

ART. XIII.—*Bishop Nicolson's Diary (1703-4): Part II.*  
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THE first part of this diary, written by Bishop Nicolson in a volume which came to light long after the remainder of the series,<sup>1</sup> was printed in an earlier volume of our *Transactions*<sup>2</sup>; the delay in completing publication has been due in the main to a change in editorship, but in addition it has seemed desirable to add certain notes, which the present editor has been prevented by his other commitments from preparing any earlier. As it is, he is conscious that fuller annotation might have been desirable, but it seems best to print the remainder of the diary now—with such notes as can conveniently be provided—so that the whole of its contents may be available for analysis in the consolidated index to the first fifty volumes of the New Series, which Mr J. E. Spence has nobly undertaken to compile. When that work comes to be printed, it is hoped that it will include a special index to the whole series of Bishop Nicolson's diaries; meanwhile, it may be convenient to give a conspectus of the series, as printed or extracted in our *Transactions*:—

(a) CW2 i 1-51: Part I, edited by Bishop Ware.

January 1684 to July 1685 printed in full. The period July 1685 to June 1690 is only represented by occasional entries in almanacks. Extracts from the diary for the period June to December 1690. No diary was kept between January 1691 and the autumn of 1701. Extracts from the diary for the period November 1701 to March 1702. A special index to Part I is given at pp. 341-345.

(b) CW2 ii 155-230: Part II, edited by Bishop Ware.

<sup>1</sup> Cf. CW2 xxxv 80.

<sup>2</sup> CW2 xlvi 191-222; for *corrigenda* cf. Addenda Antiquaria, below (pp. 211-13).

Extracts from the volumes covering the periods May 1702 to March 1703 and July 1704 to January 1705 (the intervening period, March 1703 to July 1704, is covered by the volume reproduced in CW2 xlvi and in the present article). Special index at pp. 439-444.

(c) CW2 iii 1-58: Part III, edited by Bishop Ware.

Extracts from the volumes covering the period March 1705 to April 1707. Special index at pp. 438-445.

(d) CW2 iv 1-70: Part IV, edited by Bishop Ware.

Extracts from the periods April 1707 to March 1709 and January 1711 to March 1714; the intervening period, March 1709 to December 1710, is covered by the volume edited by R. G. Collingwood in CW2 xxxv. Reference is made to "the Journal in separate stick'd Leaves" covering the period 16 March to 6 July 1713 inclusive; this short section of the diaries has not yet come to light. Special index and some additional notes at pp. 379-386.

(e) CW2 v 1-32: Part V, edited by Bishop Ware.

Extracts from the occasional entries made by Nicolson in his almanacks during the period May 1714 to December 1725 (when he no longer kept a regular diary); it is noted that nothing is preserved for the year 1716. Special index at pp. 333-336.

(f) CW2 vi 337-340: additional notes and corrections, by Bishop Ware, to Parts I-V.

(g) CW2 xxxv 80-145: Part VI, edited by R. G. Collingwood.

March 1709 to December 1710 printed in full, "omitting only (a) entries consisting merely of 'No company' or the like; (c) records of the texts of Mr Benson's weekly sermons in the chapel at Rose in cases where Nicolson adds no comment on the sermon itself". No special index, but the general index to the volume pays careful attention to the diary.

(h) CW2 xlvi 191-222: 1703-4, Part I, edited by T. Gray.

March 1703 to April 1704 printed in full. No special index, but the diary is covered by the general index to the volume.

It will be noted that a considerable proportion of the extant diaries has not been printed in full, but only in extract, and it is not clear to what extent Bishop Ware's selection of items for printing would meet with general approval now. Many of the volumes are at present missing, as Mr Gray has pointed out,<sup>3</sup> but the full transcript of the diaries available to Bishop Ware—all, that is to say, except those now printed in full in CW2 xxxv, xlvi and the present volume—was deposited by him in the Jackson Library at Tullie House, where it is available for consultation; and it is to be hoped that in due course further attention may be devoted to the earlier portions of the diaries, in which there ought surely to be some light on Nicolson's activity in collecting materials for inclusion in Gibson's 1695 edition of Camden's *Britannia* (to which I have had occasion to refer in a recent paper in *Archæologia Aeliana*<sup>4</sup>) and on other matters of archaeological interest.

The period April to July 1704 was one of important and stirring operations abroad. Marlborough crossed to Holland on 10 April, on his way to the campaign on the Danube which was to culminate in the great victory at Blenheim on 2 August; and the beginning of May saw the opening of the first Peninsular War. The only echo of foreign affairs, however, in this portion of the diary is the reference, on 24 May, to "Ill News from Portugall": allowing for the pace of communications in those days, this must apply not to the serious reverses sustained by the Allies in the early weeks of the latter campaign, but to the fact that hostilities were expected. At home, too, the diary shows virtually no preoccupation with the affairs of contemporary politics (apart from a passing

<sup>3</sup> CW2 xlvi 191.

<sup>4</sup> AA4 xxviii 144.

reference to the long drawn-out controversy over the Occasional Conformity Bill) or with extra-diocesan matters, though attention may be drawn to the expression of thanks to Queen Anne, noted on 23 June, "for her Bounty to y<sup>e</sup> poor Clergy". But the explanation is not far to seek, for this was perhaps the busiest period of Nicolson's episcopacy, and he had quite sufficient to keep him occupied in diocesan affairs; it is wonder enough that he had leisure for the diversions of angling with Chancellor Tullie (19 June), or bird-watching at Skinburness (31 May), let alone the expedition to Blencathra on 23 June, to the importance of which Mr Gray has already drawn attention.<sup>5</sup> On Tuesday 2 May he opened his first visitation of the diocese; many of the particulars submitted to him on that occasion, by the parochial clergy and churchwardens, have been printed in the first volume of this Society's Extra Series: *Miscellany Accounts of the Diocese of Carlisle, with the Terriers delivered in to me at my primary Visitation, by William Nicolson, late Bishop of Carlisle*, edited by R. S. Ferguson and published in 1877. For many of the names mentioned in the diary, the latter volume gives useful additional particulars; it will be referred to here as E.S.i. The other main companion to a study of the diary should be Mr Lowther Bouch's *Prelates and People of the Lake Counties*, particularly pp. 289-312, which are devoted to Nicolson and his episcopate.

I have carefully checked Mr Gray's transcript with Nicolson's MS.; it has seemed best to follow Bishop Ware's example, printing personal names and place-names in roman lettering and not in italics, though they are meticulously underlined in the MS.; but all abbreviations are carefully reproduced, and Nicolson's spelling is retained throughout. In the special index which comes immediately after the diary itself, I have followed the example set by R. S. Ferguson in E.S.i, giving separate

<sup>5</sup> CW2 xlvi 192.

indexes of people, places and general matters; and, as far as people are concerned, I have endeavoured as much as possible to save on footnotes to the diary by putting identifications into the index: thus Mr Banks, mentioned in the diary on 22-24 June, is given no footnote, but is identified in the index of people as Jonathan Banks, schoolmaster of Appleby (who provided Nicolson with the additional particulars as to Appleby Grammar School, printed in E.S.i 236-237). Many of the people require deeper study than I have been able to devote to them, but I hope that one day we may see a full treatment of Bishop Nicolson's life, in which his friends and acquaintances in the diocese of Carlisle will receive due attention.

1704.

April.

5. *Wednesday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning M<sup>r</sup> P. Murthwait Instituted into y<sup>e</sup> Vicarage of Gilcrux; and had a Mandate for Induction directed *omnibus et singulis* &c., the Archdeacon being inhibited on y<sup>e</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup> of my approaching visitation. The greatest snow we had this year.
6. *Thursday*. At Dinner, Will Brewer w<sup>th</sup> three of y<sup>e</sup> Feoffees of Orton in Westmerland; who handed a petition to me, setting forth y<sup>e</sup> undue practices of a Nameless Candidate for y<sup>ir</sup> vacant Vicarage & craveing my Interposeing. Noe. I will hear y<sup>ir</sup> Objections, when the man brings his presentation. Afternoon, H. Forrest, Reader of Borrowdale, for a License. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, a Churchwarden & two more of y<sup>e</sup> Patrons of Orton; answer'd as before.
8. *Saturday*. W. Allanby, as Attourney to his Gr<sup>d</sup>Father, Tho. Troughere of Aspatrick (97 years of age) surrender'd a Tenem<sup>t</sup> in Aspatrick of 12<sup>s</sup> 10<sup>d</sup> Rent: And young Tho. Troughere, y<sup>e</sup> Grandson, was admitted Tenant; paying a fine of 25<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>. — In the Evening, my two sons came safe home (God be prais'd!) from Appleby; and eas'd me of y<sup>e</sup> concern I was under for them, y<sup>e</sup> Waters being high.
10. *Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, frō Highhead, M<sup>r</sup> Naughley; who pretended y<sup>t</sup> his son was to meet him from Crosthwt but his true Errand was to enquire after Gilcrux. Full of himself, he saies he was Laureat in Scotland at 15, and in full Orders at 19 years of age.

11. *Tuesday*. In hot weather, after g<sup>t</sup> Lightning over-night, M<sup>r</sup> R. A. settling y<sup>e</sup> Fees of Visitation. He saies 12<sup>d</sup> for y<sup>e</sup> *Institution* & 6<sup>d</sup> for other Instrum<sup>ts</sup>, is his due.
12. *Wednesday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Geddes of Wigton; petitioning for an Augmentation on y<sup>e</sup> new Act for settling y<sup>e</sup> First-fruits and Tenths,<sup>6</sup> and likewise ag<sup>t</sup> an intended Meeting-House of y<sup>e</sup> Quakers. With him, Geo. Lightfoot enquireing after J. Grainger's Commission. NB. This day was as hot as any in July; and y<sup>e</sup> Wednesday before as stormy and cold as ever January afforded. May God deliver us frō y<sup>e</sup> Calamities w<sup>ch</sup> such a suddain Change seems to threaten!
13. *Thursday*. M<sup>r</sup> Hume, at dinner, in his way to Aspatrick. He had seen y<sup>e</sup> B. of Sarum's Speech on behalf of Occasional Conformity;<sup>7</sup> and dislik'd it. I got my head shaved (the weather continueing excessive hot) by blundering Hains; & fancy'd, at least, y<sup>t</sup> I was much better for it.
14. *Good-Friday*. I preach'd in y<sup>e</sup> Chappel; and administer'd y<sup>e</sup> Sacrament to my own Family.
15. *Saturday*. M<sup>r</sup> Parker, at dinner, in his way to Lazonby; where he has not yet rec<sup>d</sup> anything of y<sup>e</sup> Incomes of his Vicarage, nor will M<sup>r</sup> Hume let him know w<sup>t</sup> they are.
16. *Easter-day*. I preach'd in the Cathedral; where we had a very throng Audience. After Dinner, I acquainted my Cousins (M. Nicolson & Gr. Skelton) with the death of their Brother at Northampton, and y<sup>e</sup> Advantages they were like to have by it. M. Nicolson saies she'l presently send her Grandson Fetherston to y<sup>e</sup> University, if her Share will maintain him there.
17. *Easter-Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning poor R. Allanson<sup>8</sup> (lately Schoolmaster at Warwick) saies his Countrey-Boys leave him now as soon as y<sup>e</sup> Summer and y<sup>ir</sup> attendance on y<sup>e</sup> Cattle and plough begins; & therefore he desires leave to teach a few pettyes at Carlile. Agreed. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Orfeur my Envoy (w<sup>th</sup> a petrify'd *Tellina* and a Letter of thanks) to S<sup>r</sup> John Lowther; M<sup>r</sup> Thompson of Plumland, in his way to London; M<sup>r</sup> Jackson of Bampton, desiring y<sup>t</sup> the Donative at Swindale may be transferr'd from a School to a Chappel; M<sup>r</sup> Perkin of Flemby, begging pardon for his Admistring y<sup>e</sup> Sacram<sup>t</sup> before Priest's Orders. In y<sup>e</sup>

<sup>6</sup> This was the Act establishing Queen Anne's Bounty; cf. G. M. Trevelyan, *England under Queen Anne* 1, 47.

<sup>7</sup> Cf. Trevelyan, *op. cit.*, 277 f. and 330: Bishop Burnet, the historian, was a leading opponent of the Occasional Conformity Bill, and a supporter of tolerance for Dissenters.

<sup>8</sup> Robert Allanson's earlier history is referred to in E.S.i, 51, under date 30 July, 1703.

- Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Miller brought his son Richmond to visit my two sons; who were gone (w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>r</sup> Uncle & Aunt) to Torpenhow. NB. M<sup>r</sup> M. one of y<sup>e</sup> first Discoverers of the Oister-Bank at Whitehaven.
18. *Easter-Tuesday.* In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Trant; returning, from Beaumont, to Lowther. He saies, no Certificate of Orders can be procur'd by M<sup>r</sup> Moor; who (at Dinner) acknowledg'd y<sup>e</sup> same, & saies M<sup>r</sup> Trant's allowance (at y<sup>e</sup> Rate of 4<sup>li</sup>. per Añ) will not encourage a man to prove himself to be in Orders. At dinner, came M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>or</sup> frō Lancashire; after a Report of his being Dead. M<sup>r</sup> R. Thomlinson petitions to be my Bayliff.
19. *Wednesday.* I took a purge of Manna & Salts. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Walker with his wife and (my new Bayliff) his Son. Also M<sup>r</sup> Naughley; with his Son (Mars Andrew) Schoolmaster of Crosthw<sup>t</sup> who has learning enough for his present preferm<sup>t</sup> and Ambition enough for much greater.
20. *Thursday.* In ye morning (after y<sup>e</sup> Dispatch of my post-Letters) M<sup>r</sup> Wells, complaining of M<sup>r</sup> Blencow's being like to throw his Aunt upon y<sup>e</sup> parish; M<sup>r</sup> Ireland, in y<sup>e</sup> like sorrow on his not hearing from M<sup>r</sup> Lee; and M<sup>r</sup> Parker, out of Hum<sup>r</sup> on M<sup>r</sup> Hume's takeing more prescriptions than his Share & Martinmas-Book. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Hume, averring his Justice; M<sup>r</sup> Langstaff disappointed by M<sup>r</sup> G. Lowther<sup>9</sup> and young M<sup>r</sup> Bird (of Brough) invited to Penrith. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Gibbon frō Greystock; and Sis. Spooner frō Carlile w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Sill, on foot.
21. *Friday.* Early in y<sup>e</sup> morning I had a severe Fit of the Gravel in y<sup>e</sup> Kidneys. As soon as that was abated, & my Vomiting over, I was blooded by (y<sup>e</sup> Apothecary) M<sup>r</sup> Railton; who found my blood in a great Heat & Ferm<sup>t</sup> upon my fores<sup>d</sup> struggle w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Gravel. A little before morning-prayer, came John Fell (of Stockdale) to take Orders for a new Bible & Common-prayer-Book at Ulndale. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Gibbon, M<sup>rs</sup> Sill and her Son, Sis. Spooner and her Daughter, &c. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, I had seven of y<sup>e</sup> Feoffees of Orton ready to present M<sup>r</sup> Nelson; but wanting a 4<sup>li</sup>. Stamp, went presently to Carlile. Whilst the Family were at prayers in y<sup>e</sup> Chapple, I voided two small stones. NB. The Orton-men show'd me y<sup>e</sup> Deed of Covenants 'twixt y<sup>m</sup> and y<sup>e</sup> parishioners; whereby they are oblig'd

<sup>9</sup> For Gerard Lowther, the somewhat shady rector of Bowness on Solway, cf. CW2 xliiii 121-124.

(within 3 months after y<sup>e</sup> death of y<sup>e</sup> former Incumbent) to present a new Clerk: And such as y<sup>e</sup> Majority of the parishioners shall nominate. They also show'd me in y<sup>1r</sup> late poll-Bill; whereby it appear'd y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nelson had 114 Voices; M<sup>r</sup> Dalton, 59 and M<sup>r</sup> Rog. Fleming, 4.

22. *Saturday*. M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, and his seven patrons, brought a 4<sup>th</sup>. Stamp; whereon the presentation being written and sign'd, I sent the following Order by y<sup>e</sup> Vicar Elect:

"To y<sup>e</sup> Churchwardens and other Sequestrators of y<sup>e</sup> Vicarage of Orton, Or Overton, in y<sup>e</sup> County of Westmerland & Diocese of Carl. Whereas John Bowness, Richard Beetham, John Unthank, George Bindloss, Michael Wharton, Thomas Farrer and James Thompson (calling y<sup>m</sup>selves the Major part of y<sup>e</sup> Feoffees for presenting to y<sup>e</sup> now Vacant Church and Vicarge (*sic*) of Orton, or Overton, afores<sup>d</sup> have presented unto Us one Thomas Nelson Clerk; Wee do hereby strictly will and Require you and every of you take care that the Curate, officiating at your said Church of Orton on Sunday next, do (immediately after y<sup>e</sup> Nicene Creed) publish this o<sup>r</sup> notice of y<sup>e</sup> said presentation to y<sup>e</sup> Congregation then Assembled: To y<sup>e</sup> End, That, if any lawful Objection can be made against our InSTITUTEING of y<sup>e</sup> said Thomas Nelson, the Objectors may be heard at Our Approaching Visitation at Appleby on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> Eleventh day of May next. Given at Rose-Castle, Apr. 22. 1704. W. Carliol."

*Memorand.* The Names of John Wilson and Rob<sup>t</sup> Scaife (two more of y<sup>e</sup> Feoffees) were added by y<sup>e</sup> other Seven, who had leave to do it: and y<sup>1r</sup> names were also interlin'd in y<sup>s</sup> Order. At Dinner, D<sup>r</sup> Todd & M<sup>r</sup> Gibbon; my Sister (w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>rs</sup> Sill, &c.) dineing at my brothers. I acquainted w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> two doleful L<sup>rs</sup> I had frō his brother Tom; and he promises fair. The Clerk of Cumwhitton order'd half a year's Salary for Schoolm<sup>r</sup>.

23. *Sunday*. At Dinner, M<sup>rs</sup> Sill and her Son w<sup>th</sup> Sis. Spooner, all frō my brother's. Still sore and terrify'd with y<sup>e</sup> voiding of my two Stones on Friday.
24. *Munday*. I sent off several Dispatches for Edinburgh; & my two Sons back to Appleby. At Dinner, D<sup>r</sup> Law (whose Errand was chiefly to Dalston, to protest ag<sup>t</sup> his serv<sup>t</sup>'s being an Overseer of y<sup>e</sup> poor in Cumdivoc) and M<sup>r</sup> Bird of Wetheral; who had no Stomach to build a House for himself & Successors. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, I fetch'd home M<sup>r</sup> Christian from y<sup>e</sup> Court at Dalston; and acquainted R. Thomlinson & R. Nixon w<sup>th</sup> Ald. Ja. Nicolson's Letter.



## April.

25. *Tuesday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, I rode out (on a visit) to Crofton; and found y<sup>e</sup> Lady in Labour. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, Tho. Gilbank (of Ruthwait in y<sup>e</sup> p. of Ireby) show'd me a Summons to y<sup>e</sup> Sessions frō his wife for separate (*sic*) Mainten<sup>ce</sup>.
26. 27. *Wednesday & Thursday*. At the Sessions at Carlile; where, w<sup>th</sup> great Struggle, M<sup>r</sup> Aglionby was prevail'd with to agree to our Suspending y<sup>e</sup> Order ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> purvey till Michaelmas-Sessions. At M<sup>r</sup> Eglesfield's takeing of ye Test, I explain'd y<sup>e</sup> meaning of Communion; and had a very Satisfactory Ans<sup>r</sup> from him. NB. I promis'd S<sup>r</sup> W. L. my Countenanceing of his own (Single) pretensions to K<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Shire.
29. *Saturday*. After Dinner, Th. Jefferson (of y<sup>e</sup> Holme) oppos'd in y<sup>e</sup> Clerk's place; M<sup>r</sup> Stedman, shewing y<sup>e</sup> Roguery of L. Fisher; and y<sup>e</sup> Constables of Hutton, carrying Henderson (y<sup>e</sup> Adulterer) to Jayl.

## May.

1. *Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Morning, M<sup>r</sup> Parker and his Parishioners of Lazonby (H. Bell, I. Bell, Ph. Walker, John Relf & W. Stalker) complaining of M<sup>r</sup> Hume's takeing up Easter-Dues. I will hear both together. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Seed and M<sup>r</sup> Wearing, opposing (on behalf of M<sup>r</sup> Dalton) the Remonstrance of y<sup>e</sup> Parishioners of Orton in Westm. in favour of M<sup>r</sup> Nelson; M<sup>r</sup> Dickinson, loath to present M<sup>r</sup> Dacre for Fornication; and M<sup>r</sup> Sommers, of Mardale, complaining of y<sup>e</sup> loss of y<sup>e</sup> Chapple-Stock. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, W. Brewer; with a Schedule of M<sup>r</sup> Nelson's Irregularities; and a Letter from M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Dalston to y<sup>e</sup> same purpose. NB. M<sup>r</sup> Holme, in his Letter by M<sup>r</sup> Seed, writes to y<sup>e</sup> same effect. — In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, two sons of y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup> of Marchiston call'd on me (w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>l</sup>r Tutour M<sup>r</sup> Forbes) in their way to y<sup>e</sup> Bath; and brought me a kind Letter from y<sup>l</sup>r Uncle, S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Sibbald.
2. *Tuesday*. My first opening of my Visitation (*cum Deo*) at Carlile.<sup>10</sup> The Clergy loose in exhibiting their Instruments. NB. A hint given me to enquire after 100<sup>l</sup>. left to the parish of Arthuret, by M<sup>r</sup> Reynald Graham of Nunnington; & deposited in the Rector's hand. M<sup>r</sup> G. Fleming preach'd on 1 Thes. 5, 12 and 13 ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Dignity and Duties of the Clerical Function. Very well.

<sup>10</sup> For the terriers presented by the clergy and churchwardens, in the course of this visitation, cf. E.S.i, 159 f.

3. *Wednesday*. Visitation at Wigton; where y<sup>e</sup> best appearance y<sup>t</sup> I ever saw. My brother<sup>11</sup> Nevinson preach'd (a very neat and eloquent Sermon) on y<sup>e</sup> Dangers of Separation (*sic*), from Joh. 17, 20 & p<sup>t</sup> of 21. The men of Crosthwait say They have a Decree for y<sup>1r</sup> being sworn at home; and (in it) the very Form of y<sup>e</sup> Oath they are to take. The Curate of Flimby brought me y<sup>e</sup> two following Inscriptions taken frō two Stones lately thrown up in y<sup>e</sup> Demesn at Nether-Hall.<sup>12</sup>

1.  
I:O:L:M:CAMM:I  
VS.MAX:T.  
PREFE GH:  
THIS:EO:  
V:S:L:M:

2.  
MAD:TVLITAG:  
COH.T.BAETAS:  
ORVM:C.  
PRAEEST:  
VS.TVTOR.  
PECTVS:  
V.S.L:L.M:

4. *Thursday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston; offering to be at two parts of y<sup>e</sup> Charge, in repairing y<sup>e</sup> Quire at Kirkoswald, and desiring that M<sup>r</sup> Geo. Towry might be obliged to y<sup>e</sup> other third.
5. *Friday*. After Dinner, w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fleming & M<sup>r</sup> Benson (M<sup>r</sup> Wybergh joyning us) to the Mines on Caldbeck-Fells.<sup>13</sup> Sparr, Ore, &c.
6. *Saturday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Hume; resolv'd to take all Advantages ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Parker, for making a groundless Complaint. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, I rid out (a little above Thistlewood) by Reabanks; w<sup>ch</sup> gives Sirname to several Families

<sup>11</sup> Or rather, brother-in-law: he had married Nicolson's sister Grace.

<sup>12</sup> The curate of Flimby is no doubt the Mr Perkin of the entry under date 17 April. The inscriptions are CIL vii 385 (= *Lapidarium Septentrionale* 851, missing for the past century and more) and 390 (= *Lap. Sep.* 869, still at Netherhall); hitherto the earliest known record of both stones was in Gordon's *Itinerarium Septentrionale*, 1726, p. 99. The readings here given are better than Gordon's: cf. my note in *Addenda Antiquaria*, p. 205.

<sup>13</sup> *Place-Names of Cumberland*, 1950, ii 276, gives no earlier authority for this place-name than Nicolson & Burn, 1777.

of Yeomanry in this County, and w<sup>ch</sup> I thought to have borrow'd its first Syllable frō y<sup>e</sup> Rea or Roe-Buck: But I now believe it to come from y<sup>e</sup> Rivulet Raw, or Raugh, on w<sup>ch</sup> y<sup>e</sup> House stands.

7. *Sunday*. I preach'd in y<sup>e</sup> Chapple. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, Jos. Jackson brought me y<sup>e</sup> Surprizeing Acc<sup>t</sup> of his being turn'd out of the H. Constablewick by M<sup>r</sup> Rec<sup>r</sup> Aglionby; who, contrary to his promise to me, has preferr'd his own Farmer Stalker; after I left y<sup>e</sup> Sessions. *Be not provok'd!*
8. *Munday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Walker, M<sup>r</sup> Kanier, M<sup>r</sup> Wilson (y<sup>e</sup> Excise-Officer) and M<sup>r</sup> Alex<sup>r</sup> Naughley; who had a License for the School at Crosthwait.
10. *Wednesday*. Early to y<sup>e</sup> Visitation at Penrith; where D<sup>r</sup> Todd preach'd on 1 Cor. 14, 26 — y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Romanists, nor Seperatists, *did nothing to edifying*. At night, by M<sup>r</sup> Wickins's, to Appleby.
11. *Thursday*. M<sup>r</sup> Holme preach'd on 1 Tim. 5, 17. Visitation at Appleby; where y<sup>e</sup> throngest work in Examineing Evidence ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Nelson, presented to Orton. His Accusers brought witnesses y<sup>t</sup> highly justify'd him: whereupon I gave him Institution, with consent of all y<sup>e</sup> Clergy. I was kindly treated by M<sup>r</sup> Mayor (M<sup>r</sup> Atkinson) & y<sup>e</sup> Corporation, at y<sup>e</sup> public Expence.
12. *Friday*. I dined at Lowther; my Lady comeing purposely home frō Drumbugh: And, after Dinner, my Lord L. & S<sup>r</sup> Wm. Lowther went with me, to pay a visit at Askham. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, home by the way of Skelton; and frighted with y<sup>e</sup> Soot-burning of y<sup>e</sup> Kitchin-Chimney.
14. *Sunday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening came Jos. Jackson to me again; w<sup>th</sup> a Surmize y<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> High Constable's place was not yet so dispos'd on as W. Rook had given out: But, my Letter frō him yesterday not contradicting his first story, I doubt it.
15. *Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning Early, my two Eldest Daughters went to pay a visit at Kirk-Andrews upon Esk; designing to stay there some dayes. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, Cous. Brisco came to give me notice of his Reference (at Hawkesdale) y<sup>e</sup> next day.
16. *Tuesday*. S<sup>r</sup> W. Lawson, S<sup>r</sup> R. Musgrave, S<sup>r</sup> W. Lowther and I, Arbitrators betwixt M<sup>r</sup> Brisco and y<sup>e</sup> Tenants of Thursby. After a long Examination of Deeds and Witnesses, S<sup>r</sup> W. Lawson and S<sup>r</sup> Wm. Lowther (with M<sup>r</sup> Cockhill, &c.) came with me to lodge at Rose. At Supper, I was taken w<sup>th</sup> a short Fit of y<sup>e</sup> Gravel; w<sup>ch</sup> I voided before I went to Bed.

17. *Wednesday*. A Draught of an Award being agreed to by S<sup>r</sup> W. Lawson, S<sup>r</sup> Wm. Lowther & my Self, S<sup>r</sup> R. Musgrave and his son<sup>14</sup> Briscoe came to us before Dinner: And y<sup>e</sup> former seem'd to concurr; but M<sup>r</sup> Br. dissenting, all came to nothing. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Proctor mov'd several things in relation to y<sup>e</sup> presentm<sup>ts</sup> at Broomfield; w<sup>ch</sup> were assented to. Item, y<sup>e</sup> Men of Raegill appear'd (in Evidence) ag<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Bland<sup>15</sup>; who came drunk to defend himself.
18. *Thursday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, I sent 20<sup>11</sup>. to my Cousin's at Linstock; in pursuance of Orders, to y<sup>e</sup> purpose, frō my brother Jos. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Sandford of Askham, M<sup>r</sup> Latus and M<sup>r</sup> Jefferson frō Cockermouth. M<sup>r</sup> S. tells me that he kept a Mountain-Thrush (near twice y<sup>e</sup> bigness of a common one) for about three years; which sung much louder, tho' not as sweet, as those of y<sup>e</sup> woods. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Miller and's wife; complaining of high Assessm<sup>ts</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> poor of this parish. Muscovy-Ducks promis'd.
19. *Friday*. At Dinner, B<sup>r</sup>. and Sister Nevinson. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, at my brother's, came Mr Gilpin; whose main Errand was to sollicite a Commutation for one Moor of K. Bampton, tho' he also mov'd (frō S<sup>r</sup> J. L.) that I'd assist in getting an open passage for Irish Wool at Whitehaven.
20. *Saturday*. After Dinner, my B<sup>r</sup> and Sister Nevinson return'd home. All my Letters charg'd; y<sup>e</sup> forty dayes, since y<sup>e</sup> Prorogation of Parliam<sup>t</sup>, being out.
21. *Sunday*. M<sup>r</sup> Jefferson (who is in expectance of haveing Cockermouth to himself) preach'd in the Chapple on Ps. 119, 165. *Great peace* &c. well enough for a Deacon. His sister Holme with us, at prayers and Dinner.
22. *Munday*. M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> &'s wife (with M<sup>r</sup> Walker) at Dinner; and in y<sup>ir</sup> Return, at my B<sup>r</sup>'s. M<sup>r</sup> Ch. desir'd (by M<sup>r</sup> Rook) to request my making y<sup>e</sup> first Step towards peace with y<sup>e</sup> Rec<sup>r</sup>. No.
23. *Tuesday*. M<sup>r</sup> R. Agl. at Dinner, goeing (w<sup>th</sup> L<sup>rs</sup> of Attourney, &c.) to Northampton; to sollicite for young Gr. Skelton and M<sup>r</sup> Hodgson. He brought a piece of Gold of Ja. 6. of Scotland, frō S. Clark; w<sup>ch</sup>, being y<sup>e</sup> same w<sup>th</sup> one I had (fairer) already, was return'd.
24. *Wednesday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, after my Diet-Drink, I rid out to Wrey-Chapple; examin'd y<sup>e</sup> Lads, and return'd to

<sup>14</sup> For John Brisco of Crofton, Sir R. Musgrave's son-in-law and Bishop Nicolson's cousin, cf. CW2 ii 173.

<sup>15</sup> Cf. CW2 ii 201, under date 4 August 1704: "Mr Bland, turned off at Reegill and every where else." Further light on the story is still to seek.

prayers at 11. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, my B<sup>r</sup> accounted for Fees at Visitation; Which (deducting Expences in Bills & my private pocket-Charges) hardly amounted to 10<sup>li</sup>. Clear. Many of y<sup>e</sup> Clergy are in Arrear for y<sup>l</sup>r procurations. Ill News frō Portugall.<sup>16</sup> •

25. *Ascention-Day.* M<sup>r</sup> Halton of Derbyshire, M<sup>r</sup> Ireland and M<sup>r</sup> Jefferson (y<sup>e</sup> Attourney) at Dinner; consulting about y<sup>e</sup> Arrears of Blencow-Sch. All y<sup>e</sup> Lands in Northamptonshire, worth (at this day) ab<sup>t</sup> 40<sup>li</sup>. p<sup>r</sup> Añ, w<sup>th</sup> 300<sup>li</sup>. in money, were given by Tho. Bourbank Schoolm<sup>r</sup> at Barford in y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> County of Northampt. (but born at Blencow) in y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> of Qu. Eliz. 50<sup>li</sup>. of y<sup>e</sup> money is quite lost; and upwards of 50 more was taken by y<sup>e</sup> Feoffees to build y<sup>e</sup> School-House, dureing y<sup>e</sup> Founder's Life and by his Consent. Some of y<sup>e</sup> Lands in Northamptonsh. (at Paul's-Pury) are lost.
27. *Saturday.* My two Boyes came home frō Appleby, in Appearance Very well; but (the weather being excessively hot, & y<sup>l</sup>r having been treated w<sup>th</sup> wine &c. at Penrith, & rideing hard afterwards) they were both very sick in y<sup>e</sup> night. Jack especially was so ill y<sup>t</sup> I much fear'd him.
28. *Sunday.* I preach'd in y<sup>e</sup> Chapple, and read prayers; M<sup>r</sup> Benson being gone to serve y<sup>e</sup> cure at Plumland, in absence of M<sup>r</sup> Thompson. At Dinner, my B<sup>r</sup> and Sister w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Ph. Whitehead. The two Lads bravely well again.
29. *Munday.* This being y<sup>e</sup> Restoration-Day, M<sup>r</sup> B. had promis'd to be ready to officiate at prayers; — but fail'd me, and forced me to do it my self.
30. *Tuesday.* After Dinner, I carry'd my two Sons to repay a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Hen. Richmond at High-Head. We jump'd w<sup>th</sup> Captain Gleddale & his Bride (y<sup>e</sup> Capt. designing to begin his March, for Salisbury, on Thursday) M<sup>rs</sup> Sill & her son &c. In our Return I found the *pectunculites*, in a Free-stone Quarry, finer & fuller than in y<sup>t</sup> near Haltwissel.
31. *Wednesday.* W<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Fl. M<sup>r</sup> Benson my two Sons, &c. viewing the Sea-Banks at Skinburghness; w<sup>ch</sup> did<sup>n</sup>t answer expectation, being onely Shutters ag<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Tide's coming up certain Creeks & overflowing the plow'd Grounds & pastures. John Hutherd of Skinburghness (y<sup>e</sup> only Churchman) show'd us how high y<sup>e</sup> Sea had flow'd in 1638. w<sup>a</sup> y<sup>l</sup>r Goos-pies were carry'd off y<sup>l</sup>r beds, Iron-pots swam about y<sup>e</sup> Houses, &c. M<sup>r</sup> Perkins (an ingenious man, pretender to physick, Traveller & Sojourner) shew'd us y<sup>e</sup> Nests of y<sup>e</sup>

<sup>16</sup> For the situation in Portugal cf. Trevelyan, *op. cit.*, 402 f.

Sheldrake & Graffin in y<sup>e</sup> Rabbit-Holes on the Banks; and promis'd to procure me some Eggs. The Ruins of St. John's Chappel are yet to be seen in y<sup>e</sup> Grune or Groine, a little East frō y<sup>e</sup> Town. In o<sup>r</sup> Return we call'd at M<sup>r</sup> Geddes's<sup>17</sup>; where, in y<sup>e</sup> Garden, an Effigies of a Naked man or woman standing Cross-legg'd & holding somewt like a Book to its mouth.

June.

1. *Thursday*. M<sup>r</sup> Holme (of Westward) brought his eldest son, of five, a Scholar of St. Beghe's; wishing for a School for him. I rather advis'd y<sup>e</sup> putting him to a Writeing-Master, to qualify him for a Clerk.
3. *Saturday*. The Anniversary of my Birth, Marriage and Confirmation into y<sup>e</sup> Bishoprick of Carlile; complateing my 49<sup>th</sup> year since y<sup>e</sup> first, my 18<sup>th</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Second, and 2<sup>d</sup> of the Third. In the Afternoon, came M<sup>r</sup> Laign (a Scotchman, Nephew to y<sup>e</sup> late Min<sup>r</sup> of Canonby on y<sup>e</sup> Borders of y<sup>t</sup> name) applying for priest's Orders. He was ordain'd Deacon, two years ago, by y<sup>e</sup> AB. of Glasgow; But, bringing neither Title nor Testimonial, I could not admit him; notwithstanding the good Credentials he shew'd in relation to his former Ordination.
4. *Whitsunday*. My brother and Sister at Sacrament and Dinner. A good prospect of a mild & warm Rain; but, the wind turning suddainly North, we had only surprizingly cold blasts.
5. *W. Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Rumney, w<sup>th</sup> enquiries after his Son at Queen's, petition for Wood for Seats in y<sup>e</sup> Church at Renwick, & an Acc<sup>t</sup> of M<sup>r</sup> Towry's being freed from y<sup>e</sup> charge of y<sup>e</sup> Chancel at Kirk-Oswald by Contract w<sup>th</sup> old M<sup>r</sup> Fetherston. — M<sup>r</sup> Wells and his parishioners of Heskett, about y<sup>e</sup> Disposeal of the Church-Stocks w<sup>ch</sup> was order'd to be given (as heretofore) to y<sup>1r</sup> Schoolm<sup>r</sup> till y<sup>e</sup> Curate should come and teach among 'em himself. M<sup>r</sup> Gibson and M<sup>r</sup> Robinson, from Edenhall, say there's no expectance of S<sup>r</sup> Chris<sup>t</sup> this Summer. He has sent for his Acc<sup>ts</sup> &c. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, came M<sup>r</sup> Gibbon; bringing his presentm<sup>s</sup> Terrier<sup>18</sup> & Draughts of his new House.
6. *Tuesday*. At Dinner, M<sup>rs</sup> Hume (w<sup>th</sup> her brother D. Bell, two Sons & Daughter) in her way to Aspatrick. Afternoon,

<sup>17</sup> For Henry Geddes, vicar of Wigton, cf. CW2 ii 180; the sculpture preserved at Wigton Vicarage is discussed by R. G. Collingwood in CW2 xxv 378, — it doubtless comes from the neighbouring Roman fort, Old Carlisle.

<sup>18</sup> This is printed in E.S.i, 219-225.

- Mr Gibbon left us; takeing w<sup>th</sup> him M<sup>r</sup> Lamb's Terrier,<sup>19</sup> for a pattern. He sayes — Neither of y<sup>e</sup> Rutters are in y<sup>e</sup> parish of Appleby; and y<sup>t</sup> he pays, out of 'em, a prescription immediately to y<sup>e</sup> Dean and Chapter.<sup>20</sup> NB. Their Rental calls this (r<sup>11</sup>. 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup>) a Quit-Rent.
7. *Wednesday*. My two Sons went to Carlile in the morning; and I seal'd a patent (dureing pleasure) to Ed. Walker for the Bayliff's place at Dalston.
  8. *Thursday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Reg<sup>r</sup> Agl. (returning from Northampton) agrees, w<sup>th</sup> R. Nicolson's Account, that there will be about 1500<sup>l</sup>. of AD. Skelton's personal Estate y<sup>t</sup> will come to his Relations here. He brought me also y<sup>e</sup> presentm<sup>ts</sup> and books of Corrections; in pursuance of w<sup>th</sup> the Citations are to be seal'd, and sent out, on Munday next. M<sup>r</sup> Lodge of Lowther, w<sup>th</sup> his two Nephews from Haydon-Bridge; the younger whereof to be ordain'd Deacon on Sunday next.
  9. *Friday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, I gave a Warrant to the Constables of Sowerby to search for Wool stoln frō Robert Elwood. The first of its kind, I ever granted, and worded by Guess. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening came M<sup>r</sup> Matt. Symson in (mistaken) hopes of being Ordain'd a priest; tho' he owns that he's not yet 24 years old. He brought me Letters frō S<sup>r</sup> James Dalrymple, S<sup>r</sup> R. Sibbald & his Father; y<sup>e</sup> first giving me an Acc<sup>t</sup> of his Book in the press, y<sup>e</sup> Second sending me (in M<sup>r</sup> And. Symson's name) his printed Letter to me in Ans<sup>r</sup> to M<sup>r</sup> Rymer's Second, and y<sup>e</sup> Third's had enclos'd his *Villare Scoticum*. M<sup>r</sup> S. likewise sent me M<sup>r</sup> Sage's four Letters to M<sup>r</sup> Meldrum.<sup>21</sup>
  10. *Saturday*. On M<sup>r</sup> Thomlinson's pressing, I wrote a Letter to L. Sympson ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> suit w<sup>th</sup> Carlile; but thought fit to keep a Copy of it. — In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Sympson came to me, and I agreed y<sup>t</sup> he should immediately send for a *Dedimus* to take my Answer in Chancery. — M<sup>r</sup> M. Symson gave me Acc<sup>t</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> unequal Distribution of y<sup>e</sup> Charities amongst the Episcopal Clergy of Scotland; M<sup>r</sup> Langlands (who has an inheritance of 50<sup>l</sup>.) putting in, & y<sup>e</sup> B. of Edinb.'s B<sup>r</sup> for two g<sup>t</sup> shares, & B<sup>p</sup> Burnet's sly marriage w<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lady Kennedy, on his Remove from Saltoun, his deserting

<sup>19</sup> Printed in E.S.i, 185-188.

<sup>20</sup> Cf. CW2 iii 27 (in October 1705 Mr Lamb satisfied Nicolson that he was justified in claiming these tithes) and E.S. i, 188 (where High-Rutter and Low-Rutter are given under Appleby St. Laurence).

<sup>21</sup> For John Sage, a non-juring bishop, and George Meldrum, professor of Divinity at Edinburgh University, cf. *Dict. Nat. Biog.* l 115 and xxxvii 217.

- D. Hamilton & cringeing to Lauderdale, &c.<sup>22</sup> — The E. of Seafield's Rise frō Sollicitor & Advocate to Secretary & Chanc<sup>r</sup>.
11. *Trinity-Sunday*. Onely M<sup>r</sup> John Lodge ordain'd a Deacon; to serve as Curate at Wolsingham. He had L<sup>rs</sup> Demissory frō Durhā, and gave a good acc<sup>t</sup> of himself, tho' no University-man.
  12. *Munday*. Before Dinner, the Reg<sup>r</sup> brought me the Citations and Injunctions, in Order to my Court of Corrections. They were negligently drawn, in y<sup>e</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup>'s Name and *sub sigillo officij* &c. Hudson, of Bampton, is s<sup>d</sup> to have commuted with y<sup>e</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> five or six years agoe. *Caetera bene*. I seal'd them (as B<sup>p</sup> Rainbow had done) w<sup>th</sup> my lesser Silver Seal. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Walker. After, M<sup>r</sup> Robinson of Ousby: with new *phaenomena* ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> strange effects of Sulphur. My two boyes sent, in the Afternoon, to Appleby. To Brampton-Fair I sent to buy cattle & sheep; and fifty shillings, by James, to W. Hoodless for y<sup>e</sup> clearing of y<sup>e</sup> Vicarage-House at Irthington.
  13. *Tuesday*. At Dinner, Master Railton; who brought me two waif-Sheep (at 12<sup>d</sup> each) and promises to bind up all my pamphlets.
  14. *Wednesday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Airay; in danger of quitting Kirkland, on M<sup>r</sup> R. Fleming's coming to y<sup>t</sup> Liveing. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, came my Sister Spooner to Rose.
  15. *Thursday*. At dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Smallwood and his cousin Stephenson frō Askham, where Captain Ephraim had lately quarter'd his new Rais'd men; M<sup>r</sup> Robinson of Ousby, promises to give me an Acc<sup>t</sup> (next week) of y<sup>e</sup> present condition of Matt. Pattinson at Auston-Moor. In y<sup>e</sup> Evening came M<sup>r</sup> Tho. Nicolson of Easby; to whom (y<sup>e</sup> next morning) I gave a Letter to Coll. Bierley, to facillitate his giving him y<sup>e</sup> Curacy of Kirkby on y<sup>e</sup> Hill.
  16. *Friday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Fleming, frō setling affairs in Westmerland, relateing to his Uncle's Will; and M<sup>r</sup> Ward, of Skelton, unwilling to pay his procurations.
  17. *Saturday*. Before Eight in the morning, M<sup>r</sup> Wiltshire from Kirk-Andrews; who's goeing into Yorkshire. News of Dr. Bathurst's death,<sup>23</sup> and our being like to have a new

<sup>22</sup> Bishop Burnet's views made him unpopular with High Churchmen like Nicolson (cf. note 7 above); this is not the place to discuss the stories referred to by Matthew Symson.

<sup>23</sup> Ralph Bathurst was President of Trinity College, Oxford, and Dean of Wells; see footnote 24.



- Dean.<sup>24</sup> — In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Fleming return'd to Carlile, and M<sup>r</sup>. Chanc<sup>r</sup> came to Rose; M<sup>r</sup> M. Symson and I haveing ended o<sup>r</sup> compareing the two M . Copies of y<sup>e</sup> Border Laws.
18. *Sunday*. M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> preach'd in ye Chapple on *Blessed are the Meek*. Measures concerted for Letters ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Deanry.
19. *Munday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Culcheth, M<sup>r</sup> Rickarby (and his Son for Cumrew) M<sup>r</sup> Parker, M<sup>r</sup> Walsh, &c. As soon as most of these were gone to Rosley, I went o' Fishing w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> whose wading makes y<sup>e</sup> chief of y<sup>e</sup> Diversion. — My Son Jos. a purchaser (of 5 Rood of Land at Parkbroom) at 22<sup>l</sup>. and 14<sup>d</sup> Rent.
20. *Tuesday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> went to Carlile, to meet and dispose of D<sup>r</sup> Stanley, till (if the threatning weather clear'd up) I should return from my Revel-visit tomorrow. In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, M<sup>r</sup> Symson set out (w<sup>th</sup> his Dispatches, Lesly's Journal, &c.) for Edenburgh; & Alderman Tho. Jackson came to intercede for Wid. Mitcheson, of Walton, a Fornicator with her serv<sup>t</sup> who offer'd to marry her.
21. *Wednesday*. James Hoodless sent (early in y<sup>e</sup> morning) to wait on M<sup>r</sup> AD<sup>n</sup> Stanley; and to conduct him to Rose. — At Dinner M<sup>r</sup> AD. w<sup>th</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Barnes (a young Gentleman of his parish) and M<sup>r</sup> Fleming. The two first went off for Penrith; and y<sup>e</sup> last return'd to Carlile. Vennison frō Lowther.
22. *Thursday*. After Dinner, D<sup>r</sup> Todd & L. Simpson; both look'd for more early. The latter had my answer (in Chancery) to y<sup>e</sup> Bill of y<sup>e</sup> Citizens of Carlile, in y<sup>e</sup> case of y<sup>r</sup> tolls, with an Assurance y<sup>t</sup> I should be at no farther Charge. In the Evening, M<sup>r</sup> Banks; w<sup>th</sup> Letters (Lat. & Engl.) frō my two Sons.
23. *Friday*. D<sup>r</sup> Todd carry'd o<sup>r</sup> Address (of Th. to her Ma<sup>ty</sup> for her Bounty to y<sup>e</sup> poor Clergy)<sup>25</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Chapter: And M<sup>r</sup> Banks attended him, to renew y<sup>e</sup> Lease of Dribeck. — M<sup>r</sup> Benson rid out w<sup>th</sup> me; and, at Grisedale,<sup>26</sup> we took a Guide (W. Robinson's Shepherd) who carry'd us onto y<sup>e</sup> Fells. We pass'd, by Tongue-Topp up Banner-Dale; and, a little before we came at Bannerdale-Cragg, slanted up y<sup>e</sup>

<sup>24</sup> The vacancy was caused by the promotion to the vacant deanery of Wells of Dr William Grahme; a few days later, the appointment of Dr Francis Atterbury in his place was to lead to considerable trouble for Nicolson: cf. *Prelates and People*, 296 f.

<sup>25</sup> For Queen Anne's Bounty cf. Trevelyan, *op. cit.*, 47-48.

<sup>26</sup> This is Mungrisdale, due east of the Saddleback *massif*; for the various forms of the name cf. *P.-N. Cumb.*, i 226.

mountain (Boose-Fell, I think)<sup>27</sup> on our right hand. At our Entrance into this Dale, we had Southerfell on y<sup>e</sup> right and Bleaberry-Fell on y<sup>e</sup> left.<sup>28</sup> Being got to y<sup>e</sup> Top, we met a deal of Horses loaden w<sup>th</sup> Slates from Dreyten-Cragg (or Coom-Cragg, for it goes by both of those names) on y<sup>e</sup> North point of Saddle-Back or Blenk-Arthur<sup>29</sup>; w<sup>ch</sup> we, at last, ascended. We could not hence see y<sup>e</sup> Isle of Man; being hinder'd, I think, by y<sup>e</sup> Hills of Borrowdale and Buttermere. We came down on y<sup>e</sup> East Side of this high Mountain; and fell upon a black Tarn,<sup>30</sup> wherein (as in y<sup>e</sup> Current frō it) there are store of black Trouts. The North and South-points of y<sup>e</sup> heights of this Mountain, from one of w<sup>ch</sup> we pass'd to y<sup>e</sup> other, go by y<sup>e</sup> names of Linthwait and Doddock-Pikes.<sup>31</sup> From y<sup>e</sup> Tarn, we pass'd along Harrow-Side; and, leaveing Calvey and Southerfell on our left, fell into y<sup>e</sup> High way betwixt Grisedale & Threlkeld by Gatesgarth-Craggs; and so return'd home. M<sup>r</sup> Th. Pearson (frō Denton) without his Terrier; and as unmannerly as ever. M<sup>r</sup> Banks got his Lease renew'd w<sup>thout</sup> Fine, at (*sic*) it ought to be.

24. *Saturday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning, M<sup>r</sup> Banks & M<sup>r</sup> Pearson gone, I went to my Br<sup>s</sup> to see y<sup>e</sup> Copy of my picture, taken (w<sup>thout</sup> seeing my face) by S<sup>r</sup> Matissa. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Gatesgarth (of Grisedale) complaining of y<sup>e</sup> Whig-Schoolm<sup>r</sup>. Afternoon, settling y<sup>e</sup> Stock at Raughton-Head; where they have 87<sup>l</sup>, odd shillings, whereof 71<sup>l</sup>. well secur'd. In the Evening, G. Chambers, for a Marriage on Munday.
25. *Sunday*. Sign<sup>r</sup> Matissa (w<sup>th</sup> my Br & Sister) at prayers and Dinner. His Acc<sup>ts</sup> of y<sup>e</sup> Contest twixt Mich. & Raphael Angelo, by the Curtain to be drawn back; and of S<sup>r</sup> James Oxenden's Battle in a Chimney-piece, where y<sup>e</sup> Relater himself said — *He smell'd Gun-powder*.<sup>32</sup> In y<sup>e</sup> Afternoon, I read prayers; M<sup>r</sup> Benson being gone to Lowther, in his way to Kendale.

<sup>27</sup> This is presumably Bowscale Fell.

<sup>28</sup> Nicolson seems to have confused left and right here — Southerfell (as it is now known) is on one's left as one ascends Bannerdale.

<sup>29</sup> *P.-N. Cumb.*, i 253, quotes Gray (1769) as the earliest authority for the name Saddleback; *Blenkarthure* is attested as early as 1589.

<sup>30</sup> Scales Tarn.

<sup>31</sup> *P.-N. Cumb.*, i 253, gives 1787 as the earliest reference for the spelling Doddock; the older form, Doddick, survives to-day. Linthwait is not quoted in that work, as far as I can trace (the index volume still awaits publication), Linthwaite is the current form for this, the highest point of Saddleback.

<sup>32</sup> These stories obviously deserve investigation, but I have had no opportunity of trying to trace them elsewhere.

26. *Munday*. After marrying W. Tate and Gr. Chambers (at Eight) in y<sup>e</sup> morning, I went to Carlile; where I had a g<sup>t</sup> appearance of Fornicators at my Court of Corrections. The Chapter & M<sup>r</sup> Gilpin dined w<sup>th</sup> me; and in y<sup>e</sup> Evening (haveing pay'd a short Compliment to y<sup>e</sup> Bridegroom & Bride) M<sup>r</sup> Fleming return'd with me to Rose.
27. *Tuesday*. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Walker (with his wife and Daughter) very knaggy ab<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Rent for Dalston-Tith; he being unwilling to pay more than 16<sup>li</sup>, instead of 20<sup>li</sup>, contracted for. I was forced to submit.
28. *Wednesday*. Court of Corrections at Penrith & a deal of extraordinary Cases. W. Robinson, of Penrith, brought six Compurgators ag<sup>t</sup> Kemp's oath. She's a notorious Strumpet. The like could not be done by J. Blencarn of Dufton, ag<sup>t</sup> Agnes Jameson; who swore he ravish'd her, but (haveing conceal'd it for six months) was not easily believ'd. M<sup>r</sup> Wharton of Mallerstang's Case in paym<sup>t</sup> of Assessm<sup>ts</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Church very singular. His Neighbours have Seats there: And, liveing (at a g<sup>t</sup> Distance) in y<sup>e</sup> Dale, where they have a Chapple, they lett off y<sup>ir</sup> Seats; w<sup>ch</sup> brings in a better annual Rent than y<sup>ir</sup> Taxes amount to. He has none: And yet in proportion to y<sup>e</sup> value of his Estate, is assess'd as high as any of 'em. — In y<sup>e</sup> Evening, returning by Hutton I found both y<sup>e</sup> purple & white *Fraxinella* in great perfection; the Sensitive & humble plants, *marum*, Sweet *Basil*, &c.
29. *Thursday*. M<sup>r</sup> Fleming and my brother being gone to give a visit to M<sup>r</sup> Wybergh at Caldbeck, in the afternoon, I read Evening-prayer in y<sup>e</sup> Chapple. Mowers set on, at 14<sup>d</sup> a day; without Drink. In the Evening came M<sup>r</sup> Allan from Beaucastle, and shew'd me a couple of Letters pretended to be rec<sup>d</sup> from one M<sup>r</sup> Baxter of Burton near Kendale; wherein he's invited to a Curacy of 20<sup>li</sup>. p Añ and highly caress'd as a most Godly and painful man in his Calling. The Stile was so like his own, and y<sup>e</sup> Design of bringing 'em to me so much of a piece with some other Intrigues y<sup>t</sup> he had formerly been engaged in, that I could not but suspect that y<sup>e</sup> whole was a Counterfeit plot of his own making, especially, since I knew (w<sup>ch</sup> seemed to surprize him) that y<sup>e</sup> Vicar of Burton's name was not Baxter. So far y<sup>e</sup> Letters had wrought with M<sup>r</sup> Culcheth, that he had given him a Recommendatory Letter to this (presumptive) M<sup>r</sup> Baxter; and the same seem'd to be hoped for from me; But former Experience of y<sup>e</sup> Man & his Conversation easily prevail'd with me to hold my hand.

30. *Friday*. The mowers haveing made Ten dayes work of y<sup>e</sup> Lees-ground in the Far-Flatt, I thought fit to lett y<sup>e</sup> rest (computed 76 great Dayes-work) by the Great; and agreed to give y<sup>m</sup> 4<sup>l</sup>. 10<sup>s</sup> without meat or Drink.

July.

1. *Saturday*. In y<sup>e</sup> Morning I granted a Warrant of y<sup>e</sup> peace and good behaviour (to Richard Topping) ag<sup>t</sup> W. Pattinson and's wife and Joseph Scott of Newlands in y<sup>e</sup> parish of Sebraham or Sowerby.
3. *Sunday*. In y<sup>e</sup> morning M<sup>r</sup> Chanc<sup>r</sup> sent over my Letters; impatient to know how y<sup>e</sup> Deanry goes. B<sup>p</sup> of London encourageing. S<sup>r</sup> C. M. half enraged. M<sup>r</sup> Allan, returning frō Westmerland, owns himself impos'd on; & will needs accuse M<sup>r</sup> Tong. M<sup>r</sup> Story, of K. Bampton, directed to acquaint his parishioners w<sup>th</sup> Moor's haveing Commuted penance; and he & they to consider how y<sup>e</sup> money is to be laid out. At Dinner, M<sup>r</sup> Walker, M<sup>r</sup> Christopherson & M<sup>r</sup> Stalker (bringing Tideings of M<sup>rs</sup> Threlkeld's insisting on 20<sup>l</sup>. Fine for 8<sup>s</sup> Rent of y<sup>e</sup> School-Lands at Maughanby) M<sup>r</sup> Lewthwait, Curate at Beaum<sup>t</sup> and, afternoon, M<sup>r</sup> Robinson of Ousby, in his way to Westward.
4. *Tuesday*. We waited for M<sup>r</sup> Sheriff Senhouse, and his Brother Richard, till almost one; they haveing promis'd (as once before) to dine here, and fail'd. About eight at night came M<sup>r</sup> Fleming from Carlile; on purpose to accompany me to Ravel in Scotland, where we are to view (my third time) the fine Runic Monum<sup>t</sup> in that Church. With y<sup>e</sup> Acc<sup>t</sup> of this (God willing) I shall begin my next book.<sup>33</sup>

<sup>33</sup> For the visit to Ruthwell cf. CW2 ii 195-197.

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