

Journal

1st Sep^r

1797

Calcutta

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Calcutta - 1797

Friday 1st September

Visit from Col. McDonald
and M. Fontana - also
Henry Maubin -

- M. F. showed me Dr.
Scol's letter respecting the
Nitric acid in which is
the following paragraph
" Tell D.D. that he is wrong
" in making the acid so
" pure for mine was not
" freed from the ~~nitric~~ marine
" acid, besides he should
" that the Nitric acid when
" pure will not dissolve gold
" without the assistance of the mercury

"and for aught we know
"to the contrary the affinities
"of the Venereal virus may
"be the same with those of
"Gold" — The last supposition
affinity is certainly whimsical
enough — There is cer-
tainly a strong connection
at least between the V. Disease
and Gold, for unlike every
other article of trade, the
proprietor pays not only
for the purchase but for the
sale of the commodity —

+ I send proposals for a
course of lectures to com-
mence about the first of Oct.

+ with Mr. Fairlie —
+ Found both the Trade Testes
and Prangonnes which
were missing —

— Evening at Mr. Brown's
Etching a portrait of
Lord Cornwallis —
I could first said on for
the ^{framing} ~~etching~~, then ^{the} Cornute
for etching —

1799

Saturday 2^d Sept

Borrowed a Fly Falcon
of Mr. Fairbairn - a pair of
new shoes from Bower
- got locks on the back
door -

+ at 6 a.m. Thru 40
at 2 p.m. - 00

Sun. cold and rain
with sudden gusts at night

+ with Mr. Spalding
Capt. Bells who comm. the
the Newcastle from Eng
Mr. Cream. Mr. Fuller -

Sunday 3^d Sep 1799

I intended to have set
out for Chinnor - The
weather improving -
defer till the end of the
week
with Mr. Taylor -

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Monday 4th Sep 1797

Bought a piece of Izore
for waist coats -

- sent the skin to be felled
- Langued -

- Shoyten gave two
Gold Medals to the Cook
Taylor to get changed
into Rufus - Taylor off -
+ with M^r Duncan

- Terrain - Miss M^r
ordered Down Main for no
Dishment was nice
in fact - the too severe -

Tuesday 5th Sep 1797

A Chit from M^r B^r
to borrow Moor's Edward
at present dead -

+ Telegraph Cat, an-
nouncing the arrival
at D. Row of the
Union extra ship
cap. Parsons from Eng.
left 24th May -

+ with M^r Crose -
+ The power of music
in drawing snakes per-
tains only the Colo. C^o
out of their Academy place

Wed. 4th Sept 1797
B^d at Mr. Fane's
Albion Saluted the fort
at 7 o'clock -

- Mr. Fane's letter ar-
rived at breakfast -

- Report - That the Em-
peror has made peace
with France - That a
General Peace is soon
expected -

+ Another telegraph ex-
presses that other propo-
sals from England had
again been made to
France; that the only con-

ditions the Ex: Directory
would admit, England
to give up Jamaica
the Cape and Gibraltar
and to pay the expenses
of the war!!

Judges rising - also
Lyon -
+ sent a sheet of Notices
sent to Mr. Brown -
+ sent ^{my view} Manstarrum to
Mr. Harrington of course
either that at 50..0 or
the old one at 40 Guineas
- wrote to Rob: Astley
at Madras - Dublet's letter
enclosed -

+ with Mr. Thibault -
called on Mr. Foreman
respecting a boat to Chin-
church -

- Miss Th. B. and Taylor
with me in the Evening

Thursday 7th Sep 1797
Recd a Draft for Mr.
Harrington of 500 Paper
for the New Manufactory -
Paid out for the last week
of Oct on Miss F. G & Co -
- took Paul on to Miss
F. G & Co. 500 S. Paper.

+ with Mr. Foreman
propose to set off for
Chinchurch to morrow

Friday 8th Sept 1797

- Sent to D. D. the plan
of an intended ode on his
and Mr. D.'s marriage day
- Set sail on a *Manchew*
at 12 o'clock -

Did not arrive at *Chissimah*
till past ten at
night - At this season
of the year the river is
very rapid - The passage
cannot be made in one
tide -

- Supped & slept at
the Inn - good accomodation

Chissimah -
Saturday 9th Sept 1797

at nine o'clock in the
ketch, Gov. of the place,
who invited me to ~~stay~~
live with him during
my stay in the place -

- After breakfast went in
the Gov. carriage to an
Indigo work where the
manufacture was just
closed for the season -

- visited another at work
here I saw every part of
the process -
returned at 4 - Dined at
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 in company

— Mr. Corrish and Mrs
other Gentlemen arrived
in the Evening — Music
from 9 to 12 — Excellent
Mr. B. plays well on
the Harpsichord — also
most entertainingly on the
Lute —

— To bed at 1 1/2 a.m. —

— left D. Bancroft with
Mr. Birch — The Green
Indigo account of made
by Mr. Birch —

Chorismorph
Sunday 10 Sep 1799

Rose at 4 — long walk
into the country — —
— Breakfast at 9 —

— 11 Music till 5 o'clock
many of the first women
positions, and admirably
performed — Singers Mr. Corrish
Mr. Nugent Mr. Birch —
and occasionally Mr. Edman
then and other two Gent^l —

— Sat down to Dinner at
seven — Very white Dinner
in a small table —

— after Dinner Sir will^{ts}
Corkin and Mrs. Ruben

called - In last named
Emil? in the press - who
wrote so much against the
ministry in the Calcutta
Post -

- Miss's letter supper

- Association with Mr

R^d - respecting the demo-
lition of works of art in
Paris - he contended it was
necessary - asked of what
use they were - said that
to show their regard for the
fine arts the triumphal
arch of Louis the 14th was
left Legate of St. Mark's
- Paris the reform -

This was a great one and
to by a call for a song
- several songs -
- To read at one o'clock -
+ Nathan's table at the
bottom of the Hall -
+ Mr. Shee is nice to
Mr. Birch, and married
to Major Shee -

Chinsurah
Monday 11th Sept 1797

Rose at 4. Long walk
round the place -

- Breakfast at 9

- Set out on a Panchua
at 10th and arrived at
Mr. Forman's at 5 p.m.

sent in time for dinner
- And then made a very
pleasant excursion -

* Chinsurah fort is a
quadrangle with Bastions
at each angle and surrounded
by a wet ditch - 3 Emb
on the farm on the banks of the

Calcutta
Tuesday 12 Sept

- Packets arrived from
Madras -

- A letter from Doctor
Chapman. Dated Liferton
near Edinburgh 3 Oct
1796 -

- The Expedition supposed
against Manila abandoned,
after the greatest part of
the expense has been in-
curred!! -

- Emperor has made peace
with France -

- A meeting among the
English sailors -

- Their reasonable demands
have been complied with

that is an augmentation
of their wages - full weight
of meat and several other
regulations - These have
been sanctioned by Act of
Parliament - After which
the sailors all returned to
their Duty -

+ both Mr Fairlie -

¹⁷⁹⁰
Wednesday 13th Sept
Friday procured a bill
of Exchange in David Scott
Jnr. and Co. London for
140 £ Sterl. Exchange at 2/6
per. Price paper = 1120 P. 1/2 -

Specimen of the Locking
for Mr. F. - grain all
sticking together -

Began a letter to Dr
Mason to whom I wish
to name Mr. Howard my
agent in London to con-
sult the bill for 140 £
to pay off two debts in
Edmb.

+ both Mr Fairlie -

Calcutta
Thursday 14 Sept.

4 p.m. a very heavy shower
of rain - thunder - wind

— Thud. at the door - 79
— in the wall - 80

— Sun: cold —

+ with Mr Lambert —

— Maj: Murray - rope from

Friday 13 Sept.

wrote to Mr. Mum - enclosed
a bill on David Scott Junr,
and Co. for 120 £ pay. to
Dr. George Chapman Librarian
near Dir.

— Sent N above letter
to the Zephyr packet
at one o'clock and received
a receipt signed by the

Sub: secretary —

+ with Doctor Dick —

+ a sum M. A. as a

— Newton - present, vision

and a sum —

— Dr. W. Murray called at 8 o'clock
arrived yesterday

Calcutta 1797

Saturday 16th Sep

Sent a letter to the Zepher
packed directed to Dr George
Chapman Librarian near
Edinburgh —

— Visit from M Grant who
presented me with an African
sword, and I bring with
Beaumont's *Manuel of Chem*

+ The letter is returned
the Sub: Off. being gone
from the Council house
but the man was desired
to bring it back on Mon.
Day when the packet
would start —

+ with M. Kauri

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Sunday 17th Sep 97

— Visit from M^r S — and Th —
+ with M^r Taylor —
M^r Baillie —

Calcutta

Monday 10th Sep 1797

B. with Mr. Th.
a present of South-sea
conchites from Capt.
Wattleworth

+ with Mr. Fautin

an Mr. Croose in the Cal.

+ From 12 to 2 o'clock there
fell a greater quantity of
rain than I ever rememb-
to have seen - previous to
which the sky exhibited
a singular appearance with
respect to the position and
color of the clouds
- Ombre in Leo before. Faint
value of the Madras tees

Tuesday 19th Sep 1797

Sent a letter for Dr. Croose
to the Zephyr -

- with Mr. Croose -

+ Whether any vestige of theo-
cratic exhibition among the
Hindos, besides the ^{Magical} Rites
- Games - Cards probably
European - Chess differently
played in India from what it
is in Europe -

Mr. Fautin thinks it pro-
bable that Chess is a Hi-
ness game - see public
transactions

- The Native Doctors
patch up but seldom
cure a confirmed pro-
- The simple mode of life
of the Hindos is for the cure

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Wednesday 20 Sept

— Party to see Mr. Coopers
pumpkin — story of the
winter price

— with Mr. Taylor —

Mr. F. in the Evening
water pumps best cal-
culated for the Dock —
Kendall's best mode
of working —

Thursday 21st Sept 97

This morning received
two letters in one from
Mr. Heir and Mr. Nelson
with receipts for the amt
of their two bills — Nelson
on acct. of form resumption

+ went to see Mr. Foreman's
Dock — good solid work —
pumps bad — proposed some
improvements —

— Dined with Mr. Town

Mr. — just saw of
the Biscan frigate — how
Macarty carried on matters
at the Cape with a high
hand — Proclamation in
English — would not have

It transpired - Has or-
dered that Gram not flower
shall be brought to Market
- M. Maxwell and Barrow
at the Cape -

Calcutta
Friday 22nd Sep. 1797
This morning Mr. John
Wilson 1st Officer of the Lord
Phaulcon called -
invited him to take a
couch with me -
+ with Mr. Belli -
About 80 or 100 years
ago it was the fashion
to act every thing
said - Tho' the wide
expanded space of ten
revolving years -
- Cibba - (Different modes
of reading Rhyme -
- Two's from Dan's be

— 1797 —

Saturday 23 Sept

M. W. and I breakfast
with M. Thob.

Called at the Rev. M. P. B. who
was there introduced to

the Rev. M. Buchanan
— afterwards at M. Gladwin
he not at home —

— with M. Family — only
four at table — D. Tenant

— Every article of provisions
cheaper up the country
than at Calcutta — 20 paise
for a Rupee —

— Chemist Journal or Annals
by Nicholson —

— Very sultry all day

Calcutta — 1797

Sunday 24 Sept

B. at home — with M.
Wilson — Call from Mrs.

Sayer and Spalding —

+ with M. Frushard
at his house on the other
side of the river —

Large company —

— Cochineal plants (Diffi-
culty of preserving the
single leaves might
be taken of and preserved
fresh with the insect on
them for a month or
perhaps two —

Single mouth worm.
Mr. F. thinks the best
worms should be fed
with young leaves at first
and older leaves afterwards.
Some moisture necessary,
much better best.

All the celebrated silk
manufactories are in
Italy.

Weather hot - Sky clear
- Sunny. Sun at 2 p.m. 30,

x x x L ~ - + -

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Monday 25th Sep

B. at home -

Chemist shops -

+ with Mr. Lambert

+ Groves of Mangon trees

are planted as Tawks

are made from various
molecules - The form is

quincunx - Mangon water

is food by all descriptions

of inhabitants -

Measure of a hunting

party - Every convenience

in the tent as at home

- like the wandering Arabs

Tuesday 26th Sept 1791

W^o at home —

— a singular affair

— W^o 9 —

+ Visit from W^o Hastings
ton —

+ with W^o Taylor
M^o: Water and M^o —

Wednesday 27th Sept.

This is the first day of the
annual festival the Nauch

This festival continues three
days

1. Potukapobaso

2. Moho Oslomee

3. Moho Nouomee

— with M^o Fante —

Gaupu W^o: Nauch
in the eve.

M^ominy — horsemanship

Dancing — imitation of the
peacock &c —

— Europe band — Dancing
Girls —

Thursday 28th Sept 1797
Visit from Doctor Plunket and
Captⁿ Douglas -
- News of the Nabob of Oude's
death arrived -
+ During the late earthquake
at Padang the tide ebbed
and flowed times in one
day - bed of the river quite
altered - did much mischief
on that part of the coast but
little at Benwelan - Found
on some times observed to
shake - natives entertain
an idea that the island
with at some future period be
broken thro' the middle and
divided into two -
+ with Mr. Th - 1

At the Asiatic Society
in the Evening -
- A paper on the Inhabitation
of the Island of Ty by Mr.
Fontana - Dub -
- Vice President and Com-
mittee of papers chosen
Dr. Henning }
Mr. Narington } V. P.
Dr. Roxburgh }
Dr. Pinardie }
Mr. Maguire } Com. of
Dr. Hunter } Papers
Mr. Norrish }
President the P. V. P. and
Secretary who will remember us of

1797
Friday 29 Sept

with Mr Th -

Mr S - Mr F -

+ a little harmony is a
dangerous thing this arose
at great length

1797
Saturday 30 Sep

with Mr Fairlie -
Evening at Mr. Duncanson

Sunday 1st Oct 1797

finished the perusal of
Paine and Watson's answer

I am of opinion that the Society
had better let Paine alone

- visit for Razak

traverse with his Q. Pennington

- with M. Taylor -

Mrs. Plunder, Bick
and Cross -

+ B. with M. Warington

a lesson on Astronomy
Monterium -

- 4 p.m. Dissect Anatomical

Monday 2nd Oct 1797

Early this morning a little
rain - weather more cool -

- with M. Warington

+ whether the Jewish

be really the oldest in

history on record -

remarks on Paine's

age of reason, and Dr.

Watson's answer -

Tuesday 3 Oct 1799

at ^H 7^h Thut. - 79

rain - cold -

^H 11¹/₂ Thut. - 01^o

a new model of the
rope pump -

+ with Mr. Fairlie -

- French privateer has taken
the Company's vessel Ship
the Thomas Capt. W. Hough
of Ceylon, the Capt. was taken
at Tranquebar in a Court
supposed from Druce's Squadron

1799
Wednesday 4 Oct

B^h with Mr. Bartolmey
perused him with
some Latin scraps -

- Vest from G. Munk
brought a Sealant to be
examined - small error
in the Vernier towards
the begin. of the seal -

- with Mr. Spalding -
Mr. Mackie -

sent an apology to Mr.
Bunny who had invited
me to a Dinner this Evening
- Two Showers - one heavy

- A wagen that a Jew
would persuade another
person that a leg of mutton
was a goose -

- Man - sings in - against
the wall - in his mouth -

- Three Clergymen on their
way here as Missionaries
to convert the Hindus -

- all Scotsmen - They propose
to reside at Benares, ~~with~~
in order to attempt the con-
version of the Bramins

- They cannot succeed -

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Thursday 5th Oct

with Mr. Lewis Taylor
several ships are said to
have arrived - not heard
their names -

- Went from the Rev^d
Mr. Brown - invited to dine
on Sunday next -

- Suggested the idea of exhibi-
ting experiments to the
young Nabol -

Calcutta -
Friday 6th Dec 1799

Sat for my papers
Came with Mr. T. at 2 o'clock

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Saturday 7th Dec
Indrapour -

+ with Mr. Mackay -
M^r. G. M^r. L. - Ditto Ed

Fish - rice - Potatoes

Sunday 8th Oct.

with Mr. Fairlie - he
absent -

- This evening news of
the Royal Charlotte's being
blown up and very soon
on board having finished

- report of Zimmern that
having made a peace with
the Scits, who are by treaty
to furnish him with
20,000 men

Monday 9th Oct.

- Upon breakfast called
Mr. D. (Dicks) and Mr.

Bobbi - carried Edward to
Mr. Bell - saw with

Mr. Bell a model of a
sugar mill - a walking
wheel is connected with
the middle roller - rollers
of wood and size horizontally
of Sumarind wood - feet

- walking wheel is 14 in
d. - The wheel is to smelt
in proportions -

+ with Mr. Theault -

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Thursday 10 Oct

3 am with and set to

M Taylor -

+ with the Rev. M Brown

Miss. More and Buck.

+ inoculation in this country
has probably not been

derived from Europe - and

very different - ceremonies

- can preserve the matter

a twelve months -

- not above one child in

20 dies before the 5 year,

in Calcutta - whereas one

in 100 dies in London -

+ It is a curious fact
that the plague was never
known in this country.

The frequent washings
both of the body and cloths
tend greatly to prevent the
spreading of epidemical
diseases -

+ Descriptions of the enter-
tainment called the An-
droids exhibited lately
in London -

+ Doubtful whether inocu-
lation for the small
pox has tended to increase
the inhabitants of Europe
or other countries where
it has been introduced

- Dr. Johnson is said to
have acknowledged that
music afforded him no
more pleasure than the
howling of an ox

- Bengal is a much bett.
climate than any part
of America - In North A.

The range of the Ther.
is in some places po-
tential 0 to above 100 -

Then it seldom exceeds one
half of the above -

Lac is likely to be of
great use in Dyers &c

- The Russians were stuffed
Jackets so thick that the

Bayonets of the Englishs army
could not pierce them - Im-
mediately after the battle
Genl. Macarombie gave
orders to sharpen all the
bayonets - The Natives in
general charge with great
impetuosity, but if the
enemy reserve their fire
the Natives generally stop
within a few yards - when
this is the case they are al-
ways beat - Genl. Abercrombie
sent to Col. Buntington to
advance more slowly said
he would ruin the whole
plan - he had then left his
whenever the Genl. could come
that which was wisest

- Semi young officers who
were in the action with
the Prohillas, seem ^{consequently} to
covet much any more glory
of this kind -

- It is curious to hear often
complaining of the Surge
and of their having been
in the field for 8 or 10 years
when they have been only
marching between the different
stations, receiving double
batta, and have never seen

a shot fired ~~in an~~ except
on a field day - The
new regulations have cost
the company above half a
million

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Wednesday 11 Oct.

- B with M. F. -

La Place has published
a work on Astronomy, in
which new measures of
the circle, new divisions
of time are introduced -

+ The Royal Charlotte
was blown up by light-
ning - It is very extraordinary
that no accident is mis-
fortune with some com-
manders of Ships of the
necessity of conductors -
- no instance of a Ship
furnished with a conductor

having our supper
by lightning —

— Mr. N. — called
and informed me that
he had mentioned
my apparatus as
part of the present
to the Marshal — And
Sir John says there
is no objection to
my going up the
country —

— as to Mr. Taylor —

+ with Mr. Parli —
Mr. Foreman is the

Thursday 12 Dec^r —
to with Mr. Th — 1

+ The powder barrels on
board the Royal Charlotte
were all stowed round the
foremast (500) the most
dangerous situation in
the ship —

+ with Mr. Foreman

what is the powder
compound of with which
silver plate is charred?

— Mr. Foreman is the
wearing —

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Friday 13 Oct
Sat to and B with W
Taylor -

The salt / Spain left
at W. Home and about
I supposed to lecture to
W. Fairlie, I paid charge
to my account on the
22^d Dec 1795 - 5

Non moving xxx

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Saturday 14 Oct
Cleaned my table in order
to my chemical works -
It will be useful to
give in my publication
a Catalogue of results of
different experiments made
by eminent Chemists -
& also fine works -

- with W. Fairlie
- Mr. Duncan is the
evening - Men of
war

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Sunday 15 Oct -
with D. Park -

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Monday 16 Oct

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Monday 17th Oct
D. Numba & I wait
on Mr. Taylor - D. N.
has received a letter from
Cawnpore intimating that
a man of great
weight and influence in the
Nabob's Commission had
collected an army of 15000
men on pretence of quelling
some disturbances which
nobody has heard of
- Call upon Mr. Brooke
wished to dine with him
on Thursday next

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Wednesday 18 Oct
Sat. to Mr. Taylor -
+ with Dillo -

Thursday 19th Oct
+ with Lieut. Smith
Mr. Shells &c -

- A marriage at getting
green is valid as to pro-
perty and in every other
respect in England -

- A marriage in India
is the same -

+ Advertised my ensuing
course of lectures in the
Calcutta Gazette -

+ A reward of 1000 Rupees of-
fered for discovering the Portu-
guese Sectors who murder
the three English Sectors -

Friday 20th Oct
Began to prepare for the
Return -

+ with Mr. Fenli -

Evening with Mr. Owen -

- The Capt. of the Viscount
has written a sharp letter
to Government complaining
of the indolence of the police
and declaring that if some
steps are not taken to obtain
redress, that he will consider
it as an insult offered
to his Majesty's flag, and
that in consequence, he will
take his own measures, he
knows his powers.

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Saturday 21 Oct.
Sat to Mr. Taylor and
B. with him

~~Sir John Shore~~

In answer to Captain
Lindsay's public letter,
Sir John Shore wrote a
private note - The puniti-
veness of the Gov. is
astonishing -

+ with Mr. Spalding
Messrs. Mackay - Edie
Southwell, Taylor and Frost

+ The quarrel between the
revenue of the English Frigate
and Portuguese privateer is
said to have originated in

the following manner -
When the Gram Para passed
the Oriscan she took no
notice of her. Upon which
Capt Lindsay sent his Comd.
to the Capt. of the Portuguese
informing him that the
Oriscan was a King's Fri-
gate, the Portuguese still
persisted in taking no notice
either of the Capt. or his frigate
upon the Frigate latter fired
a shot over or ahead of
her. The crew of the Portu-
guese was so much irritated
that they instantly ^{were} they would
be revenged - Mr. M - c

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Sunday 22 Oct
B^d with Mr. Melville
after breakfast xx called
for the first time —
+ with Mr. Frank — none
of the family at home —
Capt. Craig dined with us
+ Two expeditions have been
fitted out here, both have
been completed and con-
sequently all the expense
of fitting out incurred — At
the point of the business
both have been countermanded.
The first expedition was ordered
against the Mauritius I do

not know whether that
had sailed — but the latter
certainly did sail —
near five months were
employed in fitting out this
wonderful squadron —
Insurances instead of being
lowered ~~in~~ as God held
out, are higher than ever

1797
Monday 23 Oct -

This morning sent a letter
to Dr. Dick enclosing a bill
on Faint & Gilmore and Co
for fifty Gold Moham for
his attendance for three years
in the line of his professⁿ

— Off was immediately returned

— With Mr. Fairlie Com^r
numerous. Capt. G^r arrived
from England in the 4th vessel
Ship Purscut left England the
6th of June — Little news
no expectation of a peace
England quiet — Markets
low — large sums of specie im-
ported from Hamburgh &c —

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Tuesday 24 Oct -

Hamburgh & small table
+ with Dr. Dick — Large
bowl of punch —
Spent the Even^g —

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Wednesday 25 Oct

Introduced Mr. Nelson to
Mr. Faulstich - called on Mr
M. Perie who gives 500
as the price of the best and
350 on the other 2000

- It is now doubted whether
the fate of the Royal Charter
was owing to lightning as
was first reported -

Thursday 26th Oct - 97

Received from Mr. Clarke the
municipal clock sent by Mr.
Gru - set it a going - in
good order -

- with Mr. Belli - Mr. An
Mr. Edie - Mr. Russell -
Mr. J. Edie - Property of the
Synodical -

Calcutta 11.
Friday 20th Oct 1797

This morning was told the following story. A native barber died a few days ago he kept on rather had occasionally to visit him & get from the Bazar. His wife unable to survive the death of her friend determined to burn with him, which ^{she} actually put in execution yesterday -

Began to regulate the clock and watches -

+ with Mr Fairlie -

Mr W^m and I called on Mr F in the Evening

+ Purchased a ticket, n^o 279, in the Lottery -

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Saturday 20 Oct.

+ wrote to Mr Plum enclosing no 3 bill on David Scott jun and Co for 140 £ endorsed to Mr Plum and requesting him to get the bill accepted and transmit it to Dr Chap (Deputant) by the Albion -

+ with Mr Fairlie - small company -

- The drawing of the Lottery which was to have taken place this day, is postponed till Wednesday the 15 Nov -

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Sunday 29th Oct

After breakfast waited on
Mr. Home - Thaddeus -

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+ with Mr. Fairlie

Capt. Craig - Mr. D. Vernon

Mr. Bartholmy &c -

- The new Calendar of the
French is a simple per-
formance - will never be
adopted by other countries -
Gives much confusion -
Both the old and new
Calendars must be used both
of Exchange between France
and other countries must
have the old names and
dates -

- French language has more

irregularities than the English
+ when the Capoten Bars
are secured by a rope carried
round their catenasties they
seem to be shifted - The same
term is applied to the spreading
of tightening the standing
rigging by ropes stretched across
This last practice is dangerous
in a storm - By decreasing
the angle under the mast and
strands the power of the latter
on the mast is diminished
and consequently its tendency
to go aboard greatly increased
- The strands of the Rindorlen were
shifted (during the Typhoon on
the East coast of China

Monday 30th Oct^r

Writing letters - One
to Madras to W. Spence -
Capt. White and Mr. Golding-
ham all introducing to the
acquaintance Mr. W. John
who goes to the settlements to
survey and make a map of
Madras -

+ with Mr. Fairlie -

perused Ely and Spudde

+ Gov^t has given up charging
four annas for each letter
put into the packet at the
Council house!! -

Tuesday 31st Oct^r 1797

Sent to the Albion packet
a letter for Mr. How Hatch
Mr. London informing me
for Mr. Ettrick -

+ with the Rev^d Mr. Brown

- Derivation of the words
Veranday and Palany -

- Mr. Kingeltaube a
German Missionary
has acquired great knowledge
and facility of speaking
the English Language
tho' he has been studying
it only nine months -

Cuttack, 1794
Wednesday 1 Nov

— Troops ordered up the country
Almas is in open rebellion
has marched to ~~where~~
he has been joined by a large
body of troops from Kishalund
— joint forces are said to amount
to 75 thousand — He has
been buying troops for three
two months past — True what
has our Govern^r been doing? —
— Should Zimman Shah
have joined the Sikhs is has
been reported, and marched to-
wards Delhi, the former army
would undoubtedly join him
I have always considered the Shah
opposition as alarming to the Gov^r

+ boat across the river with
Staff: From a letter of Craig
looked at the Frigate in the
Dock —

— Capt. of a man of war does
not permit any of his Officers
to occupy his Cabin, tho' empty

— ~~See~~ apparatus for
floating ships out of the
new Dock may be constructed

I am what is its best form
— A cask of water is nearly
of the same specific gravity
with ^{sea} water, hence it sometimes
floats at other times sinks
I wrote an answer to Capt. Lyell
respecting his query whether the
and then might not be kept in the

1797
Thursday 2 Nov

- Order of Council for raising three native Regiments -
- sent a hand bill to Messrs. and Company to get printed
- + Received part of Mr. Cuffe's Essay on Vision -
- + W. Marrison -
- + A note of some consequence told Mr. Kotton was that Zimmerman shew is ten cubits high and thinks in proportion, that he eats three sheep at one meal, which he kills himself, striking off the head with one blow of his

- saber
- It does not appear that the news from ~~the~~ Oude is quite so bad as was at first reported - The conduct however of Almop has a suspicious appearance, he is encamped with a considerable force and seems not to have given any satisfactory answer for this conduct -
 - Meeting of the Asiatic Society at W. Marrison
 - Sir John Shore gave in his resignation of the office of President of the Society -
 - + Read a paper on the Coast fishing at Ceylon by Mr.

+ Two minutes the uncut time
below the surface of the water -
- When the Diver comes up he
voids a quantity of Salt water
sometimes blood - Certain
Divers from ^{are so}
expert at their trade that they
can keep below seven minutes!!
- Shark conjurers attend, es-
pecially and keeps muttering
a kind of prayer during
the whole time the Loach
are out. But for this man's
assistance it is not believed
by the fishermen that they would
soon be all devoured - A Shark
however this last season bit of
the leg of a Diver - When
complains

complains was made to the
Conjurer, he told the people
that his prayers had been
opposed by a witch who at
last prevailed against him
But he was determined that
not a single Diver should
be hurt during the whole
of the season -
- Shells having a smooth
surface seldom contain
pearls - Various accounts
of the formation of pearls -
~~think~~ it considers the pearl
as a disease -
- Shells of the Heart Oyster -
Caput Medusae be shown -
- More are ruined than made
a fortune by the Pearl Fishers

