often wandering into
Dorshire for me to pay the atten-
tion this conversation merited.

I make no doubt ^{yet} he was
perfectly well satisfied with me
as a fellow traveler - for people
that love to talk themselves
require nothing more from one
than a look of attention in the
words yes & no, a well timed

Smile - a grave face &c. &c.
It is a much easier matter to
please than some will allow.
Sometime or other I will write
down my thoughts on this
subject - I detest art of every
kind but it is a duty we owe
society to ^{appear} perfectly attentive to
the ~~world~~ every one.

Mrs. Welsingham expressed so much
joy at seeing me that I believe
it was sincere. She shew'd us
of improvements in the house
before dinner - & in of most
flattering manner surprised me
by shewing me of elegant ~~Antique~~
& ~~Antique~~ & new furniture of g^d
Dining room to a Bedchamber
which is always call'd Miss H.'s
as is also a seat in of. ~~Shew'd~~
which commands a view of y^e.

Thames. There was no other
company at dinner than Miss

Boyle (her ^{only} daughter who is at y^e
age of 14 ~~the~~ ^{1st} y^e most accomplished
Young Person I ever met with
- She is mistress of Music &
Painting - Models in a surprising
manner - ^{knows perfectly} Modern & Ancient
French, Italian ^{History}
Geography, Mathematics
Astronomy - ^{& English Classics} - is learning Spanish
& Latin &c. though I think Miss
B. will reap many advantages
from having received so very
superior an education, I fear
it will prevent her enjoying
the innocent pleasure of society
for every other female will not
^{tolerably} envy but be afraid of her. &
the Men in general are so jealous
of our being as wise as themselves
that they will shun her,
None will associate with her -
but College Pedants & rigid
Philosophers or ^{pretended} Femmes
Savantes - I ^{affect} ^{am} ^a Femme
Savante is in my opinion a most

discreet animal - the reason
of this is that they always pre-
tend to more knowledge than
than they have, that they are
ignorant of what they ought
to know, are perst affected
& useless members of society
the only woman that I knew
whose talents deserved the
highest cultivation is Mrs
Carter - she is I imagine
y^r. most learned female
that ever lived - hers is
not a mere superficial know-
ledge & she is, most wise
& good - I must not now
indulge myself with writing
an elope on this Dear Women
the subject would carry me
too far. Miss More &
Mrs Chapone & two or three

others I could name whom I
otherwise ^{would} except out of y.
list of what I call Semmes
Savantes. for their talents
& amiable precepts have
been of great service to
society.

After dinner we went to y.
Medallion Seat, where we
had our Coffee. & sat till tea
time, we also drank tea, here,
the passing objects such as
pleasure boats, Barges &c
on the river & the Carriages
on the opposite shore made
an agreeable variety. This
Villa is on the Surrey side
immediately opposite Ham-
pton Court Palace, ^{2 of} y.
Pavilions are y.
principle object y.
Palace is hid behind the

Tues. the Terrace of y^e. Palace
Garden is so high that wth
the Telescope from this
seat one can easily distinguish
who are walking there if one
is acquainted wth them. After
Tea we walk'd in the Shrubbery
& round the Parterre orne w^{ch}
is laid out with as much
taste as 42 Acres of flat
Ground can well be. Mrs
Walsingham has just begun
to build a conservatory w^{ch}
will be an agreeable addition
to y^e. House as it will open
into a China Closet w^{ch} opens
into y^e. largest drawing room.
We came in at 3 o'clock. Mrs
Walsingham treated us with
reading Papers from some
of y^e. Manuscripts she has

in her possession - one in particular was a curious account of transactions in Russia. w^h Mrs W. had taken down in short hand from a relation Mrs Vigo had given her who was in Russia when y^e Czar was murdered by the ^{orders of y^e} present Emper^r. as this is now so generally known I shall not enter into y^e detail. at 10 o'clock we went to supper Miss Boyle retired as soon as y^e cloth was removed. Mrs W. Mr. P. & I sat up till 10 o'clock - y^e conversation was so interesting that Mrs W. forgot the hour as y^e rule of her House is to separate at 11 o'clock - she accompanied me to my room where she

repeated her kind professions
Mrs W. ^{a widow &} is daughter of the
very celebrated Mr Charles
Hanbury Williams, & Lady
Frances Corrigoby - She has
a great portion of her father's
wit - is more inform'd than
most women & is very highly
accomplish'd - She is esteem'd
by g. judges to be first Lady
Painter. Mrs W. must be
admired for her talents -
& if she made more allow-
ances for those who had
not so strong a Mind &c. &c.
as herself she would be more
loved. She is keen & some-
times severe & wants a
certain softness, without
wh. no female can appear
truly amiable. was I to

make my opinion of her public I should be very ungrateful for she has from ^{our} ~~my~~ first acquaintance been perfectly equal to me & I believe has as great a share of affection for me as she is capable of feeling for any one.

tho' I think we should be careful not to censure the failings of others or get into habits of detraction yet it is of great use to investigate every character that falls under ^{our} ~~our~~ observation —
Reading the characters of y^e. living often affords better instruction than reading whole volumes of y^e. observations of others &c &c
—

Mrs W. has a very large fortune
in her own power, I have been
told 5 or 6 Thousand l. An.
besides Money - she has
every thing in stile, lives
like a person of fashion &
she is a good economist, &
tho she lives expensively not
extravagantly. X

Sunday 11th July 1784 {Thames
Dutton

I got up soon after 6 when
I was dress'd went into y^e.
Garden, I took a book wth
me, but I could not engage
my thoughts to its contents
(I read some letters I had
in my pocket, I enjoy'd
y^e. thoughts that perhaps
the writer of them was

Then thinking of me - I
also indulged y^e hopes that
y^e time would arrive when
^{we} should together enjoy every
pleasing scene ^{some time or other} that we
might together admire y^e
beauties of Nature & adore
that Being who has so
bountifully shed his blessing
over this world. if it
should not be permitted y^t
we shall enjoy this hap-
piness - that same Being
will I doubt not support
our minds to bear the
disappointment properly.

Miss Boyle join'd me $\frac{1}{4}$ before
9 in y^e garden, she show'd
me her Birds, y^e nests she
had found - we fed those

that were become tame.
At 9 we all met at Breakfast
after wth Mr. P. M^{rs} B. &
I strolled about y^e. Garden -
Mr. D. - join'd us at 11 - we
went to Church - after wth.
Mr. W. said we should not
separate as we were to make
so short a stay. we sat together
in y^e. Medaillion Seat &
amused ourselves with
conversing & looking through
the Telescopes till 3 - at
1 we had an elegant little
repast brought of fruits
Cakes & Ice water. I left
Mr. W. & Mr. P. at 3 Mrs
W. Maid attended me

I ches'd my hair - ^{as} I did not
take my own maid ~~and~~
At 4 o'clock I join'd them
in y^e. garden - Mr. Garrick
was arrived - but alas!
As Mr. Walpole he had
sent his excuse being ill.
Mr. Boyle (Mr. W. only
son) came from London
to dine & ~~stay~~ stay till
tomorrow - I had not seen
him these 3 years - he
having been in Ireland
wth his Uncle Lord Shan-
non (his father's Brother)
Mr. B. is ^{in his} three & twenty ^{years}
a handsome lively well-
bred ^{& I believe sensible} young man, he

is ⁱⁿ y^e. Guards - I have
heard that he is dissipated &
extravagant - but how few
how very few young men are
otherwise! - the Duchess of
Bolton & her Eldest daughter
Lady Catherine Pawlet ^{also} came
to dinner - Lady Catherine is
a great favorite of mine
she is natural lively and
unaffected - she is about 16
in all y^e. bloom of youth, &
though I do not agree with
others that she is a very
great beauty, I think her
a handsome young woman
she is above y^e. common
size is well formed & has a
good air... as we waited for
y^e. D^{ys} we did not set down to
dinner till near 5 - the Duchess

of Argyles resignation and Lady
Harcourts appointment as Lady
of y^e. Bedchamber to y^e. Queen was
y^e. principle topic with other
tattle of the day - such as
the run away Match of Mr.
Fitzroy & Miss Laura Keppel
y^e. Prince of Wales &c. &c.
I could not help laughing at the
very pathetic letter y^e. D^y. of
B - told us wth Mrs Keppel
wrote to y^e. Prince when she
found her Daughter was run
away - "My Child, my Child
Oh I have lost my Child - what
is become of my Child - Oh
come & comfort & tell me where
is my Child" - The Prince went
& comforted y^e. distressed Mother &
sat with her till 2 in y^e. Morn^g.
Mrs Keppel had sat till a

tite with her Daughter the
whole afternoon - Miss Laura
having refused to go with her
Sisters to Rensselaer and her
eyes were red with weeping as
Mrs. H. had refused to give her
consent to her marrying Mr.
L. Mrs. H. endeavoured to com-
fort her daughter and to
amuse her read the very
Moral & instructive Novel
of The Sorrows of Walter.
They separated at 11 - ~~10:30~~
H. This tender judicious
sensible Mother charged her
other Daughters when they
came home not to make a
Noise or laugh quite so loud
as usual for that y^e. poor
afflicted Laura was gone
to try by sleep to forget her

Torrows & those of Wenters.
but to their great surprise
when they pass'd her Chamber
Door it was open & Laura
was fled.

As soon as we rose from table we
went to the M. Seat - after Coffee
we ~~parted~~ walk'd about, conversing
without form or restraint, I had
if pleasure of enjoying some priv-
ate conversation with my dear
& agreeable friend M^{rs} Garrison
She show'd me a letter of our
friend Miss Mores. I really
do not know a more pleasing
Woman than M^{rs} G. She is a
Model of perfect grace & good
breeding - there is a propriety
in her manners & conduct
which convince you she is a Woman
of sense & she is so open so
candid so engenuous so free
from affectation & Art that
is impossible to be true to her

in her company without loving
her. She made me promise
to introduce a certain friend
of mine to her & said she sh^d
invite us to Hampton - & that
she should invite my Uncle
William (wth whom she has been
many years acquainted) to meet
us &c &c &c Mrs G. of D.P. &
Lady Catherine left us at 1/2
past 8 - we saw y^e Prince of W.
on y^e opposite Shore who went
to pay a Visit to y^e beautiful
Lady Waldgraves who lodge in
y^e Summer in the Pavilion.
before supper we amused our-
selves in looking over the
Prints belonging to Cooks
Voyage, M^r W. entertain'd us
at y^e same time by reading
y^e descriptions &c &c

- Mrs. W. Mr. Bayle Mr. Pepps
I sat up till near 1 o'clock
Mr Coombes - of late Provost
of Laton. &c &c were the
persons whose characters
afforded us ample matter
for conversation. Mr. Garrick &
the Duke's Dowry of Portland were
spoke of by Mrs. W. at they merits
some other time I will amuse
myself in making memorandums
of the strange anecdotes relative
to Coomes. Mrs. W. would attend
me to my room. She press'd me
to fix a time for make her a
longer visit - this I could not
do but I promised to let
her know as soon as possible
She inform'd me my Cousin
Miss Hamilton (Lord Abercorns
Niece) was to come to her on
Wednesday & to stay some time
as she is a most amiable

An accomplished woman I shall
endeavour to go to Mrs W. before
she leaves her.

Monday 12th July 1784

I joined Miss Boyle before break-
fast - & got her to play a lesson
to me - she plays as if she
~~was~~ ^{was} perfectly well grounded
I understood what she play'd
but I do not think she has
much taste or feeling.

We met at 8 o'clock to break-
fast - we breakfasted an hour
earlier as Mr Pappys was
obliged to set out at 9 o'clock
Mr Boyle gain'd great credit
for joining us so early.

Mrs W. charged me to rem-
ember my promises of
paying her a longer visit
I told me how many plans

She had of going to see places
de wth She & her daughter
should not enjoy if I was
not of y^r. party. at 9 o'clock
Mr. Pepys & I set out, we
had an interesting conversation
he quite gain'd my heart by
the manner in w^{ch} he spoke
of his wife & children.
Mrs Pepys is an excellent
woman & merits the praises
he bestow'd on her.
we got to Town at 11 o'clock
Mr Pepys staid 'till an hour
as he waited for answers
to messages. I found Miss
C^{'s} at home - introduced
Anna Maria to Mr. P.
when he went away, A.M.
& I sat together till 3 o'clock
- I then wrote a letter to
Miss Gunning w^{ch} I sent to

Lady Clavering to take to Norton
to morrow - sent to enquire
after M^{rs} Peachell, she & y^e
Child very well. Miss C's &
I dined at M^r Vesey's. I came
home as soon as we rose from
Table - received letters from
the Duke's Dowry of Portland
Miss Burney (y^e auth^ress
of Cecilia &c.) ^{My friend Miss Litchfield} & a note from
my Cousin Stormont. I had
only time to read my letters
& write in my diary a little
before M^r & M^{rs} Vesey came
for me. we went to book-
sellers to enquire for Mad^{me}
Genlis last publication -
Vieille du Chateau - after
fumbling in the Coach for
1/2 an hour by way of
exercise for y^e old folks.

we went to the Glovers where
we met Miss Clarke - Mr
Glover was in charming
spirits & happy to see us -
are sup'd there, Mr. M^r. U.
brought Miss C's & me home
at past 12 o'clock

Tuesday 13th July 1784
Amanah sat with me part of y^e. early
Morn^g. at 12 o'clock Cipriano
brought my Uncle's fine Vase
to deposit it in my Care.
He shew'd me the drawings he
had made from it w^h are indeed
inimitably executed - I pro-
mised him to write to Mr
Wm Beve. he desired me
to inform him why he not
obeyed his orders in carrying
y^e. Vase to Mrs y^e. Queen Be

As soon as C. left me I sent
for William a Person to make
a Box to contain this
precious work of Art.

Miss Clarke paid me a visit
for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. at 2 o'clock
Maria returned home, her
sister Mrs. Jackson came to
Town to make me a visit
we had much to say to each
other. ~~My~~ ~~visit~~ ~~from~~ ~~Mr~~ ~~E~~
called, I was denied.

Had of great satisfaction of
receiving a most kind &
affectionate letter from Mr.
Dickenson's Father rec'd also
long letters from Lady Wake
& Mr. Wake (her son). at 4
o'clock Lady Sturmont's Coach came for
me, I found her pretty well -
Lord Sturmont dined with us
we had as usual dumb

Waiters, & no servants w^{ch} is
one of the most comfortable
methods of dining as it lays
no restraint on conversation.
I spent an agreeable ^{afternoon} day Lord
L with us of greatest part
of y^e time. Lady Hor. gave
me a long message from my Cousin
Lady Frances & another from
Lord Cathcart - their reasons
for not having call'd. Since
I brought home a drawing box
w^{ch} I promised Lady L to
arrange & give orders about
to her cabinet maker -
had Lord Stormonts Chariot
at 10 - came home. sat wth
Miss Clarke till 11 o'clock.
I sat up after them & wrote
an answer to Mr. Dickenson
Jen. to be ready for tomorrow
Post.

Wednesday 14th July 1784 — had
My Uncle's Case ~~prepared~~
safely placed in a 2^d Box. —
My tormenting Mr. Stanhope
came to pay me a Visit, I got
rid of him by promising to see
him on Saturday — & then Maria
& I set out — she was so good to
accompany me to White-Hall —
there we separated — I went to
y^e Duchess Dow of Portland — had
a conference with her Parker
I went into her apartments
& gave those orders she had
requested me in her letter of
Yesterday — I return'd home
at 12 — Lady Darby had call'd
during my absence & left word
she should come for me at 1/2
past 1 o'clock — I wrote a letter
to the Duchess D^o of Portland
& one to J^r Wm Hamilton —
left y^m, & y^e one for Mr. D^r —
to be sent by to days post.

Lady Darkey came before 2 o'clock
we called at their house in Stenhope
street for Lord Darkey & then proceeded
to y^e Villa which is situated on the bank
of y^e Thames - between Ratersea &
Chelsea. Lady Darkey left her sweet
little Julia to my care whilst she
went to dress - Master Dawson &
his Cousin Verey Dawson Julia &
I were much occupied in atten-
ding to a Hen & her chickens
w^{ch} Lady Darkey had made a pre-
sent of to Julia. there was no
company at dinner - only y^e 2
boys - Montobas y^e Inter was
gone to Town - After dinner
Lord & Lady D & I strolled about
y^e garden y^e Shruberry - Lady
D. made me tell her every thing
about Mr D - she & Lord D y^e
made me very happy by assuring
me of their warmest approbation
& said such things as their
~~express~~ ^{kind} friendship for me dictated
Nothing could be more agreeable
than the manner in w^{ch} I spent
this day. in y^e Evg Lord Darkey
show'd us a collection of Medals he

had purchased - Gold & Silver
all English - Queens Anne's
Oliver Cromwell &c &c

Went to our rooms at 11 one of
Lady D.'s Maids attended & undress
me: we distilled Rose & Mint Water to
^{remember to at a still}

Thursday 15th July 1704. I got up
before 6 & enjoyed ^{at the window} the freshness
of the morning air & the beauty
of the Thames - I could not go into
y^e garden as M^{rs} Mary had taken
my Habit out of my room to
get it brushed - I wrote & work'd
till 1/2 past 8 when she came &
assist'd me to finish dressing -
Lady Darkey came to me, an
Obe de Chambre, she beg'd me
to go down & make Breakfast for
Lord D. - & that she would soon
join us - I went down 1/2 before
9 - Lord D. & Vesey Dawson join'd
me in y^e breakfast room - Mr
D. always breakfasts at his table.
Lord Longford came from
Town to breakfast he was at

us by 9 o'clock. after B: Lady
Dartrey & I walk'd titi à titi
in y^e. Garden, she repeated to
me how happy she was about
me & how much she approved
my ~~particular~~ preference in
choosing a Man of Mr. De cherant
she wanted me to stay another
day but I could not as I had
promised Lady Stormont not
to be absent above a Night from
Town till she was brought to bed.
I left this dear & most
amiable friend at ^{the part.} 10 o'clock
Lord Dartrey & Lord Longford
came in the Coach with me
I was at home before 11 o'clock
Miss C's were at breakfast I
gave them flowers I had brought
from Chelsea - & carried some
of Mrs Hancock. but did not go
in. Mr. Dewes had call'd yesterday

at 12 o'clock I engaged both the
Ship Clerks to go with me to
Mrs Sandford - we found her at
home & made her a long visit
her son W^m was at home. Mr
Dewey was there, told me he
should have Town on Saturday
I asked permission to wait on
her on Friday Morn^g. left Mrs
S - at 1: called in at Virginians
bought a small gold pin for W^m.
we met Mr. R. Glover he turned
I accompanied us - I called at
the Blopets they were gone out of
Town. we then walk'd on to
Hanover Street where I went
to pay a visit to Dr. Jacksons
wife (Mr. E's sister) Mrs C's &
Mr. R. G. walk'd in the street
 whilst I paid my visit. I found
Mrs J. quite recovered, & saw the
little child, w^h is a very pretty
girl - it was christened last

Thursday by the name of Harriet,
to my sister, Ernest Jackson. Mrs.
asked me if I had heard that her
brother had called upon me. Mrs.
and another lady was there after
staying 20 minutes I took my leave
joined my party - we met Mr.
Waynes I stopped his Chariot &
charged him to go to Lord Dartrams
Lady S. wanted to consult him
about Julia who had been terribly hurt
by the attack. Mr. R.G. took an oppor-
tunity of telling me he had had
another letter from his Mum - he
left us when we got home.

I sat quietly in my room for
an hour to recover the fatigue
the walk & heat. Mr. Glover
came to me at 1/4 before 3 - we had
tete à tete till 1/2 past 3 when
Mr. Glover came. I had some
artificial conversation with him
before dinner - he was satisfied
with every thing I told him respecting

Mr. D. & his father & was much struck
with their characters w^{ch} he highly
admired. Mr. Glover & I joined Miss
Clarkes Mr. Glover & Mr. Richard Glover
at 4 o'clock we had a cheerful
dinner, & sat below till 1/2 past 6
A.M. play'd a lupon on y^e Harpsicord.
Mr. Glover left us to pay a visit
to his rich friend Mr. Cust. Miss
C's & Mr. J. work'd, I drew, & Mr.
R. Glover began to read aloud to
us in J. de Roubigne - we were
interrupted by Mr. Dewes who came
uninvited & tea - after tea Mr. R. Glover
took his leave. ^{Miss} Mr. Wm. Lindford came in
at 8 o'clock - a walk was proposed I excused
myself & ask'd Mr. D. to keep me com-
pany as I wanted to have an opportuni-
ty of speaking to him, I had a little
tete a tete of 1/2 an hour - I inform'd him
of y^e nature of my correspondence wth
Mr. D. (I had particular reasons for
intrusting him wth my confidence on
this subject) & I desired him to make
acquaintance wth him when he went
to Buxton where he is to be next Monday
evening - it was quite a relief to
my mind when I had done this
- Mr. D. said many friendly things
to me.