

Tuesday 3 August 1784 Clarges Street
Breakfasted in my own room - paid a Miss
a short visit - her C^d much better. at
9 o'clock set out to visit Mrs Johnston
I found her more recovered than I ex-
pected - I sat an hour by her bed side
she seem much pleased with seeing me &c.
I was ~~very~~ glad to find her so comfort-
able settled & well situated for business.
I went into y^e Shop - saw her husband
who did not appear very alack - I
order'd home a loaf of Sugar. I ask'd
Mrs Johnston what she wish'd for
she said some Lavender Water & White
Wine wh^{ch} I sent her. from her went
to Bond Street to buy Lavender Water
& recollecting Mr. Saunders y^e Painter
lived in y^e Street went to him - I settled
with him about a Miniature picture
for a ring for Mr. Dr he promised
to begin it next Monday Morn^g at
10 o'clock - wh^{ch} some persuasion he
agreed to come to my house instead of
my going to his wh^{ch} as I have no
carriage w^d have been very incon-
venient as he lives a good way off
& I could not go in y^e day time
in Hackney Coach & a Chair is
expensive. I then came home

paid Mr Conway - he said I did not
stop to speak to him - answered Mr D - your
letter - w^{ch} I sent by Post. I enclosed my
Glean - Message from Lady Darby &
by me to dine & sleep at their Villa
I could not accept y^r. agreeable in-
vitation being engaged to Lady Stormont.
A. Maria & I sat together for two
hours I decorated two small fire
screens for her with prints & verses
Mr. Denny made us a little visit as
did Mr. Clarke - I continued my
employment till 1/2 past 4 when
Lady Stormont's Coach came for me.
- She was not quite so well to day -
Lord Stormont, Mr. Langlois & Capt.
Cathcart dined with us - politics
y^r. reigning topic - after dinner C.
C - took over y^r. Papers to find w^h
had given Lord Stormont's speech
in y^r. House of Lords ^{yesterday} most accurately
for he was there. Woodfalls was
y^r. best but he had, as well as y^r. others
mis-stated - mis-represented, &
mis-placed y^r. order of words, as
well as added & omitted things.
heard that y^r. Prince of Wales rode on
Horseback from Brighton to Hove

^{to}
Yesterday - he set out at 4 in yf.
Morn'g - attended only by Col. Lake &
2 Grooms he had relays of horses -
- after he arrived in London he walked
8 Miles - & ~~and~~ came back to B.
in yf. Afternoon - B. is above 60
Miles from London. - some people
say he came to meet Charles Fox
at Mr. Armisteads, - some, that
he came to purchase a farm for a
Lady - & others that it was to
invite yf. D. de Chabers to B.
Lord St. & Col. C. left us at 8
Mr. Lazzarini sat on for sometime
with L. & me - he gave us an
account of what alterations had
been made by Robert at Chatsworth
worth. how rapidly he was going
on till yf. D. of Devonshire, Agent
remonstrated to spoil yf. house.
he laid out 1500 in new
furnishing yf. Drawing room
& all that he did was putting
new Chairs & Sofas & a little
alteration of yf. Chimney piece

This Jobert was a Cook - & is
now employ'd by y^e. fine people
& decorated their houses instead
of their tables - he has been y^e.
principal person employ'd in
fitting up Carleton House. &c.
I came home ab^t. 10 - sat wth. Miss
Clothes till past 11. I wrote extracts
from Mrs Delany's letters till 1/2
past 12

Wednesday 4th August. 84
Breakfasted wth. A. Maria - Isabella joined
us - I sat chatting wth them till
10 - then dropt for y^e. day - work'd 2
at 1/2 past 11 walk'd to Mrs Delany she
was pretty well, but had had an indifferent
night. from 12 till 3 I was very busy
arranging some curious old China in
a Cabinet - this dear Woman wd. not
trust any hands but mine to do it
- I wash'd it & ~~placed~~ it, & she wiped
it - Mr. Jermyham came in & found
us at our work - he sat by us 1/2 an
hour. ~~x~~ he brought Mr. D. one
of y^e. prints of y^e. great Air Balloon
wth. to be let off next Tuesday he

Told us there were but 6 come out
I sent Mrs D - sent for one immediately
to send to my dear friend. & eldest
Mrs Sanford came in - I left Mrs
D. at 3 o'clock walk'd home, she
gave me three or 4 small specimens
of y^e. Egg shell China - w^h. I shall
ever value for y^e. sake of y^e. Donor
- I enclosed y^e. print in a frank &
sent it by Post. A Maria sat with
me till 4 - I was not quite well - y^e.
walking thro' a boiling Sun & having
fatigued myself in standing &c.
at Mrs Delany's I believe was y^e.
occasion - Lady S. Coach came at
1/2 past 4 I went to Portland Place
Lord Stor: Col^l Griville & Cathcart
dined with us - my Cousin Charles
promised his Sister to sit for his
Picture to Romney - we consulted
together after dinner w^h. would be the
best manner for him to be taken. He
is a beautiful Young Man &
will make a charming interesting
Picture. we had y^e. 2 Dear Bays as
usual - & Politics - y^e. Gentlemen
said that W Pitt had acted in an
unfair manner abt y^e. Navy Bill &c.

India affairs - Lord S. L. C. left us
at 8 - I staid till 9 - left Col. Neville
to keep Lady J. company - I was
not quite well & came home - had
Lady J. as usual, sat with
the Misses Clarke till 1/2 past 10 -
began a letter to Mrs. Parker -
heard to day that St. George Howard,
Daughter Mrs. Wise died at Stoke
on Newland - I sincerely pity her
poor father - she was his only
child. ~~Mrs. Wise died before~~
she has left 2 children. I went to
bed before 11 o'clock

that good for nothing being Mr.
Copleland came again this week.
He sent another letter a few days ago.
he is so wicked, that it would be
wrong to give him any thing as he
w^d. make an improper use of any money
one could give him & he D. accept of
no other relief. - had a good account of
Mrs. Johnson, that some of my old Chaimen she look'd dying &c. &c.

Thursday 5th August 1784 - I breakfasted
in my own room. A Maria made me
a Visit - I was quite well again. at 11
o'clock Lady Dartrey came - she did not stay
long as I promised to follow her to
Stanhope Street & sit with her whilst

she dressed for y^e. Drawing Room as
she was going there to take leave
before she went to Cambridge where
she & Lord Darby go in a short time
for 6 weeks. Mr Jackson came to
see Miss Clarke & me - he walk'd with
me & Lord Darby - I saw y^e. Prince
of Wales who pass'd by to go to Mr. Armstrong
steads - fortunately he did not see me
this is another flying excursion
from Brighton - I had y^e.
happiness of spending an hour & half
with ^{my} most engaging & most amiable
friend - she was very solicitous to
know if I really felt happy in the
prospect of ~~the~~ being united to my
son - & was satisfied with my
assurances in the affirmative - She desired
I would allow her ~~me~~ (some time hence)
to write to Lady Anne & her sister Lady
Louisa Clayton to inform them of my en-
gagement - she wish'd all those friends
who were at a distance should know that
what I intended doing was with the
warmest approbation of all those who
were already acquainted ^{with it} & who were
interested in my happiness. How
shall I ever repay the goodness of so many
kind friends as I am bless'd with &
I think myself the most fortunate
of human beings - Those to whom I

give the Title of ^{dear} friends are people of
the most excellent characters & best
principles - I am by their example
encouraged to persevere in virtue &
~~shall~~ guard myself from folly & vice.
I possess the heart of ^{an} amiable man
whom I love, & whom I have ever pre-
ferred to every other - I not only ought
to be but I can truly say I am most
grateful to Providence. ~~It is a duty~~
~~These~~ beautiful lines of Addison better
express my gratitude than any thing I
~~can~~ say -

Thy bounteous hand w.th worldly bliss
Has made my life run over,
And in a kind & faithful friend
Has doubled all my store.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least, a cheerful heart,
That tastes those gifts w.th joy.

Through every period of my life
Thy goodness I'll pursue
And after death in distant worlds
The glorious theme renew.

The rest of this beautiful ode is
I believe in N.^o 453 of y.^e Spectator.

I saw dear Lord Tisbury for a few minutes
I promised to spend one day at Chelsea ~~before~~
before they went to Cambridge. I went
in y^e Coach wth my good friends as far as
St. James's Place where I took leave of them
& went to Mrs. Delany - I found her
charming well & in high spirits for
Lady Weymouth had been to communicate
to her that ^{her 3^d daughter} Miss Sophia Thynne had
received proposals from Lord St. Asaph
- that Miss S. & herself & Lord Weymouth
approved very much of. Lord St. Asaph
is a young man of very good character
it is a suitable match in every respect.
Lord Ashburton's father is wth him
pleased wth his choice. I sat an hour
wth Mrs. D. - walk'd home through y^e
Park - met Mr. Houghness & spoke to him.
He has brought home Mr. Flowers
Picture - it is not a pleasing likeness
but I ought not to find fault as he
would not have sat for any body but me
& he was ill when y^e picture was taken.
- I had not time to walk so far as Mrs.
Johnston I sent & had very good
accounts of her - finished a long letter
to dear Mrs. Carter & sent by 6 days post.
Rec^d. a letter from Lady Wake. she
kindly regrets my not being able to
visit them this summer &c &c &c

sat 7th an hour at Dr. Meric - 1/4 before
Lady S. Coach came for me - only
Lord & Lady S. & me - Lord S. joined
very soon after we ~~got~~ went into of Dr.
Room after dinner - general topics -
heard that Lady C. Portie was to
marry Mr. Lenox (y^r. Duke of Richmond,
Nephew & heir) - Lady Sutherland
Lord Strathaven (Lord Abingdon's son)
Mr. North (Lord North's eldest son) it is
said is & many one of y^r. Miss Hobart
(one of y^r. Swins) this is not, ^{thoroughly} ^{& take place} wholly, as
she has not suspicion & he is ruined.
& it is not likely his Grandfather
Lord Guilford will part with any money
whilst he lives. Lord Luton has
made proposals & is accepted by Lady
Maria Widdgrave - but his father
y^r. Duke of Praetor will not give consent
as it is thought very cruel & unreasonable
&c &c. Lord Stormont left us at
8 he promised me to make Mrs. Delany
a Visit - Lady S. & I had a tit a tit
we talk'd of ^{the} necessity of economy in
every situation. I was pleased to
hear a young woman in so brilliant
a stile of life - married to a man of
large fortune & every great expectations
as all Lord Mansfield's fortune
will be his - speak so sensibly

on a subject w^{ch} I hardly imagined
she had thought on - Lord Stormont's
household establishment is a very
large one - 4 Men out of livery &
4 footmen - Under Butler - Porter.
2 Coachmen ^{under Coachman} 2 Postillion, 3 or 4 Grooms
&c. &c. Lord S is so good a Manager
that he has always kept y^e same num-
ber of Servts. ~~with~~ ^{as} when he was in
Office - no other Minister can say y^e
same - & he has not a Shilling debt.

I came home abt. 10 - left Lady S
much better than last night - she was
not so fatigued - the Vesey's sent
for me to join Miss Clarke's - I went
we sup'd wth our kind Neighbours -
y^e Conversation turn'd on Ireland -
lost Ireland! - the Vesey's have
again put off their journey to Margate
came home y^e past 11 - went immediately
to our Rooms

Friday 6th August 1784 At 1/2 past 8 went
down to breakfast wth A Maria - sat wth her
an hour - then dress'd for y^e Day - sent to
enquire after ^{very} Mrs. Johnstone - she was
getting well fast - received a Note
from my Cousin Stormont - she told
me I should not come to her today
but that she was in very good spirits
&c. &c. ~~off~~ ^{she} ~~was~~ ^{at} I wrote an Answer

— walk'd at 11 to Mrs Delany staid wth her
till 1 o'clock arranged a Glass Cabinet
of fossils, & Minerals for her, she
gave me a few specimens. I saw some
from Cornwall wth I had not seen before
there were some fine ones from
Dorbyshire & Lancashire. The dear
old woman dress'd herself & left me to
pay her Compl^t of congratulations to
Lord & Lady Weymouth — I desired
her to present mine wth would save me
a visit & fine speeches. When I
came home found a Present from good
Mrs Hancock of some valuable small tea
Cups & Saucers of Egg shell China wth she bought
in Holland many years ago & knowing I was
beginning a collection, she sent me. I went over
immediately to thank her. She was ^{kindly} ~~in~~
~~to~~ her own room — I sat wth her 1/2 an
hour — when I came away she insisted
upon my acceptance of a little silver lamp,
wth she had in a Cabinet — I was obliged to
accept it — She shew'd me some fine
Old Chinas & her darling Pigeons &c
I would not stay to see J. Veroys. employ'd
myself till dinner time in hanging
up Mr. Flourens Picture & other jobs of
some kind — Miss C^{'s} & I din'd together
sat & chatted till 6 — separated till 7 —
Met in J^{'s} Drawing room — read & wrote
& work'd & were together wth whole Evng.

at 9 rec^d a letter from Lord Stormont
& inform me Lady Stormont was
brought to bed at a little after
6 o'clock this afternoon of a son X
that tho' she wish'd much to have a
Daughter yet she bore her disappointment
perfectly well, & was quite comforted
at y^e sight of her fine boy. - This is
her 6th son - she never had a girl -
she has now 4 boys.

The Doctors sent for us but we
excused ourselves.

went to our rooms soon after 11

Saturday 7th August 1704

Woke at 7 for y^e day at 8 went down
& Breakfast with A Maria - sat &
work'd below - till 11. employ'd my-
self in working till 12. took leave
of A Maria - she was going to her
Sister Jacksons for a few days.

Mr. Vesey & Mrs. Handcock were so
obliging to carry me to Portland
Place - as I wish'd to go myself
to enquire after Lady Stormont.

As y^e Serv^t. told me Lord Stormont's
Daughter - was come from Her-
wood. I went in for a few
minutes. ~~when~~ I found her in the

Library writing & relation's &
acquaint them of Lady S-'s being
brought to bed - she told me she
wrote y^r. first letter ^{to me} ~~very long & man~~
but Lord S- w^d. not let her send
it ~~as he had written himself~~. Miss
Murray told me she had seen Lady
Stormont this Morn^g. & that she &
y^r. dear babe were charming well.
- she promised to give my love to
Lord & Lady S-. she goes back to
Kem-Wood but is to come to Town
every Morn^g. Miss Murray is
Lord S-'s only child by his first ^{wife},
who died when she was very young.
she is near a year older than her
Mother in law - abt 26. or 7.
she lives wth Lord Mansfield &
was educated by the y^e late Lady
Mansfield & two of Lord Stormont's
Sisters who also reside wth Lord
Mansfield - she is pleasing,
good humoured - well accomplished
& conducts herself wth that
propriety wth ought & distin

quish a woman of fashion &
good education. - Mr. V & Mrs. H.
then took me to Mrs. Broughtons
in Cavendish Square - she was out
& I was saved a disagreeable visit.
- they then carried me to Mrs. Delany
I promised to come for me again
in an hour. Mrs. D. seemed very
well - A Mrs. Williams & her three
Miss Cappers were with her they soon went
away there was something so prepossessing
in Mrs. Williams countenance, manner,
& dress - that I desired Mrs. Delany
to inform me who this lady was.
She gave me y^e following account.
Mrs. Williams - was suitably married
to a Gentleman of good fortune. it was
a match of inclination & they were
mutually happy, a few short years
she enjoyed the society of her amiable
husband - let y^e feeling heart judge
what she felt when one morning
(without any previous illness) she
found him lying dead by her side.
for 12 years she shut herself up from
all society, only admitting y^e visits
of her nearest relations - the last

12 years she has ~~for~~ received some
of her old friends & now & then
pays them a visit - but lives
in a retired manner - abt 10 Miles
from London - her principal
amusement is the care of her
Garden & the study of Botany
She has a handsome independency
& lives in stile suitable to an
elegant mind - without parade -
every thing about her is great as
her dress, & proper as her manner.
Never having been bless'd with
Children - She took a Brothers
Daughter to live with her - the
Young Lady I saw - who appears
as if she would do credit to her
Aunt. Miss Capper seems to be
abt 16. not handsome, but looks
Modest & civil.

Mrs Betty Granville a Cousin
of Mrs Delany's succeeded Mrs W.
She is ⁴only one left of that name.
- A Maiden. of 70 I should think.
She was Maid of Honor to Queen
Caroline. Mrs Delany was true

to y^e. Minister Lord Granville.
Mrs B. G. told us she had been
to congratulate her Nephew
Lord Weymouth on the approach-
ing marriage of his daughter
Sophia wth my Lord St. Asaph
— The Vesey's came for me &
I left the two Ladies agreeably
occupied in bestowing praises
on Lady Weymouth's children
&c. — I came home after
promising to dine wth our
hospitable Neighbours — I read
for an hour & half in ^{Mrs. Foster's} Epictetus
at ½ past 4 Miss Clarke & I went
to the Vesey's there was no other
company — we sat so long at
Desert that I took out my book
Mrs Vesey told us some anecdotes
of People in Ireland — & of places
there. few people relate more
agreeably than Mrs Vesey — her
imagination is so luxuriant
that she always embellishes
— not that she is guilty of telling

falsehoods - but the sweetness
of her own Nature always makes
her see things & people in the
most favorable point of view.
if there is sometimes an
unlucky shade in y^r. Picture
she is blind to it - of course
her descriptions are pleasing
to all those who like to contemplate
only y^r. most beautiful objects.
For she has y^r. art of describe
so well that you see all the
objects of her sometimes poetic
Fancy. After having given me
an account of Mr. Vesey's fine
Place in Ireland - she gave me the
following lines to read - I read them
aloud & ^I ^{must} ^{was} ^{pleased} to see y^r.
tear of sensibility steal down
Mr. Vesey's cheek. In Mr. Vesey's
beautiful Grounds at Lucan near
Dublin we had placed an Obelisk.
Mrs. Vesey walking with him
one day & looking on it, expressed
a wish that she might be

buried under it & that when
he died he w^d be laid in the
same grave. he immediately
took out his pen & wrote
these lines & giving them to her
said he w^d comply wth her re-
quest & that should be their
Epitaph

^{a pair}
Near this fair sculpture sleeps
In Church yard history wondrous ^{rare},
Who liked the busy hum of men,
Then joy'd to see their fields again,
Who dress'd y^e Grove, or led y^e Till
To shine & bable down y^e Hill,
Who Nature felt, & void of art
Gave to y^e poor, & good, their heart
Who lov'd when young, ^{old friends} yet died,
A blessing fate but seldom sends.
Mr. & Mrs. V. are Cousins - they
were attach'd to each other from
their cradles - Mr. V. early
hop'd to be united to y^e object

of his heart - but Mr Vesey
was forced to y. Altar at 45 by
the arbitrary will of an arbitrary
Father who obliged her to marry
a disagreeable old Man & he
was beautiful - & he in his 40th
Year was too much captivated
to reject a forced consent -
the only excuse y. father had
for sacrificing his daughter
was, that y. Gentleman was
his friend & he had given
his honor to give him his
Child in marriage - This
Man lived some ^{during wth time} years - Mr
V. behaved irreproachably -
when he had been dead a
year - Mr Vesey's constancy
was rewarded by her.

I came home for a quarter of an
hour to give some orders - returned
to tea - at 1/2 past 7 Mrs Delany
sent y. Coach for me - Mrs
Vesey & Miss Clarke accompanied

me - I sat Miss C - down near
St. Park - she was going to take
her after noons walk - Mrs U -
I went to Mrs Delany - Mrs
Sandford & her eldest son who is
an agreeable genteel young
Man - ^{a young lady} & Lady Wallingford were
with - I had my work table
I we talk'd of Air Balloons
& weddings - Miss Susan -
Bingham Lord Lucan's 3^d
Daughter is going to be married
to Mr. Lindsay a gentleman
of large fortune in Ireland
- it is ^{thought} a great Match for her
See see see Mrs Denys Cook
came soon after 9 - I forced
her away as I feared Mrs J -
w^d be too much fatigued. as she
had had company all day. we
took Mr. V. up aboy. Coffee house
in St James Street. I would not
go ~~him~~ with them but came
home - instead of writing letters

Letters, as I ought to have
done I indulged myself in
writing my extracts from
Mrs. Delanys letters. Miss
Clarke sat with me till past
11 - I went to my room at
12.

Sunday 8th August 1784

Breakfasted alone - read, wrote, dress'd for
y^e. Day - paid a little Visit to Miss Clarke
went to May fair Chapel, it rained, Mrs
Verny & Hancock were going & they took
me in their Coach - Mr. Shubbs y^e.
Curate gave us an excellent ~~sermon~~ sermon
after Church I provided D Stanhope
Sheet & pay a Visit to Lady Mary
Hume - met a poor young Woman who
had hardly clothes to cover her - she
was very big with Child - she seem'd
an object of real compassion & her
Story was an artless one. Mr. Verny
& Hancock drove after me to &
overtook me before I got to Stanhope
Sheet I yielded to their intreaties
willingly to accompany them for
they were going to M^r. J. Reynolds to
visit his Niece Miss Palmer whom
I wanted to see as I ^{have} ~~was~~ not ~~been~~ able
to call upon her since y^e. Death of her
Sister. we call'd in Berkeley Square to
enquire if Mr. Walpole was expected as
Mr. V. wish'd to invite him for the
Eveng. - but to our mortification the
serv^t. said he was not to be in Town
- we then drove to Leicester Square, found
Miss Palmer alone. She was much recover'd
in health but she was so low that she
burst into Tears when we saluted her

we sat with her near an hour & left her
in better spirits. - she goes into Devon-
shire in a few days - but promised
to come & sit with me for two hours on
Wednesday Morn'g. Mr. Vesey. Hancock &
I took treated ourselves with one turn
in y. Picture Gallery & Room adjoining
from St. Joshua Reynolds went to Mrs
Delany - Mrs. V. said in y. Coach for me
I was with Mrs. D. only a few Minutes
as it was near y. time of her going
to Prayers & she expected y. Clergyman
every moment. Richard brought me
a Note from Lady Dartrey to St. James's
Place - to invite Mrs. Delany to go to
Chelsea to morrow Morn'g with me - this
she could not do as Mrs. Boscowan was
to make her a visit, as I found Mrs. D.
was to have Lady Butte & Lady Weymouth
in the afternoon I told her not to
expect me. from Mrs. Delany we went
to St. Robt. Herries - left word there that
Mrs. Vesey desired y. M^{rs} to come to her
in y. Coach. I then came home. wrote
an Answer to Lady Dartrey's Note &
had two hours quietly to myself - w^{ch}
I hope I did not make an unprofitable
use of. It's past 4 Miss Clarke & I went
to y. Vesey's who had insisted insisted
on our dining at them. there was no other

company. - we sat at Dinner till
1/2 past 6. Mrs Vesey & I had a
long argument relative to the
education of Women - Mr. Vesey &
Mrs Hancock were on my side
Miss Clarke as usual was dumb
& what was more mortifying
she did not seem even to listen
to our debate. after amusing
ourselves for an hour & half, for
we were very friendly opponents
we left y^e dining room - as I did
not chuse Coffee & Mr. V. has the
happy art of making her guests
feel ^{under} no constraint. I came home
to indulge myself in the luxury
of being quiet & alone for an
hour. I read one of Blair's Sermons
& wrote out a letter of Miss H.
Mar. to Mrs Vesey w^{ch} she had
given me. Richard brought me a
good account of Lady Storrment & the
Child - & I heard Mrs Johnston was
pretty well again. at 8 o'clock I
return'd to y^e Vesey's - S^r Robt & Lady
Herries came to Tea - They staid
till 10 - agreeable lively conversation

At Balloons. - Superstition -
y^e talk'd of marriages - & how people
love to ~~interpose~~ judge of y^e conduct
of others - however there was neither
scandal or illnatured remarks.
& we ended with Madness & Bedlam.
had I time it w^d be amusing
to write down y^e Dialogue of
this lops conversation. The Larrys
w^d not suffer me to leave them
so & as it was y^e last Eve. I consented
Miss Clarke & I therefore staid supper
- we talk'd of Dear Anna Maria &
spoke of her as she well deserved.
As A M: made me consent to let
her acquaint y^e Larrys wth my
engagement to Mr. D. upon promise
they w^d not mention it in general
society. his health ^{when there is no other company} is always
drank. & Mr. V. generally torments
me for 1/2 an hour wth an idea that
she has taken into her head that I
shall certainly never come to Town -
that my friends will lose me &c &c
& assuring me it requires all her
charity not to hate my ~~dear~~ friend
after chattering on indifferent subjects. Miss C. & I
Mr. Stanhope had call'd again, beg'd to
come 1/2 past 11. - we were before ~~London~~ ^{Bedlam} next.

Monday 9th August 1784 -
Dress'd at $\frac{1}{2}$ pasty - B. in my own room.
Mr. Saunders y^e Painter came at
10 - sat for an hour & half, I talk'd
to him as much as I could to prevent
his giving me y^e countenance of
a fool for I felt amazingly silly,
I design to have y^e picture y^e
size of ling. Saunders was very
well pleased wth me for I did not
torment him but desired him
to paint one as he thought best.
Lord Dartrey call'd - he was not let
in - he left word he would come
for me at two o'clock - rec^d very
good accounts of Lady Stormont &
y^e Child - sent to Mr. Stanhope to
say it was not in my power to
see him as I was going out of
Town. - wrote a letter to Mr.
Wiggins to inform him I would
send to him on Wed. Morn^g - Mr.
Planchie came to enquire after
y^e Health of my Clock & watches
I gave him one to repair & see
made Miss Clarke a visit of
an hour.

My Uncle Frederick came at 1 o'clock
he talked to me in a kind & affectionate
manner. he was entirely persuaded
of that y^e. good opinion I had of Mr
D & his Father was well founded -
he told me that if they or I chose
to have y^e. 1000 w^h. is to be paid
to me (without deduction) of the
estate w^h. he inherited from my
father in Scotland - he certainly
w^d. raise y^e. money. but that as I
rec^d. 5 p^{er} cent & it was well secured
perhaps I might choose to let
remain. that y^e. 600 w^h. he has on
bond & w^h. on giving 1/2 a years
Notice is to be paid in on y^e.
13th of May 1785, I should have
when I chose, for he said it
might be agreeable to me to have
the whole, or part of it before
that time, & if not, he would
keep it & give me y^e. same inter-
est..... At 2 o'clock Lord Darbys
Coach came for me & my Uncle
took his leave. I went to Lord
D. house in Stanhope Street where

he was - we went together to his
Villa. he questioned me as to my
future plans, I assured him
that they would be regulated
by what I found ~~more~~ agreeable
to Mr. D. & I had not the
smallest doubt but that what
ever he proposed, w^d. please &
satisfy all those kind friends
who were interested about me.

Dear, charming, amiable Lady
Dartrey flew with her sweet little
Julia to receive us - if I could
be just what Lady Dartrey is
I think I should be certainly!
My D. never w^d. repent his
choice. what a pattern is this
woman for the whole sex -
she is adored justly adored by
all who know her. but I must
not now indulge myself in
describing this best of women.
Whilst Lady D. dress'd before dinner
Julia took me to see her favourite

her chickens - her Deer &c &c.
Mr. Antrobus Mr. Dawson's tutor
an agreeable lively young man
joined us - he told me his senti-
ments on a particular subject
wth shew'd of goodness of his
heart & understanding. at 4 we
met to dinner - there was only
Lord & Lady Dartrey Mr. Dawson
Mr. Antrobus & me - when y^r
serv^{ts} left us - Lady D: gave
Mr. D. his health - & after, Lord
D: gave his dear father's.

The friendship of these excellent
persons affect me always in
a manner wth wishes of tear
ready to start - it goes in a
peculiar manner to my heart &
I feel somehow as if I was
not worthy of it - & that they
were kinder to me than I
deserved. Julia joined us at
Dessert, we went into y^r Garden till
Coffee, amused ourselves & then

Dawson by going in the Spring
& are made good that Mrs Palfrey
take her share in this exercise
Mrs Palfrey lived with Lady
Dartrey, ^{as her only maid} before she married. She
has been with ^{her} 26 or 27 years. - She
is treated with that consideration
her affection & Lady D. merits
what happy beings are Lord &
Lady Dartrey's Servants!

Lord D. & I had an hour or
so quiet chat - during w^h time
we were amused wth two tolerable
French Horns, ~~and~~ two men often
come & play before y^r. Windows of
y^r. Drawing Room & being close to
y^r. Chamber has a good effect -

Mr. Dawson & Antiochus joined us
at tea - it was so cold we had a
fire - we saw a little Air Balloon
floating in y^r. Air - it was so
great a height that it seemed a
very small black speck - & was
soon out of sight - Lady Dartrey

treated me with one sweet
song - "To fair Fidelia" &c.

Julia sat up rather later than
usual that she might have
y^e. pleasure of seeing two small
sons & a little wheel play'd off
this little fire work she had
imagined to please & surprise
me. we play'd for an hour at
Pope Joan for penne to amuse
Mr Dawson - & he was allow'd
to sit up to supper - w^h was at
8 o'clock - he left us as soon
as it was over. Lord & Lady
J. M. Ambros & I sat together
till 1/4 before 11 - cheerful in-
nocent conversation fill'd the
time. Lady D. received an
invitation from y^e. Queen this
afternoon to spend next Thursday
at Windsor ^{being y^e. P. M. of Borth-day} - this was a little
Mal à propos as it was y^e.
day first to go to Cambridge
however she sent word that she

her Majesty's command
by saying she put off her
journey till y^e. next day evaded
y^e. being asked to prolong y^e. Visit
as she generally stays a week or
ten days when invited to pay
her M^y. a visit at W^m. y^e. I
sent word it was to be quite
a private party - ^{no other company} - & that she
was to bring only a Night gown
This is y^e. 2^d. Prince of Wales's
Birth-day w^{ch} has not been
kept. I imagine he will not
pay his Compt^s at W^m. & so
Mrs Palfrey came to me after
I was in my room - I am so great
a favorite of hers that when she is
at liberty she never will suffer
Lady Darbys Maid to come to me.
She staid chattering $\frac{1}{4}$ of an hour
begging me to go to Ladbroke with
her Lord & Lady & reproaching
me with for not having made
them more frequent Visits this

Summer.

Tuesday 10th August 1784 -

I did not close my Eyes after 4 o'clock
I found Thomson's Seasons - with his
beautiful images - with contemplation
of ^{wh. I sat from my windows} them & with my own wandering
Thoughts I pass'd my time till 8 o'clock
when I dress'd myself - Mrs. Palfrey came
& assist'd me Lady Dorsey came to me &
would also insist upon being my femme
de Chambre. I accompanied her down
stairs.

Tuesday 10th August 1784 continued
Lord & Lady Dartrey & I breakfasted together
(Mr Dr & his Tutor ~~staying~~ only
accidentally make their appearance in
a Morning) - it was so wet & cold that
we had a fire. dear little Julia made her
appearance before we rose from Breakfast
after wth Lady Dr in a judicious pleasant
way taught her her french Verbs - at
10 o'clock Dr. Warren came to give advice
how they were all to take of Tunbridge
waters &c &c. I left them to settle
this important affair & amused my-
self with looking over Cowleys Geometri-
cal Plates - the different Problems of
Euclid are drawn upon Pasteboard
Paper & cut so that you ^{lift them up &} may see
the solid forms &c &c I suppose a
profound scholar might despise
all this - but I think it a pretty
work for Ladys or young beginners.
When Dr W. went away Lord Dartrey
set out for London - at 12 o'clock
Lady Dartrey read Prayers to her Servants
& Children - this does not take up above
a 1/4 of an hour & she always does it
unless something particular presents
her. it is also a good reading lesson to
Julia - who reads of Chapters in
~~the new testament~~ ^{the} ~~new testament~~
Psalms - Lady Dartrey only reads of Chapters
in of New testament for 1st day in Wadding with
his improvement.

I assisted Lady Darby in sorting letters
~~Miss~~ - I read several of Lady Dowg. Spencer
and Shelbournes. Mrs Vesey &c &c they
all did credit to y^r. writers of them - but
Mrs Vesey's were y^r. only ones I wish to be
perused of - so much fine imagination -
yet so natural & so characteristic. so
entirely from y^r. heart. &c &c.

My Dear friend & I were led to talk
over past events from y^r. contents of
some of y^r. letters - painful were y^r.
recollections! five or six, - indeed I
believe more, of our intimates ^{who were} of my
age were dead in y^r. space of 9 years
& many of our ^{very} mutual acquaintances, of Lady
Darbys, - & she is not above 46 ^{now} -

Hence fond remembrance prompts
"And something sadly solemn ^{unbidden tears,} mingles still,
"With ainy thought of time for ever gone,
"Distinct from past events of good or ill,
"Or view of life's swift changes hastening on:
"Blash y^r. fair buds of hope, or smatch from sight
"The dear companions of our social way
"Absorb'd at once in death's impervious night.
"The sadness hence: but hence y^r. sweetness too
"For well spent time soft whispers to y^r. Mind
"Hopes of a blest eternity behind.
" - - - When eternal day
"Shall glad some dawn, at once its glorious ray
"Show y^r. fair scenes of happiness complete:
"Then friends, companions, lovers joyful meet,
"Thence never more to part. &c &c

At 1 o'clock I parted from my dear friend
- I never shall lose y^e. recollection of
y^e. kind things she said to me at parting.
I had her coach to convey me to Town
I took Mr. Ralphy with me & made her
accompany me to Mr. Lawtons as I
did not like to pay him a visit alone.
He was very glad to see me - I staid
abt. 20 Minutes & promised that Miss
Clarke & I would come & drink tea
with him - he was so polite that he
w^d. come out in y^e. rain to hand us
into y^e. coach - his ^{little} room was like
an oven for he had a fire, I was glad
to get into y^e. air again. Mr. Ralphy
went on to one D. Clarges Street - She had
business therefore I did not detain her
to come in. I had y^e. pleasure of finding
Dr. Armaria returned we worked & chattered
together till dinner time Bell joined us
Our good neighbours y^e. Verneys ^{at} off for
Mergate to day - I would not go & take
leave of them as it w^d. have made us
all low & uncomfortable. They are so
far advanced in life that I am so infirm
that one always dreads one shall not
meet again. Din'd at home with Miss
Clarke - we sat together till 6 - & Mr.
play'd for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour. from ^{the} ~~the~~ past
 $\frac{1}{4}$ before y^e separated - met them to
tea. Mr. Delany came at y^e accompan
by Mr. & Mr. Sandford - they did not
come in, but took me with them to

Mrs. Delany's - Mr. Sandford left us to
go to yr. Place. I spent my time with these
two amiable old women much more to
my satisfaction than if I had been in
yr. gayest & most brilliant entertainment.
Mrs. Delany informed me she had seen
Mr. Walsingham & Miss Proyle yesterday
that she had told Mr. W. all about me
for she thought she might have taken
it ill of me had I not done so.

Mr. W. did me yr. honor to speak
of me in a manner I cannot
repeat - for it was flattering &
far far ^{beyond} my deserts.

I arranged Prints for Mr. D. & we
had reasonable sensible converse
till 1/2 past 10 o'clock. I had yr. D's
Coach. set Mr. Sandford down, ^{at her house} when
I came home joined Miss Clarke
wrote a few lines & my D.
& sent a portion of Diary. W. I
sent by this post.

A M. sat with me till 1/2 past 11 -
we then went to our rooms

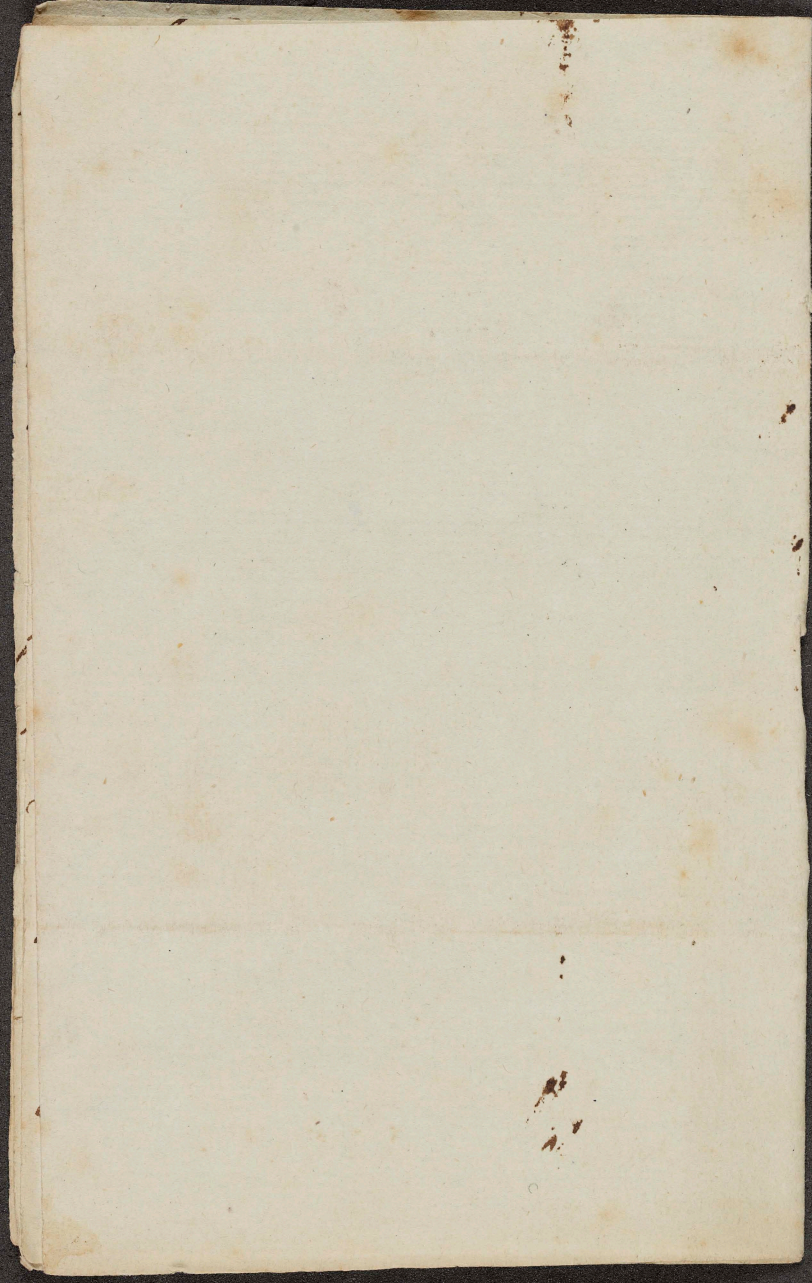
recd. a good letter of Lady Storrington
& her little boy.

Wednesday 11th August 1784
Dined before 8 for y^e. Day. breakfasted
in my own Room. — worked notable
work till 11 when Saunders came
A.M. was so good to sit with me
whilst he took my Picture he
staid an hour & 1/2. — Wm. Benn
brought me y^e. Money from Mr
Wiggins & y^e. rec^d. of y^e. Aut^r. & c^r.
Rec^d. a Note from Miss Murray wth very
pleasant intelligence of Lady Stormont
& y^e. Child. She said sh^d. come to me
on Friday Morn^g at 11 to pay me
a Visit. Miss Palmer came at
2 & sat with me till 4. She gave
me the whole Story of Mr. Barnfield's
persecution. & c & c

She was just gone when Lord
Stormont paid me a Visit, he
sat y^e. an hour — he told me
Lady Stormont wish^d to see me
& that he thought it would
not be improper for me to go
tomorrow, that he would send
her Coach at 1 o'clock. I had

y^e. happiness of receiving a letter
from Derbyshire - I also rec^d.
letters from Miss Jennings &
Mrs Carter. sent to Mrs Johnston
heard she was quite well again.
Dined at home - good old Mrs
Ruskel dined with us. Miss Clarke
did not come in till we had almost
dined - she had been 5 hours
in a coach to see the Air Balloon
at Chelsea - & all she saw was
y^e. top of it. the Mob were so
enraged that y^e. Chivalry must
w^t. not let it ascend on acct. of y^e.
vain that they set fire to it &
destroy'd what cost some hundred
of Pounds - besides y^e. Labour
& anxiety of y^e. poor Man.
I came to my Poudoir at
6 o'clock to answer Mr. L^s
letter

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11th August 1784 continued.

Answered my D's letter wth Scott
Dy. Post - Mrs Glover came at 8, &
Mr Glover at 9 o'clock - they sup^d
& staid ^{with us} till 11 - Dear Mr Glover asked me
many questions - was much satisfied
with y^e answers I gave him & drank
Mr D & his sons health &c

Mr L & Mrs J. gave me said that Mr
D & I must make them a visit
at Sansing Hill - they promised
to spend every day wth us they staid
in Town wth is till Saturday -

After they left us A.M. play'd a
Lipson to me - & then we went to
our Rooms - rec'd very good
accounts of Lady Starmont & of Child

12 August Thursday. dress'd y^e party for
y^e day - B: in my own Room - work'd
till 10 - Saunders came - A.M. sat
wth me part of y^e time - she went out
wth her sister & y^e Glovers - Mr Saunders
kept me sitting for two hours - when
he left me Lady Morris made me
an agreeable long visit - she told me
that she was at Chelsea Yesterday
to see y^e Chinese Air Balloon y^e

Most people thought Mr. Moret
must know that it could not
succeed - it was an old one that had
failed in France - he had got
Subscriptions they say to y^e amount
of 2000. it was a miracle he
escaped y^e fury of y^e Mob seen
at 10 o'clock Lady Herries left me
& Lady Stormonts Coach came for
me - went to Portland Place. I
was very happy to find my pretty
amiable Cousin as well as possible
I sat by her bed side 3 hours. I
was quite charmed wth y^e dear infant
& think him very pretty. Lady S -
is so fortunate to be able to nurse
him as well as y^e others, that is to
say William & Charles. for she was
not so happy as to nurse George.
Her Brother Col^l. Cathcart came &
sat in an hour with us, Lord
Stormont just look'd in before he
went to y^e house of Lords. little
George was allowed to come in for
a few minutes. Lady Stormont
told me that I must dine soon
at Lord Mansfields at Ken Wood
as Lord Stormonts Sisters wish'd
to see me very much & -
we talk'd on various topics but

The true Mother like most of her
Children. She told me that her
Brother (youngest Brother) Archibald
& Mr. Lindsay (a cousin of Lord
Stormont) & our Aunt Dowry
Lady Warwick were to be the sponsors
for y^e Child who is to be named
Henry - Hamilton (~~Henry~~)
I had her Coach come home 1/2
past 4 & dined with Miss Clarks.
~~After~~ after dinner had the
Man with the Stuffs Lady Wake
desired me to get for her - chose
Mr. Veker Coat & her Habit -
wrote a letter to Lady Wake
wh^{ch} I had just finished when
Mrs. Delany with Mrs. Sandford
& her eldest Son came for me
we took an airing to Kensington
& at 4 got to St. James's Place.
Lady Bute came to tea - Air Ballan
y^e Marriages talk'd of. particularly
Lord St. Asaphs & Miss J. Thynnes
Lady Bute left Mrs. Delany at 8
o'clock, & Mr. Sandford went to sea.

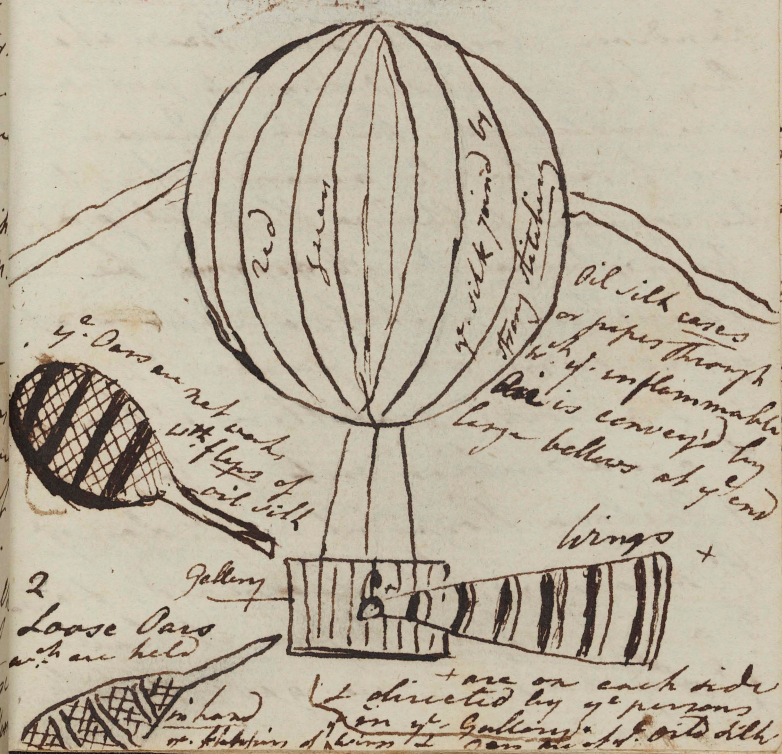
of illuminations in Honor of
of Prince of Wales's birth day &
were uncommonly beautiful &
brilliant - Mr. D. Mrs. J. & I, had
an hour to ourselves - I told Mrs
J what my D. had said of her
in his last letter that he had
seen Mr. Jones - she was very
much pleased & expressed a kind
impatience to see my friend.
I read her J. letter I had rec'd from
Mrs. Carter as she had mention'd
her... at 9 o'clock Mr. Sandford
returned - & the Duke's Coach
was ready for me. I set Mrs
Sandford down - she insisted &
Mrs. Delany desired that Mr.
Sandford should accompany
me home as the People in
the Streets seem'd very riotous
& there were hundreds halloing
& throwing squibs & crackers &c
I thought it of the length of
Prudence to object, & consented.
St. James's, that was so crowded
that the Coachman was obliged

I go a great round - what I
saw of illumination was very
pretty. There were such great
rejoicings that I think it must
have been a party affair, as
I never saw any thing equal
to it on ~~any~~ the Kings or Queens
Birth day. how apt are the
multitude to adore the rising
Sun.! - - - - -

- - - - - Mr. Sanford took his
leave after politely handing me
out. - I found our Dear Leonard
& Mr. Glover with Miss Cashes - we
supped at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9. & they staid with
us till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11. friendly converse.
Mr. Glover was fatigued & his eyes
were bad we went to our rooms
as soon as Mr. Glover left us

13th August 1784 ~~Tuesday~~ Friday
Breakfasted wth Anna Maria - at 10
o'clock dep^d for y^e. day. at 11 Miss
Murray came she sat an hour with
me - brought me a very polite in-
vitation from her Aunt to come
wth Mrs Delany to Ken Wood to
dine there. She pleased me very
much by telling me I was a great
favorite ~~of~~ ^{with} her father Lord
Stormont. Mr. Sandford came &
he left me. he read ^{while I was} to me the
debates in y^e. House of Lords yester-
day Lord Stormont's speeches &c &c.
A Maria joined us. he ask'd me
to go & see y^e. Air Balloon at the
Lyceum. I agreed provided Miss
Clarke w^d. accompany us - A.M.
was not well enough having a
pain in her face. Miss Clarke
consented & we set out - it was
not a pleasant walk as we were
obliged to walk through a part of
y^e. Strand - & y^e. Day very hot.
However it was worth our walk
& gratified my curiosity as I
had not yet seen one of these
curious Vehicles - the Balloon

is a perfect Sphere of abt. 33
 feet in Diameter & 102 feet in
 Circumference. it contains 18200
 Cubic feet of inflammable Air
 & composed entirely of oil & silk
 the Colors are green & red in
 parts thus ~~_____~~



The gallery contains one pair of wings, w^h are raised high, & move horizontally, for y^e purpose of increasing y^e Motion it receives from y^e Wind: ^{also} one pair of oars, w^h will move vertically: & are meant to raise or depress y^e Balloon at y^e pleasure of Aerial Travellers.

Mr. Lunardi & an English Gentleman will ascend into y^e Atmosphere. I saw a genteel handsome looking young Man who they told me was y^e English Gentleman who was to go up. The King & Queen are to see this M^y. ascend: it is to be conveyed to Chelsea Hospital Garden from whence it is to ~~ascend~~ be launched. Tickets are issued at y^e Lyceum at 1 Guinea, $\frac{1}{2}$ or 9: & a Crown. entitling y^e bearer to an admission into y^e Gardens of Chelsea Hospital on y^e day y^e Balloon is to be launched, & also to a sight of it before it leaves y^e Lyceum. — we gave 1 Shilling a piece.

After having seen this curious Machine
I been made very sick by the horrid
Smell of it. I was rejoiced to breathe
even y^e. Air of y^e. Strand. on coming
home I went into two Shops bought
a Mornf. Gown & Threads &c —
Met Mr. Jackson & Col! Stephens
Spoke to both (Col! S. is one of y^e.
Prince of Wales's Equerries) he seemed
to stare at Mr. S. — I wonder who I was
flirting with — we got home 1/4 past
3 — Mr. S. took his leave. I
desired him to make my excuses
for not waiting on Mrs. Delany this
Mornf. & also to tell her as she was
to have Company I w^d. not come
to her in y^e. Afternoon, for I felt
so exhausted with my walk that
I was sure I should not be able to
stir out. A. Maria & I sat together
till dinner time — dined comfortably
at home. A. M. play'd two or ³ Lessons
after dinner — we separated from 6
till 7. Miss C's & I ~~joined~~ met
to tea — amused ourselves with
writing — &c. at 8 o'clock Mr. Sandford
came with Mr. Keen's Coach with full

powers from Dr. Mrs Delany & his
Mother to carry me to Mrs D's - there
was no refusing, I went with him
Mrs D. knowing how fond I was of
Music sent for me to hear Miss
Keene play on y^e harpsicord - there
was no other company than Mrs
Sandford Mrs Keene & her daughter.
(Mrs K. is Sister to Lord Dartmouth
& Lady Brudenal) Miss K. at
y^e of between 6 & 7 began to play.
She is now between 9 & 10 years old
a pretty unaffected child. her genius
for Music is astonishing - she
does not practise much & though
she has been well taught has
learnt only from a Woman, a
Miss Reynolds of Oxford. She
plays 2 very difficult lessons of
Schubert. & in such a manner
that y^e composer must have
been charmed - such wonderful
execution & taste - & her pretty
little hands so perfectly well
placed on y^e instrument. She did

not play by rote but read the
Notes. My uncle William who
is one of y^r. best ^{& finest} judges of
Music we have, has said she
will be one of y^r. finest players
in England. & he thought this
Child y^r. only person worthy of
some Music he brought with
him (this last time) from
Italy. Mr. Heene was so obliging
as to bring me home at 3 o'clock.
Mr. & Mrs. Glover spent y^r. Evng.
with us - took leave of us at
11. ^{as they return to Annings Hill tomorrow} They in y^r. most kind and
friendly manner ~~impressed~~ desired
me to assure Mr. Dickenson
& his Son that they hoped
to have y^r. pleasure of forming
a friendship with them & in the
most friendly manner charged
me to tell Mr. Dickenson that
their House in Allernarle Street

was entirely at his service
for any length of time he chose
& that w^d leave orders wth the
Woman who keeps y^e House
to receive him, or his father
& the Serv^{ts} see us

we went to our rooms as soon
as y^e Glover left us.

Saturday August 14th 1784
Dress'd at 7 pasty for y^e day -
did not do any work - B^{ut} in my
own room - rec^d a letter from
Windsor - written in three parts
one from Miss Goldworthy one
from Mr^s Cheveley & Mad^{lle}
Moula - Lady Darby had
I suppose mention'd my
engagement - each of these
Ladies express'd the warmest
wishes for my future happiness
Miss Goldworthy reproach me wth not
having communicated it to her &c
rec^d a note from Lady Darby
s^t I should have had yesterday

*Letter of Miss Goldworthy to me
Picture to be put in it in the evening*

She told me she expected me to
write long letters - that she was
just setting out for Cambridge if
it was ten o'clock & she arrived at
Chelsea from Windsor at 8 o'clock
Mr. Saunders came at 11 - I sat till
12 Armenia was so good to keep me
company - he finished my picture
& left it with me. I praised him
for it. I was very well satisfied,
but Miss C - & A. M. found
fault. Wm. Brown was called in
as he happened to come home, he
was not satisfied - nor was
Mrs. Betty - in short there was
a contrariety of opinions - some
thought of. Mouth too large.
of others said it was of. only feature
resembling - &c &c &c.
At 1 o'clock Mrs. Delany sent of.
Fishes coach for me. I went
there - she told me she had recd.
a letter from Mr. Lewis - she'd
it me - we conversed upon of.
Subject &c &c

at 2 o'clock we call'd upon
Mrs Sandford sat sometime with
her she was not well enough to
join our party - but Mr Sandford
went with Mrs & me to Doctor
Turtens at North End where
he has a pretty very small
Villa call'd a Cottage. Mr T.
& her pretty innocent cousin Miss
Noseley rec'd us wth much apparent
pleasure. Mr. T. M^{rs} T & I walk'd
round of. Shrubbery & Garden and
of. which of w^{ch} is 3 quarters of an
Acre. Dr. Turtens join'd us before
4 o'clock. he dyes my cheeks
by warm Congratulation, &
wishes - he had been at
Windsor yesterday & Miss
J. & I were they had told him wth
Lady Darnley had said to Lady
L. Clayton &c. Miss J. sent
me by him many kind expres-
sions & wishes. for he had
mention'd y^t I was & dine
at G. Cottage &c &c

- we had a handsome dinner
& cheerful conversation -
Dr. T. gave us a description
of a fine House Adam is
going to build for him in
Kent. upon an Estate he
has lately purchased. Dr.
T. is very rich - his Wife was
a great Beauty & had some
fortune, & has made a
great deal by his profession
of Physician. he has not
y^t. happiness of having any
Children. Mr. T. & Mrs. T. are
one of y^r. very happiest couple
I know - attentive to each other
& y^r. greatest degree even in
y^r. most trifling occasions &
their affection seems to spring
immediately from y^r. hearts.
They are kind & good friends
of mine & I really believe

love me most sincerely
they both took an opportunity
of saying how happy I should
make them by introducing
Mr. S. & that they hoped
when Mr. House in Kent was
built we should often spend
a Month there. & that in
Mr. mean time their Cottage
& house in Town wd. often
be visited by us.

Mrs. Sandford came in the
Coach for us & was well
enough to drink her Tea
with us under the Apricot
Tree. at 4 o'clock we took
leave of our agreeable enter-
tainers. in our way home we
talk'd of Dr. & Mrs. Norton & each
agreed in saying how happy
they were in each other &c
I sat Mrs. S. & Mrs. Sandford down
in St. James Place. Mr. Sandford

insisted so strongly upon going
with me to Portland Place & if
the ladies approving of it I was
obliged to yield. I got to Lady
Stormont at 8 - my polite
Bear got out & hand me &
then took his leave. I found
Lady Stormont & if. Sweet babe
very well she was set into of
1st drawing room. we chatted
on various subjects till 10 o'clock
- Richard came for me with a
Chair - as I had informed
me her Horses were to go past
of of way to meet Lord Stormont
who went on Friday to Cambridge
& see Lord Mansfield & was to
return to night or tomorrow
when I came home found a
M. but indifferent with of pain
in her face. heard that Dr
Mr. Flower was not able to go
to Sunning Hill as he had
been seized with of. bout in his

Stomach - that he was however
better. Miss C. & I sat together
till 1/4 past 11 - then went to
our rooms - of. Fyer came to
the table abt 1/2 of setting

Sunday 15 August - 84
at 9 went down Breakfasted at 10.
A.M. sat chatting with her till past
10 - she was better. then dress'd for
y^e. day - read some ^{thing} serious. walk'd
at 11 to Mrs Delancy as I had promised
(she went to 1 o'clock Chapel at St
James's) I sent Richard to Church
was with y^e. Mrs Delancy till near
3 - I found her pretty well after
her little excursion of yesterday.
we were alone till near 2. we
conversed abt. my Dr &c &c
& we arranged things in one of
y^e. Cabinets. She trusted me to
repair some fine delicate things
w^h her friend y^e. D^{rs} had turned
for her some years ago - ~~some~~
~~some~~ small flowers in Ivory -
Vases &c. I wrote a letter for
her & myself to Lord Stormont

Daughter to desire her to
acquaint her parents we would
dine with them at New Wood on
Tuesday next. Mrs
came & sat near an hour - I
went on with my work & listened
to her & Mrs. Delany's sensible
conversation - a $\frac{1}{4}$ before 3
My servant came. I left my
beloved Mrs. D. - went to St.
James's - ^{Peterson} called on Mrs. Tracy
& Miss Tryon they were out I
left my name, as I knew Mrs.
Boughton was in waiting I also
called on her - she was at her
apartment. She recd. me most
civilly - I sat $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour - She
invited me to dine at St. James's
whilst she was there. M^r. of
Ment. of. Bedchamber Woman
is in waiting they dine at the
Braid of Honor table & have a
right to invite 1 Guest. &c

From St. James; came home.
read some chapters &c. & could
not go to Chapel as it was after
3 o'clock - A.M. was gone to Mr.
Flowers - Miss Clarke & I dined
tête à tête - we parted at 1/2 past
5 & I began a letter to Miss H. More
at 1/2 past 6 walk'd to Mr. Flowers
had gr. great pleasure of finding
him quite well again - Miss
Clarke came to us at 8. we spent
gr. evng. sociably - at 10 took
leave of our good friends who
go to Sunning Hill tomorrow
had their Coach to bring us
home. we went to our room
immediately. My Uncle & Aunt
Mr. & Miss Hamilton had call'd in evng. morning.

Monday 16th August 1784
At 1/2 past 8 went down to B.
with Dearest A.M. sat with her
till 1/2 past 9 - then des'd for evng.
day - work'd notable work - had
Mrs Scott who brought some things
home I had given her to do.
Mr. Haskins call'd but was not
let in.

at 1/2 past 11 walk'd to Mrs. Delany
a Mr. Fullwood was with her
looking over a Portfolio of
Prints - this Gentleman invited
Mrs. D. & I to come to his house
to see his Pictures &c. as it
was only y^e. next door we went
he shew'd me (for Mrs. D. had seen
them before & went entirely to
please me) his - House. took me
up even to y^e. bed Chambers - shew'd
his Pictures - his China - his
Cabinets. he has a few good
Pictures & many Copies - w^h he has
ever he pleases himself with
thinking originals. nothing could
exceed y^e. neatness of y^e. whole
House & there were some
elegancies &c.

after we had spent an hour
in pleasing Mr. Fullwood by
admiring his collection &c.
Mr. D. & I took our leave -
As we return'd to Mrs. D.'s house

Mrs. Boscawen & her Daughter
(the young Duchess of Beaufort)
came. They staid near an hour.
Mrs. Boscawen took me aside &
said many very flattering things
to me - after having made me
blush by her too great commen-
dations she touch'd my heart
very sensibly by the friendly
& maternal wishes she express'd
for my future happiness.
She desir'd I would continue to
spend a day with her at her villa.
After y^e D^y & her Mother was
gone. I wrote a letter for Mrs
Delany to y^e Miss Murray's to
put off our going to Ken Wood
tomorrow as she was apprehen-
sive y^e great heat of y^e weather.
I left her by before three, came
home. Rec^d. another letter from
Windsor - it was from y^e
Princess's English Teacher
Miss Planta - it contain'd wishes
for my happiness &c &c

Rec'd a very kind letter from
Miss Eliza Murray to inform
me how delighted her Aunts
were that I had accepted their
invitation - that they had
long wish'd to be more acquaint-
ed with me &c. I really think
I have some merit in not being
of vainest creature in the
World - for people are so good
to me. I hope I shall continue
to derive benefit & not acquire
vanity - by a steady persever-
ance in endeavouring to merit
of good opinion of those by
whom it is an honor to be
distinguished & liked. ^{Colt. Cathery}
I employ'd myself till dinner ^{called them}
time in mending some things. ^{I was out}
of Cover of Cup given me by my
deceased friend Lady Webb I
w'd not trust it of any hands for
any other to do it & had of pleasure
of succeeding. dined with Miss
Clarks. after dinner A.M. play'd

thist I was busy in finishing my
repairs. at 6 o'clock Lady Stormont's
Coach came for me - found ^{her} & of
lovely infant quite well. we
chatted on various subjects. She
told me that Lord Mansfield had
objected to y. Childs having two 2^d
Names & y^t she was afraid she
must give up y^t one of Hamilton.
Lady S. informed me that she
had rec^d an Answer to a letter
w^h she had sent to her sister
Mrs Graham - that a Page & ^{1/2}
was filled wth kind messages
to me & most Aff^r wishes &c.
Lord Stormont join'd us at
8 - he told me that he returned
from Tunbridge yesterday that
Lord Mansfield was quite recovered
that he had seen Lord Dartrey &c.
Col^l Cathcart came in for ^{1/2} an
hour - at 10 o'clock I came
away had Lord S. Charist
- his son^r told me as I was
setting out that he had ~~just~~

heard my Uncle William &
Cousin Ch. Griville were come
this Ev'g. from Scotland —
I sat with Miss C's till 1/4 before
12 :

M^{rs} J. made a very just observa-
tion to day. She said that a
certain woman of high rank
of our acquaintance dress'd out
too much for a woman of
fashion & quality — I think
that as in breeding so in
dress, People of real fashion
are distinguished by ease &
~~appropriateness~~ ^{generally} one ~~may~~
~~see~~ observe a much less
ostentation of ornamental
decoration. a certain chasteness
of dress. I ^{admire} it.

Tuesday 17. August. At 1 o'clock
dress'd for y^e day. went down at 9 & B.
with Dr. A. M. She was still suffering
with y^e pain ⁱⁿ her face — but she is
endowed with so heavenly a disposition
that nothing alters ~~her~~ her
temper. ~~At 10 o'clock~~ I wrote a

Note to my Uncle William to
inform him I was in Town &
wish'd to see him - heard he was
gone out early to Breakfast & ^{therefore}
had no answer. at 10 o'clock.
a Man brought me a ^{leash} ~~case~~ of
Moorgame wth came by the
Chester Coach from my D^{son}.
I immediately sent a brace in
a present to my Uncle Frederick
I kept one for our Table.
Mr. Wierman of Jeweller brought
home my picture wth I had
given him to set - I paid him.
I pack'd it up & entrusted
it to y^e care of William Benn
to take it to the City & send
by y^e Coach this evng. at 12
my Uncle Frederick came
to thank me for the Moorgame
he said he judg'd from whom
it came &c - he talk'd
of y^e Stormonts I found
alleg^d pains I had taken
had not gain'd all y^e ground

I wish'd. My uncle was sworn
in his unsure of my Lace
for her conduct towards me

I gave him y^e. fine Prints of
Cook Voyages & look over
I sent for a Maria ~~and~~ I was
obliged to go at 1 o'clock as
Lady Stormonts Coach came
for me (sent to Mrs Selwyn
to excuse my not going to her
this Morn^g. recd. a kind Note
from her &c) Lady Stormont
& y^e. Child quite well - we were very
much enjoy'd wth. Mr. Justic & Nurse
Hill looking at y^e. pretty things
y^e. Child was to wear at y^e. Christening
when Lady Payne came & interrupted
us - Lord Stormont & S^r. Ralph
Payne came & us for some time.
I made Lord S. give me two
franks for Lady Darkey & settled wth
him all our expedition to Ken
ward next Sunday. Duke of Portland

came & said I left us - some more
Matches were talk'd of - Miss Woodley
to be married tomorrow to Mr Banks
Admiral Dyke being son & a sister
of Lady Cathcart &c &c &c. heard of
all y^e fine things Miss Sophia Thynne
to have for her wedding cloaths -
I staid with Lady Stormont till near 4
had her Coach went for her Hodgkinson
& chose some Mushrooms came home to
dinner - din'd with Miss Clarke - A. M. not
much better - she play'd two or 3 Epsons
we parted at 6 - met at 9 - William Bennet
came & told me he could not find out y^e
nearest stage to Tonal - but went to try
in y^e City. I wrote 4 letters ⁱⁿ to Miss
Gosworthy. Miss Mould Mr Chetwode &
Miss Blount. at 8 Mr Wm Hamilton came
we had a tite a tite of 3 hours. he
seem'd very well satisfied with all I told him
abt my J. son. he gave me an account of
his journey through Wales, Scotland &c &c
of y^e state of his affairs - we talk'd of
pictures - Naples &c &c. he said that
I & Mr. D must come to Naples & that
if we staid a year there it w'd answer
our expence of y^e journey - that he
shoud be happy to see us. he was most
kind & affectionate & I was made very
happy by his Visit. y^e moment he
left me I scribbled a hasty letter to inform
Mr. D. y^e picture was sent. I had just sent
it to y^e bell man when Wm Penn came &
told me it was not gone - that he could not
venture to trust y^e box as he was certain
wth Coach over y^e nearest to Tonal - Miss C.
now come to bed. I was till 12 -

Mr. Stanhope is so far back was the left hand singular in my face to see me