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Thursday 25 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1750

Foot - This day began my  
Mentoring Societ shawyers  
Kecid for the hole and single  
Lictus & Quinon - Om-  
methe the reputation at the con-  
ctation for the giving of fine  
to the Roman Catholics who  
in this town are five or six  
times the number of Protestants  
- I went with Oculu to the  
Cong<sup>o</sup> - Mr Chamney Mr  
Palmer and the family in  
Comerston - Mr King Mratt  
went in the evening with Mr  
Palmer to the club but few  
members present. I had the  
treasury up of the club. It  
was put down by Mr Palmer



he should have Cypher and  
sit on horse or so. He can  
walk out Cypher from Cambridge  
and back to his house  
without the consent of the  
court of this country - Mr  
Admiral - The business of the  
jury is to prepare matters for  
the report they take cognizance  
of every thing committed and put  
in their deliberations in the  
street or public house  
Dispute about the unanimity  
of the jury. If any one stands  
out the judge can carry the  
whole jury on leave to the  
edge of the county and there  
confess them the cause is  
begun or was, pass through  
the grave way and are the  
petitionary which by the time

as in the first - this must become  
as often as the jury are found  
out ~~unanimous~~ - The Sheriff  
by <sup>and</sup> comes from the  
summons both parties -

When King James landed  
in Ireland he dissolved all  
the Aldermans and corporations  
which he thought not bound  
by to his interests, and appointed  
a new Mayor and Aldermen  
in <sup>an</sup> incorporation towns by  
letters were signed James Rex

The council of King had a new  
corporation and a new one con-  
sisting chiefly of Catholics  
was nominated by James -

In the year following this  
new council was dissolved  
and the former reinstated  
by letters from King William  
The original letters of both



James was in the hands of Mr.  
Robinson, whom I met - James  
James owned a few medals &  
miniature of George IV - with which  
he paid his debts. Doctor  
Robinson showed me a piece of  
his wire which he had for a  
shilling, its intrinsic value  
& fashion. This document the  
value of many pounds to James  
X Cook - Robinson's son school  
I built your line between Miss  
Robinson and Chamberlain, which led  
the solution of the Thelwell - the  
documentations referred to me -  
to James Robinson Ford's writing  
by him - that Mr. Robinson was  
born the latter few into a great  
profession - Robinson also found  
and it was with difficulty  
that we could get them again

unwarranted. The effects of leg work on  
all sorts of this country are  
quartz - breaks up at low  
water -



Wednesday 26 Jan<sup>r</sup> 1750

Foot - This morning received  
a letter from Mr. Tennent  
copied to Mr. J. A. Johnson  
In this he informs me that

Remained at home. In the evening  
went over to Mr Mackowans with  
Mr. Evers - Third days lecture  
Schweninger and in the evening  
gave a lecture on Evap. Ma-  
terial - <sup>fragments of</sup>  
Lectures - <sup>fragments of</sup>  
and people at the court  
of the lecture -

Paid Mr. Evers a week  
Wedging half a Guinea -  
Drank tea with Mr. and  
Mrs. M. Vaught with  
people - whole conversation  
about the health of the  
the people in the night -  
good -



Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1750

Went — Gave my three  
lectures on Sat<sup>dy</sup> — Dined at the  
mess at home — Some  
large figures are wanting  
to render this lecture per-  
fectly intelligible — For Eclipse  
Phase of the moon &c —  
Dined at home —

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1750

Frost continuing to snow -  
Gave my concluding Lecture  
Companion seemed much pleased  
- The little addition I made to  
it at Kew had a good effect  
- Dined with Mr. Van Hornight  
Compt<sup>r</sup> R. W. Deacon Mr.  
M. Cag and his family  
- Conversations various - Mr.  
Deacon set out on his tra-  
vels - He Propriety for  
will the French in great  
firing - A duel between a  
French Gentleman and a Pro-  
testant - The latter beat the  
other by more than a half  
The French man beat the other  
by more than a half - Throwing  
away his gun said it was



It is supposed since he left  
the Frenchman would load a se-  
cond time he would be through  
his body with his bayonet -  
Upon leaving the place Mr.  
Ducasse advised his friend to  
give the Grenadier a Crown  
upon presenting it to him.  
The Frenchman refused but  
the French G<sup>t</sup> would not receive  
but from their King - The  
Count D'Armenon has a won-  
derfull spot in France -  
Mr. Ducasse related another  
miracle similar to the other  
At the door of an Inn in  
France he found an old Sol-  
dier much disabled he asked  
him what the Soldier was  
doing there. He replied the  
King had been pleased to

advised him into the Hotel  
of the invalids, that he came  
there for some time to take care  
of the waggon, that he must  
endeavour get forward home  
as he was the best way he  
could. Mr. Deane presented  
him with a crown piece, the  
other instead of accepting it  
said he hoped he did not  
offer it to him. By way of  
charity, the other replied that  
it was only to drink to the King's  
health, upon which he ac-  
cepted it with a low bow  
tho' dejected. He conducted  
of a British Soldier.  
Quarrels 12 miles from Rome  
was made out of a Desert by  
L. 14



Amidst of a certain Gentleman  
who having visited the Lake  
of Killarney was asked by a  
Frenchman how he liked it re-  
plied that it was the most delightful  
spot he had ever seen -  
What think you of this  
says the French? The English  
man replied another Lake in  
my mind another instance  
but nevertheless God Alou<sup>d</sup> will  
make Killarney -

Mr. Van<sup>der</sup> observed that the  
Romans cannot cut grass on  
less it is swimming on the water  
for his reason at low water the  
plants a quantity of grass, and  
when the tide flows it swims  
they then cut it - I think  
the Evening <sup>with</sup> Messrs. Holmes  
and Manning &c. But had

His conversation was rather  
sprightly than instructive -  
+ I thought me by the way!  
Whole of it - was it -  
he let it - what the fact  
do you mean by that pretensions  
to speak to some person he  
heard him - but was told  
Mr. Vanhoush was a school  
fellow with General Montgomery  
he displayed his military genius  
very early - One of his fort was  
converted into a fort defended  
by one party of the soldiers and  
attacked by another <sup>the other</sup> generally con-  
quered by Montg. - His death  
is much regretted in this country



Saturday 29 Jan. 1780  
Very cold - This day pulled  
up part of the apparatus -  
Mr Van Dine made me a page  
from Mr J. B. but the letter  
would have me letters to Col.  
Baker for at his letter Mr J.  
wins his check that I may  
ask Col. B. for his new  
Carriage etc? - Dined with  
Mrs Leasons. Prepared the  
at the same time - Engaged  
to drink tea with some company  
and receive two letters to Pull  
- sent over to Mr Rowan  
spent two hours there gave  
him 3 shillings for a shawl  
my coat stand at his shop  
and promised to sell me  
he was not in the house





Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1740

Wazy - went to meeting  
home - then I found the Mr  
Fulmer praying to the people  
I felt much for my native  
church, to see her reduced  
so low - The service in the  
repeating, meeting, business as  
different from that in Scotland  
They first pray then read  
the portions of Scripture, then  
pray, sing Psalms and speak  
and with Mr. W. Vanghel  
Compt. Mr. Walter his grand  
child and the family -  
one of Mr. W. Vanghel  
sons hold my his hand  
together at a distance from  
his body makes the

and things were I who says  
the world - 9! - Conversation  
on Galloway - Susan  
and Mr. Lavenor - a  
writing Miss Warren's name  
the latter wrote me the two  
letters he promised me -  
went up there and saw  
Mr. Lavenor brother of John  
and Mr. Miller - all were  
much a cure for a sun-bay  
room -



Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan<sup>y</sup> 1780

At 9 o'clock set off in the stage  
in company with 2 ladies and  
a gentleman two of the ladies  
had children with them a  
boy and a girl — conver-  
sation nothing worth remark.  
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war. arrived at Outebo  
by 5pm — and at the new  
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Tuesday 1 Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1780

This morning called on Mr  
Lynch - Gave him some orders  
about my apparatus - went  
to enquire after the Ex Libris  
room in William street -  
found it still proposed by  
the man who shows the  
Museum of Paris - Promised  
to call to morrow at 12  
to go to the Galleries  
at <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ room -  
Called at Doctor Robinsons  
the Duke at Dinner with  
a Dozen friends, told Mr  
Sermons I would call to-  
morrow - concluded the evening  
with a set of cards at Mr



Synthesis. When we reflect  
on a variety of improvements  
and additions to the art.

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Wednesday 2 Feb 1780

This day a review of work  
Mr. Voltaire says, I cannot  
have time to see them —  
Called at Mr. White's room  
saw the two small rooms  
went with Mr. Johnson to  
Mr. Johnson who has the letter  
of the Home — From Mrs  
Gardner I learned that  
the Es<sup>r</sup> room was engaged  
to the 26 of March, and that  
the cabinet was on the  
first of April and was  
all that month — The other  
rooms are two small rooms  
the music hall & Chamber  
no paper was damaged —



Called in the evening at Mr. Ge-  
son's Musical instrument M<sup>r</sup>. Geo-  
se's room of the Prince's Hall  
we drank a bottle and conversed  
on a variety of subjects -  
He mentioned a sword of a  
plough which he gave in to the  
societal of his - This plough  
could cut a furrow on either  
side, both the beam and mould-  
board were evenly shaped -  
While we were engaged in the  
conversation in came two ladies  
one of whom would have said  
Mr. Gibson showed her one once  
finished she said it was too  
small it was not finished  
she wanted one of the very best  
kind not an Common blade  
like the one she had lately -  
She asked the price of a real



good one Mr G. - upped two  
guineas. She said she would  
give her by indeed she always  
wrote it a point to pay what  
she bargains for. She always  
had nothing but income. This  
being her a great fortune is  
whom by Catholicism - ~~was~~ this  
stupid person with a huge  
Roman wife - Mr D  
related to me the following  
history that she was as  
he was a woman after some  
to pick up a foot show  
he carried with her could you  
but upon examining the  
premises he found she was not  
served this he was forced to bring  
upon which he gave her a  
expensive and left her walking  
along Essex bridge he picked



up a little girl who followed  
him into Chapel Street and put  
him into a store when asking  
her some questions she told him  
she had been 10 - 11. She ap-  
peared so young he went out the  
time her. She drove him to bed  
when she had been but for a few  
days - he found it without a  
single hair. Upon asking her  
age she replied thirteen. She  
said if he followed she would  
— him. Jan. has a suspicion  
and marched off - He next  
picked up a woman fast by the  
upon examining her he found  
her with child he gave her a  
shilling and travelled on -  
The last adventure was with  
Queen's Street girl - he had

arrived into a Dutch town in  
happy stand — her guests  
her a drinking — This ended  
the evening. My advice to the king  
was that he should endeavor  
to pass his army into a  
safe channel. —

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Thursday 3 Feb 1780

This morning we were informed  
by Mr. Lynch that some Gentlemen  
of the experimental society pro-  
posed to the society that I should  
have the society's room to lecture  
in for a quarter of a week that  
was agreed to and instructions  
were accordingly given to the  
secretary the Rev. Mr. Walsh  
to transact the business with  
me - I waited on Mr. Lynch  
and agreed to the ~~off~~ proposals  
of the society - to morrow  
we went at Mr. Lynch's at  
one o'clock to see the room &  
settle the matter properly -

Friday 4 Feb<sup>r</sup> 1750

— At one o'clock the room  
it appears at first uncleanly,  
but it is a little dust, when the  
windows are cleaned it will  
do. — Mr Wallth and I  
read about Philosophical  
and Chemical subjects. He  
told me that he had given in  
to the society an essay on the  
Analogy between uterine and  
the rules of music — Mr Wallth  
is secretary to the society —  
This day is kept as a fast  
throughout the island — On Wednesd<sup>e</sup>  
Mr Anderson - In the evening,  
played a game of whist



Saturday 5 Feb 1750

This morning about ten  
my Apparatus arrived from  
Oxford, seemingly all safe  
paid 1.3. towards the necessary  
articles of a shilling to drink  
John arrived in the evening  
by the Stage drunk to death  
with Mr Lynch - engaged  
a man to watch my coat  
for Saturday and Saturday  
night -

Sunday 6 Feb<sup>ry</sup> 1786  
Went with Mr. Synge to  
Cape Cod meeting and heard  
a sermon from Mr. W. Doughty  
He had some severe reflections  
on the King - upon the  
whole it was a sensible  
sermon - Dined with Mr.  
Synge - concerted some  
new clubs & societies. Mr. Ship  
Elephant in the Mass. Co.  
Company a Mr. W. Doughty  
Andrew and C. W. Doughty



Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1780

Got my coat and the boxes  
which were brought by the  
carriage to the Custom  
room - saw the carriage  
to shellings and the pack  
I shall besides a shellings to  
drink. Unpacked the stuff  
and found every thing safe  
except the Magie Amber  
pictures, two of the frames  
were broken - This day  
dined with Mr. Swode, the man  
who takes care of the house

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1780

Friday sent two advertisements  
to Saunders's new Lib<sup>r</sup>  
and Magui's Dublin wing just  
- put all the apparatus into  
the little room down with  
Mr. Swords - charged for  
advertising <sup>in</sup> Saunders's <sup>at</sup> 1  
Evening post No 10/6 -

Friday took baggage  
at Mr. Phillips's No 123  
Left about at half a past  
a week - an old fashioned  
house and apparently not  
very clean ~~it~~ - was recom-  
mended here by Mrs. Lynch  
Drunk tea and a bottle of  
shant with Mrs. and Mr. Patten  
at the New Hotel -  
Mr. Patten pointed out a  
road through Ireland for us -



Wednesday 9 Feb 1780

Spent the morning at the  
bathhouse - was surprised  
with a violent tooth-ache  
In the evening, Mr. M. call  
called at our lodgings -  
I went over to the bathhouse  
where I staid for some time  
in Mr. Stewards. My  
tooth increased & got no  
sleep the night -

This morning Major Forster  
brought to the Rev. Mr. Forster  
at Dundee paid for a visit  
in consequence of a letter he had  
received from his brother - The  
gentleman seems a sensible obliging  
Gentleman, from his very address  
in his power -



Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Arose this morning at  
9 after a most painful  
night. He took with him  
wanted me for getting any  
sleep. Determined to have  
the infidel tooth extracted  
and accordingly was recom-  
mended to Mr. Medical Sur-  
geon who extracted it very  
disagreeably, he probably re-  
fused taking any fee —  
He is a member of the Phi-  
losophical Society and said  
he would attend my lec-  
ture — About one o'clock  
Miss L. and Gentle-  
man attended at the lecture  
was in possession of the  
Lecture room, to see the



appearance. Among them  
Sir Thomas Brett first  
President of the Expt. Society,  
Sir Thomas politely invited  
me to his house and per-  
mitted the necessary things in  
his power to procure for  
us. — He told me

that it was now found  
that a shock of Electricity  
sent through the head of a  
cock could instantly kill  
him. If another shock was  
sent after and thro' the  
heart the cock would swim  
away as he thought he  
to the motion given to the  
heart and to stand. He  
further observed that he  
had instituted a society

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for the relief of someone's pa-  
sons. That he had recommended  
the use of Electricity and if  
the Dr. had not ventured  
he thought was a wise  
method of it — Now I will  
for the evening than the  
morning hours — And in  
press the morning hours  
Dined with Mr. Anderson —  
Mr. Mitchell his brother  
in law dined with us —  
He asked me some questions  
relative to the Scotch juries  
which I answered in the  
best manner I could — I  
regret much my having  
trayed so little attention  
to the constitution of my own



country. In point of politics  
the just have usually the  
advantage of the subtle. They  
do not it is true study much  
but they are shrewd & adapt  
to every thing relating to  
the constitution of their coun-  
try. — I am now, from  
my want of sleep last  
night, and fatigue this  
day, ready for my bed —

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Friday 11. Feb 1780 ~

Spent last night tolerably  
well although my cheek  
is still swollen - This morning  
Sweet ladies and Goutton  
visited the app<sup>t</sup> - Doctor  
Cleghorn - Mr and Mrs C<sup>o</sup>  
Jc - A Goutton said he did  
not understand the reason of the  
Professor's being added to  
the Guinea of subscription -  
he said Mr Booth and Mr  
Walker had only a Guinea  
I replied that ~~he~~ Mr Booth  
26 years ago had a Guinea  
for twenty lectures I ought  
to have at least two Guineas  
for the same number of  
lectures, giving them equally good  
- and as for Mr Walker he



gone only 12 Lectures -  
It is impossible to please every  
body - Dinner at - a sitting  
room Capital street - Spent  
the evening at home -

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Saturday 12. Feb. 1780

This morning - Chuck still  
swelled a little - Went over  
to the lecture room at 11 a  
corn medal of the Exp<sup>t</sup> society  
society were appointed to ex-  
amine the apparatus now in  
order to find the most proper  
place for a furnace - Several  
Ladies and Gentlemen resided  
this Day - Mr. Brown M<sup>r</sup> & B<sup>r</sup>  
and Mr. Brown J<sup>r</sup> - A Gentle  
observed that the apparatus  
could not be supposed to re-  
tain indefinitely, but the air  
might be so expanded as to  
at length to have no weight  
Some have remarked on the  
Newtonian Philosophy  
has invited to dine with  
Dr. Moore or Brill, but was



engaged yesterday with a Mr  
Pety on instruments made  
James St.

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Sunday 13 Feb: 1780  
Thursday walked on Coll:  
Benton who gave me a  
card to Doctor Elliot and  
Gentlemen formerly gave  
lectures on Nat: Phil<sup>os</sup>  
and is now to  
the house of commons -  
Dined with Mr. Nealy  
After dinner performed  
some electrical experiments  
Flies, cotton, Jars negative  
and positive - Ammi  
now winds - A. M:  
Duff came to tea - he  
is a very ingenious man  
has made some improve-  
ments on the Steam  
- made in Paris - Dicks



The process to send  
me his things here.

- A book for covering the  
candle in the dark cap.

- Mr. Neely makes a sheet  
of tin foil between two

pieces of paper upon  
his the salt his jars.

When hanging -

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*

Monday 15 Feb 1780

This day sweet Zephaniah  
and Cadie visited the  
lectern room I dined in  
the Webster's parlour some  
caps & hats - On Tuesday  
a quart of porter and two  
quarts of whiskey furnished  
cost us only 12



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1780

This morning at the  
lecture room - Several ves-  
tors - remove all the app<sup>s</sup>  
except the Ele<sup>ct</sup> in to the  
little room - Dined with  
Mr. Anderson - Spent the

evening at home - This  
day I had a letter from the  
Secretary of the Society in-  
forming me that the Ex<sup>h</sup>  
Society had made me a pre-  
sent of their room to lecture  
in gratis during their plea-  
sure. I shall return an-  
swers to morrow

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1780  
This morning delivered Mr  
Gardner's letter also Mr Gor-  
man's to S<sup>r</sup> Stephens & you  
and invited to dine with  
Mr Gorman on Saturday  
called on Mr. Gilbertson.  
He promises to send his  
son to attend the lectures  
invited me to dine with  
him on Sunday next  
Delivered Mr. Brady's letter  
The professor's great inclina-  
tion to serve me - left  
a syllabus with each  
of the above Gentlemen  
I have got a Prospectus  
printed with the address  
have left out the contents  
of the strength of lumber



Then moving towards the  
Elect. 'Coffin' into the little  
room, as the society meets  
in the evening - Dinner  
in Co. 1st Street - returned  
the following <sup>message</sup> to the  
Secretary of the Exp. Society,

Sir I am informed by the  
Spiritual Secretary to the  
Experimental Society that  
the society have allowed  
me the use of their rooms  
without any payment  
during their pleasure. I  
am now to request that  
you will return my most  
grateful thanks to the  
society for their grants  
of their favour, and that

you will be pleased to in-  
form them that if, in the  
pursuit of their plans,  
any expenses <sup>are</sup> without  
the compass of my <sup>power</sup>  
should be thought upon,  
I shall think my self  
honoured by their com-  
mands

Yours &c  
George



Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1780

This day at one o'clock  
gave my first lecture  
to about 70 among the  
subscribers are the Prime  
and Deputy Cashiers  
Doctor Cleghorn Mr. Ely  
Major French &c —

In the evening gave the  
same lecture at 7 to about  
20. The Experiments all  
succeeded - Company seem  
pleas'd and very attentive

Friday 15. Feb. 1780

This day gave my 2<sup>d</sup> lecture on Elec<sup>n</sup>. - I have added a new experiment to my course and melted wax by passing it on the universal Discharge - Same lecture in the evening - Experiments all succeeded very well The dark cap<sup>s</sup> are to be performed to morrow evening -

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Saturday 19. Feb. 1752  
This morning awaked  
with a sore throat, sent  
an Apology to Mr. Gorn  
for not dining with him  
today according to app't.  
I found in Caput M.

In the evening gave the  
Lund Lecture on Electricity  
The Experiments in the  
dark succeed extremely  
well a variety of spirit  
lubes luminous were  
carried always succeed  
now since the wire was  
pointed - After the  
Lecture drank port wine  
Whiskey punch with Mr.  
Dustin, Wadsh and Stearns  
conversations on Philos.  
Scient subjects, Language

Mr. Wadsh proposed to cut  
a Ladys head on from  
by electricity - Chemists  
congratulate - Mr. D. -  
promised me a crescent stone  
he says it may be put in  
to the eye and it will move  
round it without hurting  
the eye it will clear it of  
motes, the necras, pink  
Mosses up on the shou and  
extract the motes from their  
eyes in this manner -

Mr. Wadsh mentioned an  
Exp't of burning, milk into  
blood by salt of tartar -  
This is done by carrying  
the milk on the finger and  
pressing into it a quantity  
of salt of tartar, it passes  
through all the wharsh  
stages from milk to blood



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 1780 -

That day dined with Mr. Galt's  
large company - 5 waders at  
round table - Mr. Ewing and  
the little girl - seeing the velo-  
cities - Numbers of inhabitants  
in several towns of Ireland -  
- constitution of Carabfugus  
and its effect - the Sovereign  
sworn in by the countable of  
the castle in both places.  
Carabfugus signifies the  
root of Fuzer - It was once  
a town of the waders - Gates  
at present far from the town  
It formerly had water in way  
that - received two Gal.  
from Mr. Galtwater for his  
son and another giving  
Galtwater



I spent the evening with Mr. Lynch and his brother in law Mr. Harrison in the parlour here to get a sheet -

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 1780

Gave my lecture on heat -

Colt French's account of his  
imprisonment and escape from  
the Americans - Copied his -

- writing on folded paper -

I am informed that my lecture  
has not been properly ad-  
vertised. An several Gentlemen

who meant to attend did  
not hear of it before the 3<sup>d</sup>

lecture - Doubtless they were  
in every high place -

Give me for your inquiries  
in the evening post

Consider News Letter and  
the Ed. for the same in

the evening post -



Thursday 22 Feb 1780

Spent Morning and Evening  
gave my <sup>first</sup> lecture on Mechanics  
Dined with Mr. Shroder -  
Drank punch in the evening  
with Mr. P. Dingle and  
Mabson - The latter is from  
London and proposes to  
give lectures on philosophy  
he has a treatise of philo-  
sophy which he sells at 2.5  
It is very full and Mr. P. Dingle  
seems to be well demonstrated

This Day received a letter  
from Capt. Henry Mearns  
relating relative to my  
lectures

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 1780

This day we lecture the society  
meets - a review of the Dublin  
Volunteers by the Duke of  
Leinster Day very bad -  
Dined with Sir Thomas  
Pell - Sir Thomas does  
not know the use of boiling  
in brewing - produced some  
excellent beer of his own  
making which was not  
boiled - Showed Mr Pell  
the card chain - Three holes  
left the chain with him -  
Spent the evening in Mr  
Edwards's - His son enter-  
tained us with songs &c -  
accompanied by Mr Gerrard



Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1780  
- Monday gave my lecture  
on Muscular anatomy  
some places with it -  
Dined with Doctor Cleyburn  
large was seen - Dined  
on water and sheep head  
Doctor Cleyburn observed  
that the human body  
suffered from all other  
muscles in this respect  
that there is much less  
flexion at joints of the  
third kind are so often  
used - that most quadriceps  
have the muscle inserted  
farther from the center  
of the joint than man  
by which means they  
can farther go but they

also were scarce - Got  
an account from a friend  
of Peter's labours, of the ab-  
surd construction of the plough  
in most parts of Ireland  
The shafts are short and  
set high, the beam is  
long by this means the  
man takes all his force.

- Doctor Hephorn explained  
the origin of the phreatic  
springs through the same quills  
supplying a great quantity

- It arrives from the Cornish  
in the Seraphee who are  
obliged to make use of  
cattle and they send them  
to their neighbours -

- Doctor Moor's marriage -



Friday 25 Feb 1780

This Day I gave my first lec-  
ture on ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~subject~~ <sup>subject</sup> to both  
classes at one - Dined with  
Mrs - ~~XXX~~ <sup>XXX</sup> went to the  
play in the evening Henry  
the 4<sup>th</sup> shocking by perform-  
ance of the characters were  
tolerable except Sir John  
- The Sultan by Doctor  
Admet is a silly piece  
and was poorly performed  
- The Stage here is at a  
low pitch here - The  
Sultan's Dress is superb  
but one view is enough -

Saturday 26 Feb 1784

Friday gave orders for  
a lantern to Mr. Allen -  
expected to change an  
Oxygen principally on  
account of the Disturbance -  
Dined at a Capital  
Mr. Anderson very ill  
I hear Mr. John Anderson  
has some thoughts of  
Buying Ounpiss



Sunday 27 Feb 1780

Went with Mr. Stevenson  
before dinner visited Christ's  
Church one very old man-  
ment erected in 1150 or

there being here - This  
church is among the oldest  
in Dublin - A particular  
Description of this church  
will be given afterwards -

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb<sup>r</sup> 1780,

My second lecture on Pye's  
status - Cried with I words

xxx - The ~~great~~ people

on both sides of the street  
showing expressions of joy

yesterday I seen him today

It is mighty pretty - mighty

pretty &c -



Monday 29 Feb. 1750

Lecture on Pneumonia  
Dinner at Casabad about  
three o'clock - then engaged  
to get models of the reading  
book and two ploughs with  
a wheelbarrow - Mr. Compton  
has asked me ten shillings  
for a model of the double  
plough - the poor people  
in this country are disposed  
to take every advantage  
they can take as much  
as they will take and  
I was so the greatest part  
of the day -

Wednesday 1 March 1784  
No lecture today on account  
of the Society - Came with  
Mr. Stevenson on Scotch brook  
very good - W. Walker -

Mr. Lupton called on me  
in the evening - Some  
members of the Society from  
the west of the Py. Swilshel  
Par.

Thursday left Copet Street  
and went to new lodgings  
in Mr. Walker's Spring garden



Thursday 2 March 1788

Second Lecture on Pneum.  
I visited the Gun powder Exp.  
Dined with Shrods - supped  
with Mr Cropper - company  
Messrs Lane Darling - John  
and family - Mr Cropper  
Esq. Esq. carried us to his  
Francis Instrument which  
is a very good one - the  
best for adjusting it is called  
highly with confusion - various  
ambulations of pulvis -  
Stomach 12 Minutes Globe  
Inland Plane - Musical  
clock - An exp. on burning  
silk - boiling fresh in a  
glass - washing c. leg of

Pluton on a chair from just  
from the fire - The shell  
he sent home with two sacks  
a bag in his back side -  
This evening the city is  
darkened on account of the  
fire - Squatters home  
in the night have had  
illumined windows & doors



Friday 3 March 1780

Letter in Magnificent

Comed with Swobbs —

XXX —

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Friday 4 March 1780  
No lecture - received an  
letter from the Archbishop  
xxx - called on Mr -  
dined with Mr. Anderson  
conferred with John Anderson  
at London with Mr. 200  
went to the play with Mr.  
Stevenson - The Revenge -  
Kidd supported the char-  
acter of Zangy very well, none  
of the others Colloable -  
Dramatic parts with Mr. M.  
and some other volunteers  
The Duke of Lincoln not so  
popular as formerly -



Sunday 5 March 1750.

This morning made out new  
notes for my first lecture on  
Optics (given with Mr. Andrew  
Laker) walked to dinner to  
down the north wall - read  
the Gazette account acc<sup>t</sup>  
of Admiral Rodney's defeat  
of the Spanish fleet -

Spent the evening at home  
finished my optical notes  
and drew some figures for  
them and the following le-  
tures -

Monday 6 March 1780

Friday gave my <sup>first</sup> lecture  
on Optics - have got wooden  
Lenses each cut through

the axis - Am invited to  
dine with Doctor Helybourn  
on Thursday - An artificial  
eye is wanting -

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



Thursday 7 April 1750  
I gave my second lecture  
in Optics - At the conclusion  
Doctor Oglehorn made several  
sensible remarks - he thought  
that the blind man in Metaphysics  
in problem would  
not discover what was the  
circle, or circumference, mentioned  
Christen and another on the  
subject he promised to lend  
me - He is of opinion that  
the eye is adapted to objects  
at different distances by the  
motion of the crystalline  
lens - Man differs  
from the brute creation as  
much in the powers  
of his mind as the structure



of his body: The bristles are in  
general worn with hair and  
have little feeling. — How  
delicate is the human feeling  
and how much do we owe  
to them. — In the dawn  
of life every thing is dark  
the inevitable distance of objects  
&c. — we by experience mix  
the information of sight  
with the sense of feeling &c.  
The discovery of the telescope  
affords an excellent lesson  
to all young people not  
to despair of our senses with  
moderate application will  
sometimes do wonders. —  
The evening class attended  
in the morning —



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the inevitable distance of objects  
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the information of sight  
with the sense of feeling &c.  
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affords an excellent lesson  
to all young people now  
to despair, for we see with  
moderate abilities with  
sometimes do wonders. —  
The evening class attended  
in the morning —



~~Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>~~  
Mr. Lynch and I spent  
the evening with Mr. W. Baker  
Master of the Royal Academy  
Fine. He is an agreeable  
simple man and appears  
extremely well qualified for  
his business — We  
visited the school room  
about twenty scholars  
— Large number of a regular  
font — too little elevation  
in some parts of the work  
— The new features in the  
Liberation — Another  
Military Dictionary —  
— Architecture — Sold  
again on Park board



It has printed new tablets  
of soap. Tablets of natural  
signs is computed to a pound  
of 1. This is much more  
convenient in many col-  
lections — The woman  
and the student — In some  
part of Arabia the Vapour  
is in such abundance that  
if a stick is thrust into the  
ground and then thrown  
it will take fire — Alid.  
caused all the houses in  
Parsopolis to be rubbed  
with this substance by  
which means they were  
easily set on fire —  
When the people in Persia  
can hear war to boot  
a fire they make a hole



in the ground and put the  
net into it. — The warbegg  
in the same manner —  
In these countries there is a  
particular kind of storm  
which frequently <sup>is</sup> produced  
from and produces almost  
instantaneous <sup>is</sup> mortalities.  
The Cornets smell this before  
it comes, the immediately  
fall down with their feet  
to the direction of the wind  
their Prisons to the same.  
After this is over the sur-  
viving men go and raise  
the others, if a storm a  
shake them they will recover  
but if they do not recover  
then an arm or leg will  
be easily pulled away —



People are sometimes  
struck with the sun. They  
get a sudden stroke, which  
produces a faintness, they  
go home and in a few  
hours recover. May not  
this be owing to the strong  
reflexion of the sun from  
clouds? I find in a certain  
situation?

Wednesday 5 March 1750  
This day no lecture on  
account of the society's meeting  
Spent the day and dinner  
with Mr. Lynch - Got some  
permission and one of Mr. J  
to Mr. M. for Mr. Wade  
Copied out: he is to prepare  
for me the necessary articles  
for the volume - met with  
the Bishop of Down in  
Mr. Lynch's ship, invited  
by his Lordship to his  
house about three miles  
in the country -



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 1720  
Gave a Lecture on Scholastic  
Ge. Mr. Roe produced some  
shrobborn which he had made  
it takes fire when exposed to  
the air - I gave him the receipt  
for making cantons shrobborn  
ms

Friday 10 March 1780

A Lecture on Shel. Magi  
Lambert, Leonard & Thomas  
Pells Magi Lambert but  
did not make use of it. The  
magi Lambert in the present  
state is considered as phre-  
sical and yet a certain class  
of human beings it is to be most  
imperfectly performed.

The Experiments on the Ship  
succeeded very well. The mast  
was struck down.



Saturday 11 March 1780

Friday received a letter  
from the Secretary of the Expe-  
rience Society informing me that  
they had elected me an hono-  
rary member of that society  
but desiring my attendance  
not necessary -

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Sunday 12 March 1750

Mr. Cuy. Dunning spent  
the evening with Mr. Dunning,  
Mabel & her mother and  
Mr. & Mrs. Walter and Cass.

Mr. Dunning's daughter a girl  
of nine years of age entertained  
us with some of her lessons on  
the Harpsichord. She plays amazingly  
by ear for her years - We had  
some curious experiments -  
some excellent specimens of  
Mr. Dunning's penmanship -  
Crayons & lines would not per-  
form properly - Mr. Dunning  
showed a paper in a chimney stove  
A horse hair 11 foot long.  
It is not present only 7 feet  
was pulled off it -



Mr. Cullen mentioned a method  
of making the experiments of  
the cannon with one <sup>shot</sup> ~~shot~~ —  
I do not approve of this — I have  
at the construction of a gun as  
gun and steam gun — Before  
dinner Mr. Vesting showed me  
a model of a fort which he has  
just got painted — It will answer  
my purpose extremely well  
It has no more of the out  
works as are required in a  
publick fortification —

Mr. Vesting mentioned a pro-  
blem from the Athenian about  
about the moon at sea who  
is supposed ignorant of the day  
of the month and he is required  
to find his latitude and longitude  
— Mr. Malton alluded to the  
Lat: might be determined by

the absolute alone, without  
its determination. This is absolute  
by impossible -



Monday 13. March 1750

Gave my first lecture on  
Astrology - and found some  
much pleased. Next morning  
gave the second - and  
thence - xxx +

Monday 12 March 1780

- My second lecture was at  
Oxford my purpose of  
giving a Geography of the  
Is appears to be agreeable the  
principles I taught with a view  
to be shown to be produced to  
show that the earth cannot  
be in that form - after a  
short plate for the show on -  
Monday advanced my second  
course to be begun on Monday  
next -



Wednesday 15 March 1780

No business today on account  
of the Society's meeting -

Dealt with Mr. Wallis

bought a copy of his book  
Geology and his book

for the machine and so.

Ordered for his new book  
prospective - This evening

attended the society, till

ten o'clock -

Thursday 16 March 1780

Mr. Sanderson on Sat.

This was so intelligible as some  
of the others - a transparent  
machine for eclipses would be  
useful - Mr. White informs me  
that Lord Stair has published  
a book on Electricity, which  
he promises in a sight of.  
It also hints at various  
experiments for each day -

*[Faint, illegible handwriting]*



Friday 17 March 1780

My lecture on Geometry  
Given with the Calcutta Society  
about 18 present, This  
Society consists of Scotchmen  
who have associated for the  
purpose of collecting a fund for  
supporting the wages and families  
of such of the soldiers as may  
stand in need of such assistance  
They meet twice a year, on  
St. Andrew's Day and on St.  
Patrick's, when they dine and  
spend the evening, to go <sup>to</sup> the  
The President for this year is  
a Mr. Murray  
Belsham walks

... ..



Saturday 18 March

This day finished my lecture  
- Company appeared much  
- pleased - Dined at Mr. Hays  
- Greenfield, Ashford and Hamlet.  
- Ashford is a landscape and  
- Hamlet a ~~man~~ portrait painting  
- which set of figures is most  
- numerous - Dinner calculated  
- sum of ellipses - Solitaires -  
- It was alleged humorously  
- by Mr. H that never understood  
- Green powder, that the Professor  
- and much of our Mount Sinai  
- was nothing but a phreosin  
- of Green powder - He thought  
- all religions totally unhelp-  
- ful in a political view -  
- maintained that Mr. Hays



mentions the Greeks and the  
very primitive colours, and that  
they were known was before his  
time, this I very much doubt  
- He insists that there are on-  
ly two primitive colours viz  
yellow and blue, that all  
other colours can be produced  
from these, but that none of  
them can be produced  
by any other colours whatever  
- He asked me what was the  
easiest way to find the focus  
of a concave lens. I said he  
wanted a good glass for  
viewing paintings in a  
room.

Monday took off a suit of  
clothes which are to be  
ready again <sup>12 o'clock on</sup> Monday



Sunday 19 March 1750

This morning heard a hearty  
sermon by W. M. Dowel in  
the meeting-house street - 26  
Boys are clothed and educated  
and when ready are put ap-  
prentice to Protestant trades  
The boys enter the meeting  
house singing the first of the  
four hymns composed for the  
purpose - The collection amounted  
to 105 pounds Sterling.

After sermon called on Mr.  
Mather who carried to Mr.  
Dean one of the six clerks -  
He is an excellent preacher, he  
knows very well and sciences  
has a large Laboratory, and  
himself a profound Chemist



has constructed a large  
planetarium which he values  
highly - In the day of the war  
could not be found. I did not  
see this evening - He is in order  
to learn Spanish & Italian &  
had dictionaries of these lan-  
guages, and has taken the trou-  
ble to work with photographs  
in beginning of every letter -  
He told me that he would  
come and see me - The lat-  
tice of Dublin house was from  
the house of Butler of Tins  
upon - with a view of some  
of evening this planetarium  
from him - He views it  
in this light himself -

Dined and drank tea with  
Mr. Elyson - a very agreeable  
family - Mr. E is acquainted  
with Doctor Blair at Cork -  
The promise to write to him  
I suppose with Mr. Davenport  
improves Castle St. —



Monday 20 March 1780

This morning begins my  
second course - I do not  
appear to be a full class -

- gave no introduction  
Friday all at once the  
Electrical machines lost the  
power in the middle of the  
lecture - Owing I suppose  
to the stagnation of the air  
in the room for when the  
door was opened it part-  
ly recovered its strength -

- The fire was weak and  
almost burnt out, proba-  
bly the Sulphur contributed

- Very few attended in the  
Evening, I am determin'd  
not to carry on an evening  
class unless there is a suffi-  
cient number - xxx -



Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 1780

gave my second lecture on  
Electricity the capt<sup>d</sup> sided  
extremely well - Met in the  
evening and performed a few  
experiments but did not give  
a regular lecture - have  
got a transparent lantern  
set up - This Evening  
supper with W. Johnston  
watch maker Castle St  
Company - Mrs. Miss  
Cray who sang us a few  
songs - W. Johnston plays  
on the Violin -  
told the story of Hugh Mrs. M.



Wednesday 22 March 1780  
— Found a third lecture on  
Electricity — Exp<sup>d</sup> all our  
experiments — Dined with Mr. Galt  
last company — Mr. Magee  
was in the house — Mr. Galt  
and Mr. — Old Mr. Gilbert  
told us some stories about  
Mr. Bick in Scotland —  
Ogilby's Campbell's &c —  
The unanimity of the Jury  
was imputed and as sufficient  
in a majority — The im-  
propriety of the Scotch jury  
sitting in the court along  
with the lawyers he was men-  
tioned — In Ireland the jury  
sit high up by themselves  
and it is reck'd improper  
for any person ever to be



if any thing to them, each  
jurymen is furnished with  
papers from and with of a  
jurymen is taken etc and is  
obliged to be carried out, the  
judge calls in and swears a  
man into his place, he is  
called a witness -

The Church of Scotland it  
was alleged was a better  
establishment than the  
Episcopal Church - a perfect  
republic - In the evening  
attended the Society - no  
business. It was resolved  
among other things to be  
given a volume of Exp<sup>t</sup> in  
Antiquity, next meeting -  
I was introduced to Mr. Frost  
Engines, who formerly pre-  
sided me to the Society -



Monday 23. March 1780

Spent with Doctor Heyson  
at Doctor Euton, Mr. Sutt and  
Mr. Greenfield - Doctor Euton  
mentioned an electrical exp<sup>t</sup>  
by a German to prove that  
snow was owing to Electric  
ity - This Exp<sup>t</sup> had indeed  
proved successful -

Doctor Heyson's on the  
line made from Young's  
was just published  
I saw the Exp<sup>t</sup> in the work  
They all succeeded, the com-  
pany was much pleas'd  
It will be a great advantage  
to the cause to add to the  
number of such Exp<sup>t</sup> -  
Linnæus conductor -



Friday 24 March 1780

This day being good Friday,  
dined with Mr. White's Neighbors  
at Camp Street - Company  
Mr. Smith  
Mr. White and Mr.

Scotch wheat bread better  
than the Irish - because it  
is scarce says Mr. Smith

- Dinner - Ladies - Newtown

Mr. Smith made a great im-  
provement in our Town - that  
a man may be tried for  
two crimes at once - Ogleby  
was tried for both for-  
nication and murder. The murder  
was not proved, unless should  
first be proved before they  
are proceeded on a proof of any  
thing - Went to a club in the  
evening -



Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1780

This morning received an  
invitation to dine with Miss  
Parker, but am engaged  
with Mr. Anderson at Bay St.  
Quadrant. Therefore went  
with Mr. Gilbert his wife  
and daughter to see her  
which some deep snow  
very well performed. Laps  
and hats well done - Mended  
tape cut - Sewed shoes  
knotted - Money conveyed  
behind ones back -  
Gummed paper - Egg, bird -  
Sawed Receipts on cards  
Supped with Mr. Anderson