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6 - Oct.

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1790

Calcutta



Calcutta 1790

Saturday 6 October

Mr. with Mr. Taitie - Surgeon  
brought his action against Mr.  
& Wellington, for false imprisonment  
Maine was sailed -

- River speaks - sort of Cash. French  
treasury empty -

+ News yesterday unfound  
with the Frigate now overland packet  
have arrived -

- Three Northern powers arming to  
protect their trade - Emperor of  
Prussia planning some  
secret alliance - so much for  
common report -



Mr. Edie called with a copy  
of a letter to D. Morsington's  
private secretary, respecting his  
salt making plan. I thank and  
told him that I thought his letter  
much too long and too particular  
for a Council where so much busi-  
ness must be transacted — like  
other schemes M. E. is too sanguine  
and I fear will be disappointed in  
the issue —

— This morning weather very fine  
perfectly clear — little wind —  
— Sent Mr. Spalding from Sydney

12. A Thunder storm — several  
loud claps — nearest = 4" —  
heavy shower, did not last —

+ with Dr. Dick —  
• Mr. Rhider lately arrived from  
England — saw Lord Macarty  
at the Cape — Maxwell Bar-  
tholomew L. M. will not return  
to England till June —  
Give an account of the manner  
of living of several Gentlemen  
from India — Sir George Staunton  
History of the Embassy —  
Table Clock — striking omission  
— being not so high according  
to Mr. K. — account — as for  
some others



Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb 1798  
Very fine morning - not a cloud  
in the sky -

$7\frac{1}{2}$  a.m. Therm ——— 00°  
Winds of S.W. ——— 9 m —  
Wind East <sup>by</sup> little — pleasant,  
cool —

The rains are now fairly over-  
cast perhaps, now and then a  
shower, during this month or till  
about the 20<sup>th</sup> —

+ It is remarkable that the monsoon  
and consequently bad weather should  
set in at Madras ~~at~~ the same time  
that the fine weather commences at  
Calcutta and Bombay —

Breakfasted with Cap<sup>n</sup> Cox  
introduced Mr. Baine to the Cap<sup>t</sup>:  
Cap<sup>t</sup>. C gives but little encourage-  
ment to Mr. B. on the Duple plan  
- no office in Calcutta with us  
while at Regu - instability of Gov<sup>t</sup>.  
+ Gen<sup>l</sup>. Fulterton and Mr. Belli  
called -

The Gen<sup>l</sup>. says that only one  
floating battery or raft was ever  
shutted, and that on Dry land.

It was soon taken to piece from  
a conviction that it would not  
answer -

- Cap<sup>t</sup>. Coffinby it will be a policy  
of the French do not attempt an  
invasion of England -



- There is a small black seed  
which prevents worms attacking  
books - given its name? -

H  
12 New — 04  
Hyg<sup>n</sup> — 21 M

Vertical clouds - Thunder at  
a distance - Sultry - W. Est.

- rain but much less than on  
the two preceding days, tho'  
nearly at the same time -

+ with Mr. Th - + -  
Sent the small air pump to Mr.  
to be repaired -

+ In all the & Regu drawings there  
is not the least shade introduced.  
The same in the Chinese -

<sup>th</sup>  
Monday 8 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1798 -

Most beautiful morning -

9 a.m. Ther. - - - 07

Hyg<sup>n</sup> - - - 19 Dry

Cloudless sky - gentle breeze  
wind East - - -

- Sent V. Mouton an answer to  
his queries respecting the account  
on board the *Flamsteed* as described  
by Sir George Staunton in his acc<sup>t</sup>.  
of Lord Macartney's Embassy to  
China -

- Visit of Mr. B - y. he expects me  
to get one of the *Flamsteed* books  
of the old system which he  
deals with them & able him to  
publish a second and concluding  
paper in the antiquity of the  
*Flamsteed Chron.* and Astronomy -



- a little cloudy at 12 o'clock  
but no rain - at 3 quite clear  
+ with Mr. Taylor - Messrs. Probert  
and Baillie - Mr. H. - called  
after dinner -

- when the loss can may be used,  
with safety in fencing -

- Story of L. - and the picture  
readily behind a tree - Landscape

- Ditto of the first man who wanted  
a picture of his brother - in the  
county of Tipperary - we see  
him now - or any like him -

th 1790  
Tuesday 9 Oct -

most beautiful morning - cloudy  
sky - wind north - little

+ with Mr. Fairlie - name  
for the ship to be purchased  
to-morrow - read a Highland

- Fingal - who wants me! -  
Chapman -



1790<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 10 Oct

Visit from Mr. Colbrooke -

A thinks this a bad season to go up the country, on the acct<sup>n</sup>

of the marching of the troops in the different reliefs - Reading

Book - carried home my reflecting telescope to try -

D. Puffest called on Mr. Puffest's Chronomet. Dictionary -

+ at 12 went to see the house for. Brown and Co

at 1 p.m. the ship, named by Mr. Fairbairn, the Highland Chief -

went off beautifully -

+ Dined with Mr. Wilkin Lanchester about 60 present -  
- A letter from Mr. Spence - Madras

<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 11 Oct - 1790

Morning fine - thin flaky clouds at 10 a.m. - at 3 1/2 p.m. much overcast, blew hard to east,

at 3 3/4 a heavy rain with thunder + went to Mr. Spence enquiring him

what I had paid in by Mr. J. G. & Co 100 N. P. = 101. 11. 7 -

+ with D. Munn - Mrs. Harrington, Colbrooke, Cosington, Gray

Capt. Colbrooke, D. D. Lowing - Mr. Hunt, Mr. Kippel junior - Capt. Cox - Capt. Humphrey

- Mr. Col. enquired respecting the correction of the lunar observation, says he is constructing a map of India -



+ Sister Society - some ipse  
friction - whether proxy votes  
should be admitted in the Society  
put and negatived -  
- Proceeded to the election of Vice-  
Presidents and Committee of paper  
all the forms - recd.

<sup>th</sup>  
Friday 12 Oct. 1798

Sent an apology to Mr B -  
for my remarks &c. - recd. a  
most friendly and polite answer -

+ With Mr. Baillie -

Bromley's letter to Copley -

The cartoons are not oil paintings  
but simply drawings intended  
for as patterns for papering. There  
were 10 in all, of which seven  
are in England -



1790  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct.

- Visit from Mr. Duncan -  
- Plate to be sold - Miss's piece  
of Corning
- Visit from Capt. J. J. J. J.  
looked at many instruments
- Called on Mr. Spalding -  
was detained 2 hours by  
a very heavy rain - telescope  
+ with that built -

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct 1790

- Mr. Drummond called and left  
one of his old Journals with me  
referring me particularly to a  
lunar observation and his method  
of working it - The common method  
made - and to two or three sketches  
of the appearance of land at the Cape
- Dinner called - ordered him two G. M.
- Visit from Dr. Hunter - Latin  
letter -
- + with Mr. Baillie -
- The book grown and every  
object in the picture should  
harmonize with the principal  
figure in colour &c -



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup> 1790.

Visit from Capt<sup>r</sup> Janet - looked  
at many things - purchased no-  
thing -

- Mr. Macdonald called - bought Gargath  
Gargathes - invited to dinner on  
Wednesday next -

+ with Mr. Marryton -

Party of Six

J. F. said that if he had under-  
stood that the office of Vice President  
had been to be only an act he  
would not have accepted it!! -

1790  
Tuesday 16 Oct<sup>r</sup>

wrote to Mr. Harris respecting  
Murray's debt to me -

- Mr. Colbrooke returned the  
respective telescope -

+ with Mr. Fairbairn &  
Gargath Est. - Fitzgibbon taken  
wounded in the scuffle -

- Sir E. Crosby Bart. convicted  
of high treason and executed

- A battle between the Royal  
and Rebel army -

- Emperor of Russia's procla-  
mation declares his intention  
of supporting the commerce  
of his subjects both by sea  
and land - fitting out 22  
ships of the line -



Calcutta  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 1790  
An order for books from Mr.  
Pearson - to Mr. Spalding -  
visit to Beaumont - called on  
Thomson about the clock case -  
Returned to Mr. B. - Discovered  
a silly performance -  
+ with Mr. Macdonald -

Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Otto Klemm  
two other Gent<sup>l</sup>

- called at Mr. B. - in  
the evening - found Mess<sup>rs</sup>  
A - and F. -

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Oct<sup>r</sup> 1790  
Wrote to Cap<sup>t</sup>. Colchook enclosed  
my formulae for the longitude  
fixed up - also the <sup>new</sup> record in  
of 22 lunar sights taken at  
the N. Observatory - Mr. C.  
in his answer observes that several  
places had been settled by Rubin  
Barrow, and no doubt with suffi-  
cient accuracy - that lat. by Col.  
Pearce and Bondersby by the Gend<sup>l</sup>  
he considered as sufficiently accu-  
rate -  
+ with Mr. Thibault - Mr. B. +  
talks much of the great success  
of the weather business -  
- Mr. Dennis in the evening



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1790

Have let part of my house  
to Mr. Watling, he to pay half the  
rent —

+ with Mr. Abbot — Capt. Hammond

— Composition of spirit glass —

— It is alledged that Gold cannot be  
burned into earthen ware — This  
was said to be owing to its being  
impossible to calcine Gold —

+ query in what state is a metal  
when it enters as a colouring

+ Story of Dnyu Ma's refusing to  
leave the Rajah's house — March  
Down — after the Prisoner had been  
fed some days longer, the Soldiers  
were sent and carried out with the  
quickest care —

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Put part of Mr. W., furnished  
the remainder on Monday —

— This moment have learned that  
Sturstrong is on board the <sup>East</sup> Flywell  
now in the river —

— wrote to Mr. Lambert requesting  
him for spirit of wine —  
He offers to get some drawn off must  
above proof —

+ a puff of wind springs up  
every day between eleven and  
twelve —

— composed 10 fathoms of rope  
as strong as it can be drawn, from  
the Still —

— Purchased below reflecting tele-  
scope price two £. 10 shillings —



1790  
Sunday 21 Oct

Last night a thunder storm  
with a very heavy rain from  
11 to 12 nearest part 9" —

<sup>4</sup> 0 a.m. this M<sup>o</sup> Ther 00  
Sensation cold — Cloudy wind  
northerly —

<sup>4</sup> Breakfast with Mr. Fairlie  
Mr. Ponce Gov. of Bombay is  
said to have made every enquiry  
respecting the English Fleet's having  
attacked that of the French at  
Alexandria — He thinks the  
reports deserve credit —

— A walk to the China Bazaar  
bought two straw hats 10s  
Clothes — box station — B. A. come  
round in an American ship —

Called at B-; — present of Chew  
— A letter from Harris referring  
me to Mr. Jacobi for pay. of my  
Command on the estate of Minnie  
+ with Mr. Fairlie —

Zimmerman ship, it is reported  
is actually on his way to  
Hindostan —

— The American ship mentioned  
in the last page arrived here  
yesterday from Madras —

+ It would appear from the  
present posture of affairs in  
India that some kind of plan  
has been concerted between the  
French, Zemi Shaw and Tippus  
and yet what prospect can the  
French have of marching to



India. with all their Refor-  
med, modern and, they are not  
maudlinous, nor is Buonaparte  
Alexandra —

+ An inscription, if it does not  
entirely subvert, always tends  
to strengthen a government —

+ Took in the Calcutta Courier  
which I propose to continue —

+ Capt. — of his Majesty's  
Ship. During a few  
days ago with Sir J. A. —  
The Capt. observed Lady A. —  
European maid going up stairs  
in the event. He took an  
oppo. of following her — She  
went in to her Mistress B. —  
The Capt. followed — Knew her  
on the bed and had great  
sorrow when Lady A. entered!!

Monday 22 Oct. 1790

Mr D. breakfasted with me  
— 10 a.m. Ther. — 81°

Pyg. Ad: — 27 m.

Cloudy — high wind — Easterly —

11. Thunder Storm —

12" — Very heavy rain — Claps  
of thunder much varied — Rolling  
sound —

— Visit from Mr. Upjohn —

Mr. C-x is going to Europe

— Rev. a member of Mr. Franklin  
room —

— The wall shades put up in  
the Hall — 8 x 10 number

— I expect Mr. D. Mr. W. —  
this evening —



+ with W. B. Smith - after  
Dinner W. T. called

# A young Gent: observed  
Mr. Colbrooke labouring with  
his buggy horse, observed  
the W. C. - might understand  
Sanskrit and other learned  
languages, but he certainly  
knew little of <sup>Vari</sup> ~~Vagary~~ -

- Sir John Anshutt has  
signified his intention of  
ordering the court to meet at  
noon in the morning - Mr. B.  
did every thing in his power  
to persuade the Chief Justice  
that it was too early an hour!  
Sir John it is said persisted  
- Mr. B. seldom gets out of bed before  
9 or sometime 10 o'clock - Cards!!

- A Mr. is said to have  
abolished the circuit courts  
and thereby saved to the company  
£5000 -

- Mr. A. is said to be vi-  
olent and frivolous - not like  
- certainly not by those whom  
he has deposed of his place -  
- It is alleged that should  
a war with any of the Malan  
powers take place, he would  
find it difficult to borrow  
money -

- A new court house it is said,  
is also to be built -  
- There would it not have  
been more consistent with  
that economy which the  
Court of Directors ~~observed~~ <sup>recommended</sup> in  
all the dispatches to His



Government, to postpone their  
expensive buildings till the  
Treasury gets a little easier  
than at present.

Monday 23 Oct. 1798

M<sup>r</sup>. W. and Mrs. Furness  
bought 15 lbs of Sugar Candy  
- Visit from M<sup>r</sup>. H. & Cap  
E -  
Engaged to dine with M<sup>r</sup>. H.  
to morrow

+ It is reported that certain in-  
formation is arrived of the Destruction  
of the French Fleet at Alexandria  
by the English and Venetian  
Fleet - It is said L<sup>d</sup>. Mornay  
sent notice to Banks half an  
hour ago -

+ Among the Deaths in this  
Days paper is that of D<sup>r</sup>. Hugh  
Gibbon, Physician General to  
Lord M. Embassy to China  
and Ch<sup>g</sup>. General to his Majesty's



Army at the Cape!!—  
+ with M. Th—1 —  
— Gazette Extraordinary  
mentioning two different  
letters received at Bombay  
confirming the account of  
the Destruction of the French  
Fleet at Mersaouren —  
Doubt seems doubtful as  
the intelligence — It seems  
however, at least, extremely  
probable — If true we must  
have accounts over land by  
Bassorah very soon —  
Suppose the news should  
prove true, what will be the  
consequence? I think the French  
army must either attempt its  
passage to Jeddah, or withdraw

along the coasts of the Med.  
In either case the Difficulties  
seem insuperable — It is  
probable that the plague may  
be introduced by the Arabs into  
the French Army, with a  
climate new to Europeans  
would soon destroy the invading  
Army, what have the Egyptians  
done to merit this treatment  
from the French? That  
haughty Republick approach  
to its termination — —  
A Russian fleet of 12 Ships of  
the line is said to have sailed  
from the Black sea to join  
the English fleet — It would  
it not be prudent to send some  
men of war to the Straits of Bab-el-  
mandeb and to the Gulf of Persia



There may possibly be a scheme  
of opportunity concerted between the French army  
in Egypt and the Island of Man-  
rissur, the latter to send transports  
and men of war into the red sea  
to receive and convey the French  
Army to Mangalore —

1798  
Wednesday 24 Feb

D. Wunker called about a  
compound microscope - to  
give him a description and  
the price of all the Microscop.  
in my possession, to morrow -  
- Presented my small Ruby  
ring to Mrs W-g -  
- Small Cask of rum contain  
only 41 bottles -  
+ with Mrs W-g - (Cap.  
Howard - Elmore and two  
other Gentlemen -  
- A fine exhibition of Lows  
& Life above Stairs -



1790  
Thursday 25 Oct

- Sent to Mr. Spalding

Newton's pen: 16

Sawderson's Alg.<sup>a</sup> 5

Visit from Mr. G. T.H. 31

He drinks tea with us in  
the evening -

He shows the Account of the  
Luminous Chest and  
Compound Microscope -

+ both at home -  
Evening Mr. G. (see Copy)  
Elmer called - Several op-  
tical experiments -



Friday 26 Oct 1798

Sold to Mr. Russell Char-  
cop: Chirurgie and Trugel's  
essay of Ruper —

+ with Mr. Baillie — Mr.  
Taylor — Frank's birth day  
— Annals of Sir W. Jones and  
the Budgerow —

+ Most of this day contains some  
2nd articles not formerly pub-  
lished — Revolution at the Negro  
more particularly account of L,  
Edward Fitzgibbon —

+ Evening at Mr. N-y's —  
Dancing — Left the camp  
in the hour —

Saturday 27 Oct 1798

Visit to Cap<sup>n</sup> Carnegy  
and Mr. G. Tap — The latter is  
coming to learn Navigation  
— Government intends to set  
out some armed ships to  
cruise in the Red Sea against  
the French Troops now in  
Egypt —

— Visit from Mr. N-y, The  
sat up all night, writing  
letters!! —

— with Mr. Bush — Messrs  
Cammens — Taylor — King and his  
brother

+ Fog came on very suddenly  
low — guess the cause of the  
winter Fogs in Calcutta —



M. C. - Character of M.  
B. - unjust and if it were,  
true, ungenerous. —

~~Sunday~~ 28<sup>th</sup> Febr -  
Planning some additions to the  
optical chest - transparencies -  
+ with M. Baillie —  
x was engaged to dine to-  
day with Mr. Harington, but  
sent the following 'app' -

" Just as I was entering my  
" parlour to set out for you  
" Domicil, I was attacked by  
" two hungry Caldonians who  
" insisted and I think, truly, that  
" they had some 2 miles to break-  
" fast with me, adding, the words  
" Eggs, tongue &c, and other mono-  
" syllables of the like import.  
" I attempted to defend my  
" self on both by system but in  
" vain, they soon convinced me &c



Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct<sup>r</sup>, 1798

+ with Mr. Harrington -

Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Read, Bird, Foster and  
Munroe took to Surgeon Major  
of the Ship *Undersden* -

+ Mess<sup>rs</sup>. Ockon and Lieut. Oudon  
called - The latter from Bencool  
an acquaintance and seems  
to propose the same Company with  
Mr. C. Campbell - Says  
Mr. Campbell has collected a  
great many rare plants from  
the interior parts of the Island  
has been farther than any  
other European &c -

of Mr. Carnegy and Mr. Glad  
his ship in Malacca -

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, 1798

Capt. G. and Mr. Glad second  
Lapon in the *Union* &c -

Capt. Scott and Capt. Brough  
called with them - They  
brought me example -

+ with Mr. Ockon - Mess<sup>rs</sup>.  
Oudon, Baith and Sergeant -  
Mr. C. frequently refuses to obey  
the commands of the Gov. &  
Council of Bencoolon. -



Calcutta

Wednesday 31 Oct 1798

This morn<sup>g</sup> (and not yesterday as mentioned in the former page) Capt. C. and Mr. G. had Mess 2 before in the Lunars —

Robert Armstrong arrived from Madras on the Walpole + with Mr. M. John — Capt. Daves and [unclear] just from London — Capt. Cook a note of the error in the D<sup>y</sup> made —

+ Ad. Boscawen's army announcing the defeat of the French Fleet off the 20 miles from Africa by Ad. Nelson — 9 French Ships taken, the Adm: and another blown up — only two escaped —

Nov.

Thursday 1 Nov 1798

Called at Dmy's and Melville's minor still unsold — Cope's house — Saw the Brig: of the Lottery — + with Mr. Fairfax —

A report prevails that a Letter from Bucharest to the French Directory has been intercepted which contains intimations that he had met with much greater Success in Egypt than he had expected and also contains his future movements — It is said that the last Despatch by Sir H. Nelson contains Despatches to Admiral Boscawen as well as the Government —



+ Asiatic Society in the Even<sup>g</sup>  
- a model of the Persian  
burying ground -  
A circular wall feet in d<sup>th</sup>  
and feet high - a  
platform of stone sloping  
gradually to a round hole  
in the center - This plat-  
form consists of three cir-  
cular rows of niches decreasing  
in size from the exterior to  
the hole in the center, in or-  
der to accommodate bodies  
of different sizes - The niches  
are about one foot deep, all  
the three are on the same  
radius, and each has its own  
gutter of 6 or 8 inches in breadth  
to carry the fluid matter into

the earth hole, without mixing  
with the others - A little  
building, resembling a temple  
was placed in the hole of  
the center, but not such  
building is seen to be in  
any of those about Bombay  
The intention is that the  
corpse naked shall be  
deposited by the winds and other  
birds -  
+ A proclamation for im-  
bodying the Militia -  
The nation will probably  
be alarmed, and will probably  
be backward in lending money  
to Government -



2 Nov.

Friday 2 Oct<sup>r</sup> 1798  
Saw Mr. Glass his 3<sup>d</sup> Lef<sup>t</sup>  
in the Roman -  
Armstrong employed in clearing  
the apparatus -  
- called at Lane and W. L.  
look at some articles - call  
lead - on Mr. Spalding  
on French politics -  
- Squabble between Larkins  
and Gillet - respecting Lam-  
bert's new ships -  
- Militia called out it is said  
on account of the great num-  
ber of French men and other  
foreigners now residing in Cal-  
cotta -  
+ Ticket not drawn -  
10.000 Rupees to Mr. Gowar -

+ with Mr. Brown -  
Mr. Barr and Mr. Murphy  
+ I hear this morning heard  
some particular facts in the  
history of M. W. - which are  
extremely disagreeable -  
- The same account nearly was  
given by Mr. B. - I  
I must inquire into the  
matter, and act accordingly  
- Moffat's views reprobated -  
He is said to be going on with  
something similar. He had  
better stick to caricatures -  
+ The King and earrings which  
I shew'd to Mr. Spalding was  
returned by him at two of  
Mohurs - She said they cost  
her nine Shill. - where did she  
buy them? !!



1790  
NN.  
Saturday 3, Oct.

In morning - walk  
up the Durumtulla -  
- B at home - conversation  
respecting the Militia -  
Mr W - says Mr W - can give  
a very good acct. of him self -  
- I have now determined to  
teach on the terms of two  
Q. Moham of month -

H - 1	Thur -	75
0 2	Nyq. A.	20 M.
H	Thur -	70
12	Nyq. A -	7 M.
H	Thur -	01
3 1/2	Nyq. A.	11 1/2 8/4

+ with Mr. Baillie - Mr. Butler  
- Lord Mornington says in his  
proclamation respecting the Militia  
that he depends on the loyalty  
&c. of the Inhabitants, and after-  
wards, he directs and orders &c -  
There is a certain haughty debauch  
tone of expression in every publi-  
cation of this young Gov. Gen.  
+ I have begun Henry March  
on the new terms of law.  
Gold Moham of month, three  
leaves in the week -



Calcutta

<sup>th</sup> NN.

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 1790

H. Ther. ————— 74°  
Hyg. A ————— 14 Dry.

Sensation cold - wind North.

A. G. Crawford of Lisburn flogged -

discovered six pieces of Cannon  
was to be flogged on Friday  
for Gun powder - The Dr.  
broughty spirit would ill brook  
this treatment.

The plan of flogging adopted  
in Ireland has been productive  
of many important Discoveries  
arms, Gun powder &c -

H. 1 1/2 p.m. Ther. ————— 70°  
Hyg. A ————— 16 Dry

wind N. breeze -



Monday 5 Nov. 1798

3 Leps to Mr. Glop —

— with Mr. Taylor — no company  
yesterday — a Mr. C. shot him-  
self, in Sweny's billiard room —  
+ The Natives are alarmed at the  
proclamation for cutting out the  
Militia — It is reported that  
many are moving their posts  
up the country, but an order  
it is said has been issued to  
prevent them —

+ The French officers in the Niger  
Service, have all been arrested  
in consequence of the discovery  
of a correspondence with the  
Mauritius and Tippoo —  
They are coming to Bengal  
on the Bombay frigate

Tuesday 6 Nov 1798

# 9 a.m. Thu.  
Hydr. A.

74  
8 Dry

— Visit from Mr. McCullum —

He wants a man to superintend  
a coffee plantation. at

— Mr. Peron commanded 6000  
men in the Niger Service  
all natives who are now com-  
manded by 7 English Officers —

— Fortunate telling — Mr. W. — 9

# 12 Thu

Hydr. A.

77  
5½ Dry

+ with Mr. Fairlie —

Capt. Robertson of the Berwick  
Dismantled Nelson cut the French  
line at Ancho in two



1798

Wednesday 7 Oct  
attended on the Respondants  
walks at the enrolment of  
the militia - did not give in  
my name - Both Cavalry  
and Infantry - A considerable  
number offered -

+ Mr. Gaspis to Lisbon -

Henry Maubin attended

- Mr. Mbot - Capt. Ramsden

+ Monkey and Crows -

+ Cook and Kite - chickens

- Noah's ark - a Toy -

+ Eclipse of the sun to morrow  
said to be about seen in the  
morning -

- Lion monkey of Rio Janeiro -

This morning. Mr. W. - Deau  
of the ten gallon Cask of rum  
the gave two large Thompson  
specimens to the Praterians, made  
them quite happy -

+ Mr. Macnabb called in  
the evening - He supposes  
from a rough calculation  
that about 1200 names have  
been - The Praterians are con-  
necting this money and God  
will find much difficulty in  
concocting -



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 1798

This morning the Ammunition  
mustered for the Militia  
it is said about 150 -

- Sent Lieut. Audson back to  
the amt. of 10 Rapiers, which he  
said he would return by the  
barr - did not -

with Mr. Bartlett - Mr.  
Robinson -

- Mr. Crocker of Belton Manor  
was two years ago, an actor  
on the <sup>new</sup> York Stage -

- Report says that Admiral  
Nelson has captured and  
destroyed 200 transports, carrying  
troops

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 1798

went to the Parade and  
gave in my name to Capt.  
Grafton, also Ammunition -

8<sup>th</sup> a.m. Thos. ——— 75  
My G. A. ——— 70<sup>th</sup> M

+ Morning Report as usual  
moist - drizzling

+ at home - Messrs. Drummond  
and Dunlop called in the  
evening -

+ Cloudy all day - air very  
moist - drizzling rain -

+ Capt. Cannon brings on a  
case in a week or two, of  
a peculiar nature - He pro-  
cures the company for selling  
to him bad opium -



Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Morning visits - Proboscis -
- Mr. Fairlie - Exchange Coffee Room
- Report of Nations having taken to Ships of the line, and 240 transports conveying troops to reinforce Buonaparte -
- Capt. Comyn reports "Sail with the Charlotte about the middle of Jan." or with the 1<sup>st</sup> Fleet + with Mr. Fairlie -
- L. Cornwallis had but little vitriol on the Charlotte -
- Mitchell during last war, He saw that on an attack, being made on Charlotte all the Europeans would run to the Fort.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 1790

- B with Mr. M<sup>r</sup> Cullum Great content of his own raising the looms are considerably smaller but much heavier than that from Arabia -
- Determined on a Private -
- Refreshment exhibition -
- Mr. Dehne called and paid 21 Rupees for Lieut. Owen -
- The writing and speaking figures and Optical Exhibitions to be got ready as soon as possible. -
- A Gent. and lady called to see with Mr. W<sup>r</sup> -
- I. Do morrow -
- + at home -



Calcutta —

Monday 12 Nov. 1790

Fine settled morning —

8<sup>th</sup> a.m. Ther. 72°

Nyct. A. — — — 1 dry

Sensation - cold —

Begin to plan and prepare  
for the Philosophical Exhi-  
bition —

+ with Mr. Maudonah —

Mr. & Mrs. L. — + Dr. Mo

Kenning's — Mr. Colver —

Lucy — Mrs. J. —

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov 1790

9<sup>th</sup> Ther. — — — 71<sup>st</sup>  
9<sup>th</sup> Nyct. A. — — — 1 dry

Sensation cold —

+ Lounge at Dring's and Father's

Large concave mirror broken —

+ with Mr. Belli — Mess<sup>rs</sup> with

Logan read Spalding and the

young'rs — Poetic

+ Mr. B. read a translation of

L. Mornington's Latin poem

a better one I think than

Lord Morpeth's —

+ Report says that the military

whom is to be given up —

Natives are much alarmed.



1790

Wednesday 14 Nov.

$8\frac{1}{2}$  a.m. Ther — 70°  
 Hyg. A. — 27 Du

clear — sun<sup>r</sup> cold —

- A visit from Mr. Belli -
- an apology for dining abroad.
- Mr. Mendant - wants Bonaparte - cannot part with it.
- On the Expedition to Egypt should Bonaparte find his way to land by Judo he might properly find in that port, a sufficient number of Arab vessels to transport his army to India -
- with Mr. Wing -
- went to see the transparency at the New exchange ~~off~~
- The sun, spots &c -

Calcutta 1790

Thursday 15 Nov.

4 a.m. Ther — 71°  
 Hyg. A. — 27 Du

overclouded sky - sun<sup>r</sup> cold -

- + last night tried an experiment on the Delincator - to view to view the chart transparently. The sun and water appeared to great advantage - by the spoke object ~~at~~ quite otherwise -
- Red print for D. Smith
- + 5 p.m. Ther — 77°
- Hyg. A. — 25 Du
- + with Mr. Fairlie -
- Champagne! - Effet -
- Demourin lost his cause thro' the inattention of his council particularly Shille -



went to the new assembly  
rooms in the evening it  
was the opening ball -  
a large numerous and genteel  
company - L. Mornington  
Sir Edward Clarke and most  
of the first characters in the  
Parliament - The floor was  
ornamented with L. M. and  
the Great coat of arms with  
the Kings Arms in the Centre  
Done with Chalk - A fine  
transparency representing  
Apollo and the Muses -  
Five large pictures - A canopy  
over L. M. Chair - The Room  
very splendid - The supper-  
table most elegant - I am  
The other Gods - Sea Kings, Elephants  
Geese well served -

th  
Friday 16 Nov - 1790  
H. M. P. 70-  
D. M. P. 29+ M.  
Myself - A -  
Clear - Sun. Cold -  
Mr. Glap and Mary Baker  
+ with M. Beattie -  
- Very thick fog - affects the  
eyes and Lips. - small Dis-  
agreeable -



1790  
Saturday 17 Nov

$4\frac{1}{2}$  a.m. Thur —  $71^{\circ}$   
 $9\frac{1}{2}$  Hyg. Ar —  $24\frac{1}{2}$  Dry

Cloudy sky —

Visit from Mr Spalding —

News — Genl. Darnal arrived at  
Bombay confirms the account  
of the victory gained by Ad:  
Nelson — It is also reported  
that the French had retreated  
to Alexandria, that the town  
other accounts say the hospital  
had been burnt —

Mr Spalding called & delivered  
to him Euler and Golden Comets  
of Ships & 5 Peppers  
+ with Mr. Fairlie —

Sunday  
~~Saturday~~ 18 Nov 90

8 a.m. Thur —  $71$   
Hyg. Ar —  $25$  Dry

Senaction cold — sky unclouded  
Planning —

+ At home —  
Mr. W. has finished the ad-  
vertisement — on request piece  
of writing — called on Mr B. —  
after dinner — Mr Hamilton  
has just received a very large  
collection of valuable drawings  
Dr. W. Hamilton's Strucan  
Vases &c — Dr. M. has consulted  
Mr. B. — to know whether or no he  
can legally shut up the road  
leading from Cornhill through St.  
to Chancery Lane & about — The birds  
begin to sing in the night  
— piece of ground from the Dolphin



1790

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov

Repaid to the Parade -

They found a number of men  
half drawn up; the Col. and  
adjutant busy in endeavouring  
to collect the names of those of  
who had subscribed on the first  
day of enrolment, but so much  
was the want of system, and so  
little progress did they make that  
they could not finish the letter  
A and B in one hour and a  
half - he was accordingly  
dismissed with orders to meet  
again to morrow morning at  
day break - Militia is best  
commanded by military officers  
- The encroachment on the isle  
is contrary to every principle of at-  
tack and defence - The houses are  
too near the fort ahead: The cannon

of the transports can at a very  
small elevation throw balls into  
the middle of the town - Mr  
L. seems to be ~~to~~, he is said  
to be somewhat less spirited

- Mr. Wayat's estimate for building  
the Government out house is said to  
be  $2\frac{1}{2}$ , Mr. Tench's  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Lacs of Rupees  
I think from the specimen the latter  
must have already read of his L,  
the latter seems is likely to be  
near the mark than the former  
- These seem much whimsicality and  
fickleness in his character  
+ at home -

Looked over W. in search for  
a changeable picture, none sui-  
table -  
- Mr. J. called in the evening  
to take a Lunar Observation  
Mess. Drummond and Butler -  
+ Lunar Observations



+ L<sup>d</sup> M. has been so much  
disturbed by the Paris Dogs  
along the Road opposite to his  
new house, that he has consulted  
M. B. whether he may not  
stop the road to Chand Paul  
Ghaut!!

- The first night L<sup>d</sup> M. (I  
suppose) at Mr. F. n.'s house  
which L<sup>d</sup> M. had taken, he  
was so much disturbed by  
Jackals, that he returned to town  
in the middle of the night!!

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1790  
# a. m. Ther. ————— 72°  
Hyg. Ad. ————— 25°  
+ with M. Drummond —————  
Capt. Bay and Brough —————



Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 1790

Visit from Mr. Butler —

+ with Mr. B. —

All transparent colours for  
painting on Glass must be  
wrought up with Varnish —  
— Shall see Varnish answers  
very well —

+ This evening a Gent. in the  
habit of a Clergyman called  
with a letter to Robt. Stranahan  
After several attempts at length  
succeeded in discovering that he  
is on the Mission establish-  
ment!! a forlorn hope —

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov 1790

+ with Mr. Dally

Mr. Richmond thinks the  
Nelson's Victory no great  
matter to boast of, the French  
have still a large fleet at  
Toton — he has had no ef-  
fect intelligence of the engage-  
ment!! — On mentioning the  
American Ambassadors, he  
said the correspondence was  
all a forgery — On its being  
mentioned that a French  
Captain of an Armed Ship  
flogged an American Capt.  
and cut a hole in his  
housen to get at his portman  
a Gent. observed that one  
Sam. Lubbock should have



had some some fellow feeling  
for another — Mr. B. thinks  
Bonaparte never intended to  
visit India by the Red sea  
but by the way of Persia —

Friday 23 Nov. 1798  
M. M. applied to me to know  
whether the Eclipse of the moon  
would begin, this evening, before  
or after the moon rising  
He says the Astronomers are divided  
about it one party being for  
the former the other for the  
latter case. I informed that it  
was a matter of great consequence  
for him to know, as the Cer-  
emonies in the two cases were  
quite different. — gave him  
the calculation for which it  
appears that the Eclipse will  
begin about 20 minutes  
before the rising of the moon  
and that the moon will rise  
a few minutes before sun set



— At home —

Ecliptic agreeable to the Call:  
given what is the best way  
of explaining the change of  
direction of the shadow & from  
a position almost horizon-  
tal to that of a perpendicular  
and was <sup>an</sup> obtuse angle with the  
horizon? —

+ wish to Mr. Nowat an expla-  
nation of Crofus business

Saturday 24 Nov, 1790  
— A visit from Mr. John Turrill  
from Madras — Come round  
on account of his health  
news — Lady Fergushan dead  
Miss Ann married — Miss Saunders  
at 12 run away with from a  
boarding school — Mr. Cundy  
doing well in Jamaica  
Mr. Chibber in great business  
succeeded Sir Walter — Mr. Halden  
gone home — Mr. Fergushan  
governor of Banda, and also  
Mr. J. says of Ambayne — Lady  
Chis a great botanist — Mrs  
L. has two daughters young  
two governesses, English and  
Italian —



- A visit from M. Gasp - going  
on road to see the Swamp

Galley -

- Dinner with Mr. Drummond at  
the coffee house - called at  
Mr. Hennings - Uniform  
Buttons all bought up by the  
Europe Tailors -

1790  
Sunday 23 Nov

- Sent the pieces of Gasp  
to have specimens of transpa-  
rent colours put on them -  
+ with Mr. Brown - Mr. Patrick  
Mr. McCarthy - Barron Jr -  
+ removed the Ephemeris to  
1004 inclusive, the corrections  
promised in the 1003 are not  
made, and the same promise  
is contained in the preface of  
that Ephemeris and the year  
following!

- M. R. always finds in the  
1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the moon the  
longitud. and in the  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter than by the  
Chronometer -!! give the same



M. P. - present two distances of  
the moon and stars of both  
sides to that of the sun

# 1790

Monday 26 Nov

Visit to Mr. Forsyth - Mr.  
Duncan - suits -

A Chart from Mr. Tain requesting  
a catalogue to send to Madras

A Letter from Capt. Jergel  
requesting to know the prices  
of Cannon chests, air pumps  
and other articles mentioned in  
the slip of the catalogue enclosed  
in his letter - answer to morrow

- Dine - French - Co for 300th

+ 4 p. m. Ther - 75°  
Thy. - ad - 15° dry

with Mr. Nowat - Mr. Forsyth  
and three other Gent<sup>rs</sup> - It is said  
+ visit from D. Winter - It is said

that the night tides here are always  
higher than those of the day? If so  
give the cause -



Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Nov 1790  
Mr. Dwyer b. with us - after he  
introduced him to Mr. Kelly, and of  
St. Thomas at Mr. Brown -  
Looked very apprehensive and took  
in a rough way 70 Lots - of  
which 10 are books -

Coffee house - Reported Mr. Legg -  
- visit -

+ Mr. Howat informed me yesterday  
of the death of Mr. John Andrew  
of Cork -

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1790  
at 8 A.M. Put. — 60°  
Hyg. Ad — 10 M —  
2 1/2 P.M. Put. — 74  
Hyg. Ad — 0 Day

- Mr. Mackintosh called  
report but certainly unimpaired  
that Buonaparte has found  
his way to India!! -



Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov 1798

8 a.m. ~~Met~~ Log

My of. ~~at~~ 23<sup>rd</sup>

— While handling down two  
Chomest sheets, the chain  
gave way, I fell with a sheet  
of bet: head in one hand  
and tail in the other. The  
sheets were preserved, but I  
was <sup>much</sup> hurt —

+ Called this morning at  
Mr. Fidler's — A sergeant at-  
tends to teach the <sup>manual</sup> exercise —

+ with Mr. Bailli — Mr.  
Morris portrait painter —

— Sent an apology to  
the Adjutant, and a list to



M. Fanti expressing my wish  
to be of his company —  
+ M. Forsyth called in the <sup>even</sup>  
different modes composing and  
preaching sermons — reading  
repeating — Nonshews!! — water —  
+ M. F. left with me 440 Dollars  
to be sent to M. Fanti, —

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1790  
The frost I received by the fall  
yesterday prevented me from at-  
tending the parade, this morning  
The companies were formed —  
— Sent 440 Dollars bet. to M. Forsyth  
to M. F. — M. F. says he has  
enrolled me in his ~~own~~ company  
+ at home —



Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 1798

4  
9 a.m. Post. — 60  
Bygd. Ad. — 1690

Went to Mr. Demation - Cold

— Visit from Mr. John Plumb  
and Mr. More

— wrote to Mr. Brown enclosing  
a letter from Mr. Strong

Sunday 2<sup>d</sup> Dec 1798  
+ B<sup>d</sup> with Mr. G.

L. M. going to reduce the salary  
of the lower order of servants  
Willow report says that  
200 SW. to 150!! — given why  
not also the great salaries?

— Call from Mr. Howat, he ad-  
vices to add to one of the  
papers in my lottery, a few  
papers — approval of the lottery  
plan — Mr. Canfield called  
wishes to have a reading desk  
approval of the lottery — Mr.  
Angel also gave me his name  
as a subscriber to the lottery  
+ with Mr. Baillie — Mr. Taylor



+ I see - in papers  
 what is taught here -  
 - labour in the French -  
 - just and low - But not to  
 be found - no matter - It is a  
 matter - fit soon over - not with  
 her as with us Christians -  
 + The arming the Nation at  
 Bombay is thought a dangerous  
 measure, by some people here -

Caserta  
 Monday 3<sup>d</sup> Dec 1790  
 Put up the Regulator -  
 #  
 10 a.m. Ther - 60 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Hyg<sup>r</sup> A. - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Wind N. W<sup>y</sup> - Animation cold  
 #  
 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  a.m. Ther - 70 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Hyg<sup>r</sup> A. - 9 M  
 #  
 12 - Ther - 71 $\frac{1}{2}$   
 Hyg<sup>r</sup> - 9 M

+ with W. Fairlie - was water  
 mostly an Indian affair -  
 Antiquaries of some of the Cavalry  
 W. W. -

+ General Clarke sets off immediately  
 for the Coast -  
 - Suppose Buonaparte at Procha  
 might he not cross over to the  
 East coast of Arabia?