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Jan^y 1st. - Walked with Frank Pitt whom I found at Chest^{er}, through some of the paddocks looking at the stock &c. - We started for Maalmus at 2 o'clock, & rode to look at my farms, & see my tenants. - Found Mr Kosti^{ak} at home. While there my nose suddenly began to bleed, & was suddenly in about a minute or two stopped. - Mr Kosti^{ak} talks of asking me to reduce the quantity of land in his farm, or of giving up his farm altogether before he is quite ruined. - His tenant at will on the hill above him has a good patch of wheat put in there. - I afterwards rode through my

Mr Kosti^{ak}'s farm.

2^d farm; & Phillips's. - The blight - so-called - caused by a species of aphid is destroying some of the oats. - Told Roberts to get some draining done. - Called at Neweside. - Philip Pitt arrived, about 2 past 8. -

2^d Disputed with P. Pitt the taking of Chestnut off his hands. - Agreed to take the following

Resuming possession of Chestnut. To take stock &c.

stock &c. - Cattle	311 heads	—	£ 1,164
Sheep	2025 "	—	1,044
Horses	4	—	110
Farm. Inpts &c.		—	110
Furniture &c.		—	200
			£ <u>2,628</u>

Walked through paddocks - Brie stock - Grey oats. Potatoes. - Cut down shrubs among vines. -

Jan^y 3rd - Signed agreement with P. Pitt. - Mr Rastie is to see
W. Braamich, to ask him if he will take about
200 acres of his block of land near the river,
retaining a smaller portion than he has at
present. - P. Pitt drove me to Deloraine, - &
I went on by the Break to Summerton. Found
my Mother & family at the Criterion Hotel,
& R. D. K. & wife at the Club Hotel. -

V.C. Archer's
Wedding

4th - Wedding of V. C. Archer with Miss Louisa K.
Cathcart. - The breakfast. - I proposed the
Kathie & Mrs of the Bride. Mr Cathcart's
response! - With Jas. to Woolmers. - The Will.

5th - Sunday. - With Jas. to Panshanger. - Miss
Monicerly. -

6th - Panshanger to Robertstown. - Pole of
coach broke. The American coach overtakes
us. - Mend the pole. The chase. Pass them!

7th - Public business. - ~~He~~^{Spoke} against Ministers
on the motion of Mr Home, "that no business
should be transacted till the statement of
ways & means was made" - Govt^{without a division} defeated.
Dadery & Sharland agreed with me. -

8th - Finance. H. of A. adjournment till Thursday
next. Mr C. Meredith & myself: Ministry of Lands
& Works. -

9th - Political calculations. - A report on stock &c. - Judge Williams

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- 10th - Writing letters. Appearance on stock. - Part^y Liber^y. -
11th - Writing letters. - Paying bills. - Politics. - There
is great speculation in the town as to the course
Minister will take. - a coalition Ministry, is
talked of consisting of myself Dobson & White.
12th - Sunday. - To St John's in the forenoon, & St
David's in the evening. - Mr. Wilson. -
13th - Calculations. - Kangaroo Point & Ladysings. - None
worth having to be had. - Politics. - Specul^{ns}. -
about the Ministry. - Mr Wilson. -
14th - Meeting at Col. See's. - The Minist^l scheme. -
Argumentⁿ of tariff. - Chapman says, if their
tariff is rejected, that he will advise the Gov^r
to dissolve Parlt. - Resol^{ns} on Tariff passed. -
15th - It was past 3 o'clock this morning when
I returned home after the division on the
Minist^l scheme. - Mr Gregson's violence. -
16th - Politics. - H. of A. till $\frac{1}{2}$ past 1. - Torrens's bill. -
17th - Committee on Roadways. - Mr Balfe's determiⁿ
on acct of Gregson. - Mr Wilson's ^{address} & the Archivistⁿ
Soc^y. - H. of A. - Supplem^y estimates. - Left at 11. -
18th - J. & wife left for Miss Clarke's at the Humber
grounds. - Paid bills. - The Transporterist &
the Wool Kings. - Mr Clarkhouse's letter about
Cullenswood Passage &c. - Wrote to him. -
Wrote yesterday to Mr Wade, engaging him as

Manager at Chestnut at £150 a yr from Apt Mt. -
Wrote to P. Pitt; - to W.W. Jewett, - to W.R. C. Gunn,
with a spec^m of Sloper's. Secured, - to W. Weedon
abt the sofa he sold for me. - Admit^d for my
umbrella - taken from the H. of A. Lobby. - Saw W
J. Abbott about his house at Rookwood: 4 to 4½
guineas a week. -

19th Sunday. - St Johns in the forenoon - St Davids in the evening.

20th Select Com^{rs}. - H. of A. -

21st - S. C. - H. of A. -

22nd - S. C. - H. of A. -

23rd - S. C. - H. of A. -

24th - S. C. - H. of A. -

25th - With my Brother, W.S. Dabson, Adams, R.B. Miller,
& W. Williams to the Springs. - Dabson & I sauntered
along the side of the Mt towards Wellington Falls
back while the Mus ascended the Mt to the top.
Miller's Brother & his pocket book. - The Targental
Water-wheel at the baseades. - Cab from there. -
W & Mrs Miss E. Cox dined with us, - also Archd^d &
Mrs Davies, Jas Grant & my Brother. -

26th Sunday. - St Davids morning & evening. -

27th Writing letters. Public business, &c. -

28th - S. C. - H. of A. -

29th - S. C. - H. of A. -

30th - S. C. - H. of A. -

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Jan^y 31st

Select Com^{ee} on Waste Lands. - Agreed to bring up a Progress Rept. - Mr. Calder, the Sur^v Gen^l, defends the charge for remark^s of Keble's old tract, although he has reason to know that Mr. Boyes was not a proper person to entrust with the task, - Mr. Jones having induced him to employ Mr. Boyes. - Aunt Gen^l Meets of the R. Soc^y. Mr. Whiting not ^{being} ready with the Report for 1861, the meeting was adjourned. Mr. M. Allport, Dr. Agnew, Mr. Whiting & myself spent nearly two hours in making suggestions for alterations in the Rules of the R. S. - I was occupied for an hour in trying to account for the diff^{er} between the recorded bal^{ances} in the Bank B^k of the R. S. and the Bal^{ances} as stated in the Report for 1860, (drawn up by me,) the circumstances having escaped my memory. - At the H. of A. in the evening. - Disappointed by the adjournm^t of the House at 4 min. past 7, of an opportunity of expressing my opinion on the conduct of the Sec^y which stands adjourned "to this day 3 months", leaving several important votes unratified, & therefore null & void; among them the grant for £1432 for the R. Catholics. - The Speaker, evidently anxious to escape an exciting debate which Mr. Gregson had commenced - put the question immediately on the reassembling of the House, without waiting the usual time for the ^{member} ~~person~~ who was addressing

the house at six o'clock (W. Gresson) ^{to return;} and the other
Members - many of whom were taken by surprise -
allowed the motion to pass. - The Ministers went
to see the Governor, and afterwards met the Members
on one side, to tell them the course the Govt were
prepared to pursue with reference to the pro. act.
They had decided that it should take place by
proclamation tomorrow. - J. A. to the Ship Hotel; - ^{home tomorrow.} to return

Feb^y 1st - Writing letters, &c. - Made up Journal from 19th Jan^y.

2nd - Sunday. St David's in the morning & St John's in
the evening. -

3rd - Worked at R. Soc^y accounts, and ascertained
the cause of differ^{ce} between the Bank Bk^{ks} and
found^{er} bal^{ance} & that taken by myself in the Rep^t
for 1860. - Paid bills. - Alb. at 66 Liverpool St. - Governor
to come to see Alb. - called on W. Henry about
W. Bentauri's affairs. - W. Chapman, who was present,
gave me a letter from W. Bentauri to him, and
asked me to write a memo. upon it, inasmuch
as my name was mentioned in it in connection
with the expected appointment of an Inspector under
the Pleuro-pneumonia Act. - J. H. W. Intyre with us in the
^{evening.}

4th - Making up Journal from the 30th ult. - Wrote memo.
on W. Bentauri's letter for W. Chapman, & discussed
it with him & W. Henry. - Talked over the proclama^{tion}
under the Pleuro-pneu^a Act. - Pear gathering, &c. -

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Valentine's box.
as to proposed stay at Washburn
Acclim Soc^y Meet^g 5.
Bedford about giving up house.

Feb 5th - Wrote to W Green, Capt Patterson, Mr J B Boyd, Dr Valentine, about his box from the Linⁿ Soc^y, - to my Mother, asking her if we could stay at Washburn for 2 months on our way to Cheshunt. - Attended a Council Meet^g of the Acclimⁿ Soc^y. - Paid B. Roub's other bills. Reading "La Chartreuse." - I spoke to Dr Bedford about giving up the house to him on the 1st March. He said he had no objection if I paid him to the 1st of May! I told him I was willing to pay to the 1st of April; - but that if it were inconvenient for him to take possession then I would pay till the 1st of May, - but I hoped he would not require me to do so. - He said it was a question of pocket with him. - He is to give me a positive answer when I have heard from my Mother. -

Accounts for 1861.
R.S. Council Meeting.

6th - Making up accounts for the latter half of last year. - Cleared up Royal Society's accounts for Mr Whiting, the Assist^t Sec^y. - Meeting of Council of Royal Soc^y to prepare for Ann^l Gen^l Meet^g tomorrow. - Examined & corrected the proposed Report of the R.S. for 1861 with Dr Agnew.

R. Soc^y Ann^l Gen^l Meet^g.
Sir H. Young as Hon^l Member

7th - Balancing accounts for the past two years. - Attended the Ann^l Gen^l Meet^g of the Royal Society, & occupied the chair; - also at the meeting for the revision of the Society's Rules. - Mr Knight was very anxious that Sir Henry Young should be elected an Honorary Member without ballot; - but, as there was no

provision for suspending the Rules, - and as I pointed out that now Sir Henry Young was only a private individual & no more entitled to be elected without ballot than any other fit person in England, - the Meeting was of opinion that he ought to be elected in the manner prescribed by the Rules. - I suggested the postponement of the election till the Rules had been revised. - He seemed quite put out by the occurrence. - Read "Sea Chartreuse", which is certainly not a book fit for ladies to read. - W. M. Dawell & politics. -

Sea Chartreuse

Feb. 8th - Completed my accounts, and made the balance in my cash book tally with that in the Bank book. To Burdons and the Coachmaker's, about a 4-wheeled dogcart. - Walked out with the children to the water works & back. - Mr Cox called & asked me to lecture at St John's school-room about next Wednesday week. - I told him that I should be glad to do so if I were in town at that time. - Dr Agnew called and asked me to go through the Royal Society's accounts, in order that a balance sheet may be drawn up & the Report published with it. - I promised to look into the matter on Monday. - It seems that Mr Whiting is overwhelmed with the Exhibⁿ pamphlet, & has no time to do it! -

Rogant.

Mr Cox & lecture.

Subsequent R. S. accounts.

Mr Whiting.

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Feb 9th - Sunday. To St John's in the forenoon. The Bishop preached his farewell sermon - To St David's in the evening. - W. Watson.

10th - Wrote to my Mother & P. Pitt. To be at Chestnut on Friday next. - Examined R. Soc^y Accounts for ~~1861~~ 1861. & drew out Balance Sheet, - Mr. Whiting seeming incapable of putting the accounts in proper form. - My Uncle W.

The Bishop's farewell sermon.

To P. Pitt.

R. Society's Bal Sheet for 1861.

Death of Mr. Edw. Archer.

Notes on Mr. Prod'g. Reg. for Inter. Exhibⁿ. Many up. Ammunic^{ns}.

Mr. Balfe & Politics.

Roman Catholics.

The Opposition.

Edward Archer, of Northbury, Severinglow, and Woodside, died on Friday last, the 7th Feb^y.

10th - Writing notes on the Vegetable Products of Yassa^a sent to the Intern^l Exhibition. - Wrote to R. Z. Kermode, about buying up annuities &c. - send^s an extract from the Trustees Relief Act. - Conversation with Mr. Balfe about politics. - Mr. B. & Mr. Gregson. - The wretchedly disjointed condit^{on} of the Opposition. - Mess^{rs} Home, Mr. Miller, Gregson, & B. Yates. - Mr. Balfe and the Roman Catholics: he hears that there

many of them actually opposed to State Aid. I told him that the Bishop & the priests are in favor of it, & they have the ^{chief} power in his Church. - His determin^{ation} to put down John Davies! The public meeting the other day & Mr. Miller: Mr. Gregson's speech, he said, was a libel from beginning to end. - I told him I was surprised that he had not seen the weak point of

The Govt's weak point.

The Govt during the last Session: The trumpeting in the Govt's speech about the resources of the Colony &c. inferred a large bal^{ce} of the Land Fund; then the proposal ^{of the Govt's Treasurer} to meet the deficit of 40,000 by transfer^{ing} the Land Fund Bal^{ce} argued that that Bal^{ce} was suffic^{ient};— whereas there was only a surplus of about £10,000 according to his own shewing in the budget.— all this evinced

Mr Bentham's

great ignorance & incapacity.— Mr Bentham & the Govt. They have only offered him £20 again a paltry amount, and paltrily offered.— Mr Burdon's 4-wheeled dogcart, at £42.— He came shakled, at nine with a view to an exchange.

4-wheeled dog-cart.

Mr Justice Smith & Politics.— Disgust at the work of the Session. I told him I could not understand Chapman's introduc^{tion} of the new tariff, in refut^{ion} of all his principles & convictions.— He thought that if he believed it to be the only possible course he deserved credit for his moral courage.

Mr Justice Smith & Politics.

I told him that he was right if it were the only possible course: that was the question. He approves of ad valorem duties.— My view is "retrenchment first,— then, as far as necessary, an increase of taxation fairly distributed,— partly under the ^{old} present tariff, & partly by means of an income tax. Then I would reduce

My views of a tariff.

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or abolish all port charges. - However, I have done with these matters for the present, & must leave them to others to contend about. Ad's birthday. -

Notes on Veg. Products. -

Feb 5 12th - Writing notes on the Veg^{ble} Products of Yasme^a at the Intern^l Exhibⁿ of 1862. - Packing sponges &c. -

13th - Writing notes. - Letters to R. Q. K., P. Pitt, & H. W. Rostie.

Selects of cows. -

I was to have proceeded to Chesnut to select the cows which I buy from P. Pitt, but have now arranged, that W. Rostie shall do it for me. -

Report abt a gold reef. -

A report having been circulated, by means of a Mercury Extra, &c. - that a gold reef had been discovered on the tiny island on which the Iron-rot lighthouse stands, a large number of persons, of all grades, proceeded thither in the bullhead steamer, to examine the locality. - About 150 or 160 persons might have been seen hovering about the little islet, some armed with picks, hammers of all kinds, and other implements. The result was entirely unsatisfactory. I learned from the little boy - about 7 years old - who found the piece of rich quartz, which had excited all the commotion, that he had picked it up among some rubbish near the ^{cottage} ~~house~~, between the cottage (his father's) & the landing place. - and that was all that he knew about it. - The

rock is a silicious clay, hardened by heat, - filled with fissures into which matter containing iron and more fluid, when hot had been injected. - Here & there - but very rarely - one met with small fragments ^{with} quartz; but if they had all been solid gold, the formation would not have paid for the working of it. - The Bulladen left H. Town at a little past 4 P.M. & returned at about 9. - The general impression of those best informed is that the piece of quartz must have been procured from some very rich locality, - not in Tasmania.

Feb 9 14th
Finished Notes.

Finished my "Notes on the Veg^{ble} Prod^{ts}", having rewritten, more concisely, the greater portion of them. - Drove with A. & W.S. along the Brown's River road. The wind was as cool as that of a Sept^r day in England, though this is our hottest month. -

Cool winds.

15th Examined & revised the "Notes". - Took them to Mr Whiting, & found that the Commissioners' pamphlet was not be ready for this mail: so that I will make a copy of my Notes, and send it to Weyoul, to be added to the Catalogue of Tasmanⁿ Products. - Made up journal. - Dr Bedford called. I find that, though I have spent more than £100 in improving his house, he will make me pay rent to the 1st of May, - 6 weeks after my departure! - Truly liberal!

Notes.

Dr Bedford's
of this evening.

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He will undertake to repair the little defects in paperhangings &c. He wants his old chairs back, - but won't help us with the large wardrobe, or with anything else. - So that our best plan will be to take away all the furniture we can. -

Feb. 7th 16th
Ordination
of 3 Mason
clergy men.

The Bishop's
farewell sermon.

Sunday. - In the morning at St David's. - The Rev^d Mr Mason, Rev^d Chas Arthur, & Rev^d W. Hudspeith were ordained priests. - In the evening at St David's. - The Bishop preached his farewell sermon to a large congregation. Full 1000 persons were present. - The Bishop scolded nearly throughout. He inveighed against those who, in the morning did not remain for the communion. He complained of the apathy of the members of the Church of England as regarded the sustentation fund, and hoped a better state of things would prevail for the future. - He congratulated himself that he was at peace with all men, - that he could leave his diocese with better hopes & feelings than he did before. He had been misrepresented formerly, but now all was peace, notwithstanding his shortcomings & backslidings - for #even the best of us must acknowledge to them! he was most anxious for the welfare of all, &c. &c. -

Miss Nixon's
marriage.

17th No English mail! - Busy packing. - Mr & Mrs Jones of Westbury. - Prepar^{ns} for Miss Nixon's marriage to Capt. Despard. -

Feb 18th - Packing. - Saw Knight & Allen about my "soft" apples, which Mr Knight is to look at in the morn^g. - Called with Mrs Davenport, and afterwards drove round the Queen's Park. - Great prepar^{ns} for the cricket-match ^{with} against the Allright Eleven. - Called on young Chas Arthur, - now the Revd B. R. Arthur B.A. Priest! - Priested a year or two sooner than is usual, owing to the Bishop's departure, I suppose. Left gun-wads at the Ship Hotel for Archdⁿ Reibey. - Chas Harrison of Melton Vale was married today to Miss Packer. -

Soft apples. -
Mrs Davenport.
Rev C. Arthur.

Chas Harrison married.

Miss Nixon 19th married.
Horses.

19th - Packing. - The Bishop's levee. - Miss Nixon was married today to Capt. Despard. - Sewing-machines at Hutton's £23 & the duty £2.6.0. - At Westkint's about horses. His praise of his horses in his quiet knowing way. I am to see 2 tomorrow morning for which he asks £60. - Deed of mortgage Mrs Lytton & Mrs Davis to Mr Giblin for £2000. - R. Davies's share of N. & Z. enterprise. The Bishop goes on board the Percy this evening; to sail tomorrow morn^g for England! -

Mortgage to Mrs & Miss D.
The Bishop's departure.

20th - Packing. - Writing letters for England. - To Sir Wm Hooker. - Copying my "Notes on Yarrow" Veg^{ble} Products at the Intern^l "Exhⁿ" - Sent them to J. A. Youl. Wrote to him about them: asked him to get me a quail-gun like those Goble had - for £10 or £12. - Wrote to G. B. Bruce. Told him I had given a letter of introdⁿ to young Chas Shurland. - Asked him to let me know

Letters for England.
Sir Wm Hooker.
J. A. Youl.
G. B. Bruce.

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Wm Dayne
Wm W. Shawe's
bay horse
the Marquis

the nature of the "cloud" under which W Dayne had left his last situation. - Saw W Francis W Shawe about a fine bay horse which he wanted to sell. - It appeared that W Brent had been trying to buy him from him in order to sell to the Governor at a higher price. - He wanted £70 for him. The horse was got by "His Excellency" out of a mare of Peter's blood by Snoozer; - & was cashed at 3 years old. W Shawe & I had a good deal of conversation about the horse & the price he wanted. I offered him £60. at length he agreed to tear a £10 note in two "between us". - I finally offered him 60 guineas, and he replied "Well give me your word. Now mind you don't tell anybody what you gave for the horse, an' I'll tell Brent I got £80 for him!" "Ah! he's a fine horse. I brought him up like one o' my own children, an' I hope you'll be a good master to him." - "Brent may go to _____. I'm afraid you've got him. Had I could have sold him last night, over an' over again, - when they knew I'd an offer for him." "They may all go to _____. Now you part from him, &c. &c." - I am to try him tomorrow in a 4-wheeled vehicle. -

Feb 21st

tried
the Marquis

Finished & packed my English letters. - Tried the bay horse & liked him very much, both in saddle & harness. - Paid W Shawe

Cricket match.
all England
Eleven.

£63 for him. - Spent two or three hours in looking at the great cricket-match: "the All England Eleven" versus Twenty-two of Tasmania. - I have seen the same men play in England at Lord's cricket-ground in London. - Some of the best English players are among them. -

Lecture
on Veg
the Kingdom
Cricket match.

Feb 22^d - Prepar^d for a lecture on "The Vegetable Kingdom" at St John's Schoolroom. - Went to see the great cricket match. The Tasmanians scored £109. - The All Eng^d Eleven have scored 176. - The Tasmanians have begun their 2nd innings well: - Whiteside scored 50 off his own bat. - Rode "The Marquis" my new bay horse for nearly 2 hours in the Queen's Park, and like him very well. -

The Marquis.

Rev W. Clarke.

23^d Sunday. Very warm. - To St John's in the morning. - To hear Rev^d G. Clarke in the evening. A very good sermon. He seems to be in ~~very~~ delicate health. The congregⁿ was very small. -

Cricket match.

24th - Prepar^d for lecture. - Spent two hours at the cricket match. - The Tasmanians scored in their 2nd innings £43. - in all 252, leaving the "all Eng^d 11", who scored 176, 77 to beat them. - Rode The Marquis along the new Heron Road. It is very romantic, but merely a track wide enough for one cart, and in very rough condition. It will be impassable in the winter.

New Heron Road.

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Finish of
the cricket
match.

after a 2 hours ride I returned home. I find that the "All England" won the match with 4 wickets to go down. They played out their innings, however & beat the "Farm" score by 111, - thus making a large average by their inferior players than had been made by their best men. -

Drove the
Marquis.

Feb: 25th - Preparing for my lecture on the Vegetable Kingdom tomorrow evening. - I drove the Marquis in my 4-wheeled dog-cart or phaeton some 5 or 6 miles along the Brown's River Road. He went very quietly & well. - Packing. -

Lecture on
the Vegetable
Kingdom.

26th - Preparing for lecture. - Drove the Marquis in the phaeton to Risdon Ferry & back. - Lectured in the evening at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 7 o'clock, at St John's School room, to a tolerably numerous audience, on the Vegetable Kingdom for an hour & nearly 3 quarters. - I found that I had prepared far too much matter for one lecture, - which was perhaps excusable, seeing that it was the first lecture I ^{had} ever delivered. However, my hearers seemed pleased; and some said they had derived useful information & instruction from what they heard; - so that I was satisfied with the result of my labors. -

Sort of
furniture.
Whips taken
by mice.

27th - Packing. - Gave list of furniture to be packed to Mr Hamilton. Ordered grey houses at Cook's. Told Wiseman to repair my 3 gig whips, which had been gnawed by the mice. - Rode Marquis up

Valley near
Morrow.
Sherland's
Politics.

nicknamed
a valley, beyond Symyone House. to the top of a hill,
and into a valley, which seemed to run towards
the Brown's River Road, on the other side. - Chatted
with Sherland about the prospects of the Govt next
Session. He thought I ought to be ready to take
Chapman's place in case of his giving up, or at
least the Depart^t of Lands & Works. - I told him that
Chapman would sooner see his party go to pieces
than give up his place, - that there would be
no Depart^t of Lands & Works, - that, if there were,
I would not take it with the present Govt, -
that we landholders, to our discredit, were not
represented in the Govt, - that it was in the
hands of a Commission Agent, an Adventurer, &
a Solicitor, - and that Henry's place, where he left,
would probably be filled up by a Sinecrist.
I told him that the present Govt could do as they
liked, so long as the Opposition was composed as
at present, - &c. &c., and that I should seek health
at home, and probably not attend Parlt^t again, -
at least for some two or three years. - He agreed
with me that Chapman's threat of a dissolution
had gained him the support of several men who
feared they would not be elected again. -
My therm^m, outside the dining room window, was
stolen last night! -

Therm^m
stolen.

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Feb^y 28th - Suffering from increased bronchitis, owing, I suppose, to the heat of the Sun, & the cold sea-breeze. - Packing. Drove ad. in the phaeton, ^{with "the Marquis"} round the Domain, & up to the Cascades Brewery. - Dr Bedford obtained quasi permission ^{from Mrs A.} to send one of his horses to the stable here while I was out. On my return I wrote him a note asking him to postpone sending the horse till this day week. - This man arrived with the horse shortly after my servant had started with the note, - and of course took him back again. - Certainly this man of scalpels & medicine is about one of the most selfish individuals I have yet met with. He will not in the slightest degree make me any allowance for my great improvements to his property, ^{which have cost me more than £100,} and demands rent up to the end of the year, although he is to take possession a month before! -

Bronchitis.
The Marquis.
Dr Bedford's horse!
My stable!

Selfishness.

- March 1st - Packing. Drove W.F.M. Jones, & F.S.R. round the Domain.
- 2nd Sunday. Mass^{es} at St David's; even^g at St John's. -
- 3rd Packing. Boxes to Woolmers. Rode Marquis. -
- 4th Packing. W. Hanby's in the even^g. -
- 5th Packing. - Calls, F. S. S. -
- 6th Packing. - Carriage & 4th harness to Watkins's. - Calls, F. S. S. -
- 7th Started for Woolmers. - John Happer, one of Watkins's grooms driving 2 of his horses in the carriage, - myself driving Marquis in the phaeton. - "To Blackwells". Milk & Bowley?
- 8th To Mona Vale. Raining the greater part of the way.

All started for Woolmers.
Mona Vale.

Turned off past Ballochmyle at Yarmbridge. -

March 9th Sunday. - Ross Ch^{ch}: W. Clarkhouse. - Jessie's tombstone in good order. - R. Smith: service in the afternoon at home.

To Woolmers with family.

10th John ^{Marshall} drove the carriage to Woolmers. I drove the Maiton. Gale of wind in our faces: dust: heavy road.

Self to Holyoake.

11th At Woolmers. - Alter^d doors. - "Old fine Sear" Drilly. -

12th Fishing: 1 herring! -

13th To Robertstown by Kay's coach.

14th Packing. My breakfast tea set! -

15th Do. Mr Evans Sandreps the husband: - Mr Kennedy. - Mr Bedford & furniture. - English letters. Mr Brooks notes the rec^t of the £1500 from Melbourn. Mr Dowell & politics. - 10% to Harcourt. -

Packing

16th Sunday. St John's noon & seven. Dined with Dobson, the attorney. - His notions abt Recordership of Sibles! -

17th Packing. - Rec^d £4.10.0 for 2 pigs. - Apples to Knight Hall. Mr Bedford abt coming-in to the house! -

18th Packing. Dined with Archd^l Davies. - His visit to Sir Wm Don's dying bed. - Furniture sold to Hamillow. -

19th Packing. - Sir W. Don's death. - Furniture to Millington. Burial. - Hamillow began to pack. Dined with Mr Knight Lib. -

20th Packing. -

21st Packing. - Packers 1/2 day away: Sir W. Don's funeral preparations. -

22nd Packing. - £18 for apples from Knight Hall. -

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March 23^d. Sunday. - 3^d John's morn^g. 3^d David's even^g. - Dined
at W. Stanley's. - Walked to water works. -

Hired
John Napier.
30 tons of
Packages.
Mrs Bedford's
invasion!
S^r
John Napier.

24th. - Packing. - Took tea at W. Cox's. - Hired John Napier.
25th. - Finished packing. - W. W. Thomson's estimate of
quant^y of packages: 30 tons! Tolerably fair. - Mrs
Bedford came while I was out, & frightened my
packers greatly. I kept her quiet by ignoring her,
excepting as present on sufferance. - £3 more to there!
To Cleveland - John Napier accompanying^g me, - by Payer's night
coach. -

S. B.
31 Rains
from
Nova Vale.
Anniversary Deeds.

26th. - Sale at Cleveland. - R. Z. K. & Collet Rains (31). He wished
to give them to me; but I told him I could only
take them in the way of business. He said they would
be cashed, & therefore he sh^d only charge them as
wellness. - Annuity deeds. - To Woolmers. - Portsmouth
taken on to Ston. -

27th. - Children to Brickendon. - Telegram at Portsmouth.

28th. - Children from Brickendon. - To Panstranger with
them for the day. - Writing several letters. -

29th. - Croquet & Roquet. - Wrote letter to directors of Devon
about my intended resignation of my seat. -
Made up accounts, &c. - Honey & Pens from Panstranger.

30th. - Sunday. Heavy rain in forenoon. Afternoon service
read by Mr J. Smith. - Rev^d J. W. Mtzgr's sudden death! -

31st. - To Saunwellow with Milly driving Marquis in
dogcart. - Broken tire. - Mr Gleadow to let me

M
Myouls
£3000.

know abt Youls £3000, when English Mail arrives. -
The amt will probably be required. - Ret^d to Woolmers
by Muddy Plains. - Completed my farewell address to
Electors of Devon. - Boxes + Bedd^s from St. Yvonne by Beville.

Farewell
Address to
Electors of Devon.

April 1st. - W. J. Smith to Stone en route for Cire^{ster} Head. - Signed
deed: S. A. V. loan to Marnie Westlow: - replacem^t of
some lots of land by others in security given: -
new deeds. - J. Smith took my address for C. Chronicle
+ B. Exam^r. - Boat^s + walk to 1-mile Bend: Thistles
spreading greatly. - Lessons in morn^g. -

BR
P. Pitt.
Bill for 1000
Wethers -
£2000 on May 1st.
Then Bills.

2nd. - Rode to Barrick + back to see P. Pitt. He came
to Woolmers. - The 1000 Wethers which he bought for
me he obtained from W. Arthur O'Connor at 9/- a head.
Bill due 16th Aug^t: He can make it 16th Jan^y 1863. - He
wants £2000 on the 1st of May next: the remainder
of the amt due by me for stock by Bills, to
be hereafter arranged. -

3rd. - Mrs Sythelton + R. T. M. D. here. - Drove them back to
Brixton.

4th. - Drove all. to Panshanger + back. - 1-Mile in aftern^g:
No fish at Mountgarret's Ford. - Lessons in morn^g.

S.T.H.
Hired
Wm Withers.

5th. - Wm Withers, late with W. J. Dowling, came. - I
hired him as Cook, &c. &c. His wife as Landlady,
with liberty to employ the eldest daughter (13 years)
for £50 a year + abt 2 1/2 Rabbits, for 1 year: a 2nd
notice to be given on both sides. - Drove to Y. airfield.

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Back. Withers' engagement to begin May 1st. -

April 6th Sunday. - To Longford: W. Starkhouse preached. -

I read the service in the afternoon here. -

7th - Lessons in forenoon. - Drove to Slony Point & to
Devonport's. - Fishing with Y.C.A. - 1 fish! -

8th - Lessons. - Drove a.d. to main road back. - Report
in Mercury of probable loss of W. Gould's ship party
on the way from Eldon Ranges to Macquarie Harb^r. -

I sent a telegram to W. Henry, recommend^d that a
steamer sh^d be sent along the coast in case W.
Gould's had reached Macq^{ie} Harb^r before provisions
(which only arrived there March 25th!) and had
started for Port Davey along the coast, living
on fish & shellfish. - There seems to have been
gross mismanagement somewhere; for had Gould
his party reached Macq^{ie} Harb^r in a fortnight from
Eldon Ranges, start^d there in the early part of Feb^r,
they would have found no provisions, & must
have starved, unless they could manage to subsist
on shell-fish &c. along the coast. - I warned W. Gould

before he started, of the frightful character of the
country through which he was about to make
his way; - but he seemed confident about reaching
Macquarie Harb^r in a fortnight from Eldon Ranges. -

Took my Prince's Rifle & went after rabbits in Top Pad^k.
Had one shot & missed. - I hear that at the Longford

Herrings.
Reported loss
of W. Gould's
ship party.

Some notes
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meeting on the subject of the Patronage of the cure,
a Board of Patronage was appointed by resolution
in opposⁿ to one vesting it in the Bishop.

April 9th. - Making out account of assets & liabilities. - Bills rec^d
of pay^{ble}, &c. -

10th. - Drove out. in carriage. - With Y.C.A. in the afternoon
to fish below Perth Bridge. None but small fish to
be found, though 10 days since there were hundreds
of large herrings! - Killed 1 small, & very small herrings.
There appears to be room for discussion as to whether
herrings (so-called) go up or down the rivers to spawn.
In the Meander I have noticed them, at spawning
time, continually moving upwards. In the
Mersey I remember to have killed them close to
the brackish water when the males were full of milt
& the females of spawn, - and that the females
seemed suddenly to disappear, so that out of some
3 dozen herrings I had only two or three females!
Again, I hear that lately (being spawning time) they
have been seen in myriads in the basins above
the baleraet near Llaneston. It is well known
that in the winter they leave the main stream
of the Mersey to inhabit the rivulets running into
it, & the "blind creeks" opening from it. - I must try to
study their habits while at Chestnut. -

11th. - Drove withy to Perth over Ritchie's Ford, and

Herrings!

their habits!

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Broke Pkinton
springs.

Herring:

found that the hind springs of the Pkinton were broken - both being unsound - in going over the very rough road near it. - Angled in the S. Estk near the Mill above Perth, but did not find a herring. There appeared to be some in the deep water. - Drove all. along the Pauschauer road. -

April 12th - Making up accounts. - Drove ad. to Longford &c.

Ann Boxhall. - Went with my Prince's rifle after rabbits but found none. - I see by the H. Town

The opposition
try address to
the Devon electors.

newspapers that the opposition have been made capital of a sentence in my address to the Devon electors on the Ministry. - They try to make out that my resignation is owing entirely to the extraordinary conduct of "certain prominent members of the opposition". What I meant was this. - that the disposition of the Premier, rather - as I believe - to risk the breaking ^{up} of the Anti-Opposition party, consisting of the Ministerial supporters & the independent members, than to resign office, - and the course pursued by the members of the opposition in question, condoned, as it ever was, by the ~~the~~ other members on their side, - rendered it highly improbable that a coalition would take place, which would leave the Govt in the hands of men having the confidence of a majority of the House. No prominent opposition member

in the U. of A. would be accepted by the independent party as a Minister. Neither Mr Home, nor Mr Meredith, nor Mr Salfe, nor Mr Gregson, certainly. There remains only John Meredith in the Lower House. In the Upper House there is Mr Whyke, but he has not much ability, & is Mr Gregson's son-in-law. He would wish to be Premier, and that would not be acceded to. —

April 13th Sunday. Drove to Longford in the morn^g, taking W. S., S., & R. — John took the servants in the spring cart in the even^g.

14th To Llaneston in Mr Smith's dog-cart with Mr Marquis. — Mr John Aubrey & Mr Rooke think I ought to have remained a Member of the U. of A. for the reason I gave for my resignation. They forget that I give two good reasons connected with my health & private affairs, — that the political reason is an additional one. — If I could have realised the object which I desired, as respects a Ministry, I should have been tempted to risk some sacrifice both of health & pecuniary considerations; but having no hope of doing so the reasons connected with my health & private concerns became paramount. — Mr G. Robertson & Mr Weedon & the proposed Delor^{re} Railway. — I told them that it would be most unfair to include in the proposed Railway District land which lies 10 miles beyond its furthest terminus, — especially when the natural outlet for the produce of such land is at the Mersey. — Wrote

Mr Rooke &
my resignation

D.R.
Deloraine
Railway
Districts

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Private
Letter to
Mr John
Davies

to Mr John Davies in "acknowledgment ^{to him & Mr Bright} of the kindness
 " which prompted the leading article of the 4th inst, and
 " of the ability with which it was written". I told him
 " that I never speculated upon the form^e of a Gov^t, there
 " than one which, being composed of members of the Anti-
 " opposⁿ party was only so far a boath^e Gov^t as it included
 " among its suff^rs the more mod^ele Membr^s who were
 " opp^d to Mr Chapman's Min^{is}. - Through my name was
 " mentioned in the "Adv^{er}" in conj^{un} with those of Mr Whyte
 " Mr Meredith & Mr Adams, I never even conversed with
 " Mr W. or Mr A. on the subject of the form^e of a new Min^{is}.
 " I never had a thought of being associ^{at} with Mr W. in a
 " Cabⁱⁿ after his open adhesion to the views of the Ultra Op^{er}.
 " Before the 7th Jan^y I thought that, with the cordial suff^r
 " of the Anti-oppⁿ members, J. Meredith, Dobson, & myself
 " wd have made as bol^e a comb^{at} as c^ould have been found
 " add^{ing} prob^{ably} Mr B. Miller, as a Mem^{ber} of the S. C. - Some of
 " my fr^{ies} say "Why! the reasons you give for resigning
 " are precisely those which ought to be determined
 " you to retain your seat." But, when all hope is
 " gone of attaining the object I strive for, why sh^{ould}
 " I sacrifice my health & the interests of my family
 " for the purpose of maint^{ain}ing in power a Min^{is} which
 " only exists upon suffer^{ance}. - I am quite prep^{ared} to
 " defend both my conduct & my address? - I also
 " intimated to him Mr Wedge's reported canvass^{ing} for Mr

Maxwell Miller.

April 15th - Received a copy of the Westbury & Deloraine (Westbury District) Valuation Roll, in which I find my property valued as follows:-

My property on the Valuation Roll.

300	acres	- Unoccupied	-	£ 80. . . .
312	"	- W. Bramich	-	50. . . .
170	"	- John Kluer	-	60. . . .
150	"	- Jas Kluer	-	25. . . .
1,900	"	- John Field	-	60. . . .
400	"	- W. & B. Hartle	-	120. . . .
75	"	- ^{Rich^d} Wm Jeffs	-	20. . . .
320	"	- H. McKostie	-	50. . . .
300	"	- G. Phillips	-	80. . . .
5,300	"	- P. & F. Pitt	-	1200. . . .
75	"	- John Rose	-	20. . . .
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(138 ac. too little)	-	9,302 acres	-	£ 1765. . . .
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5,200	"	- Rented brown land	-	66. 16. . . .
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14,502	acres	- Totals	-	£ 1831. 16. 0

Sir R. Dry's property.
H. W. Field's.
Expense of packing.
Hat to John.

I see that Sir R. Dry's land, ^{with some 35 tenants' farms,} is valued at £5,625, & H. W. Field's at £2,645. - I have received the account of W. Hamilton & Son, and find his charges very high, especially for cases for furniture. - The cost of packing was more than £30! - I brought a hat from Loure for John, and let him have it yesterday, - telling him that if he remained with me (i.e. for a year) I would give it to him. The price was £1.1.0. -

16th - Sessions, &c. called at Rhodes. -

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April 17th - This morning at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 3 I sent for Dr Whitfield to attend A.C. who was in immediate expectation of her "confinement." - He remained all day; and at about $\frac{1}{2}$ past 9 in the evening a daughter was born, - the Doctor leaving at 11 o'clock, when both Mother & Child were doing well. - The day was damp & showery, and the children were in doors all day, - at their wit's end for amusement, - most of our books & toys being packed for Chestnut. -

Birth of a daughter.

18th - A cold day. Mother & Child reported by Dr Whitfield, who called, to be doing well. - Snow lying thickly on the Burdsond range of Mts. - Good Friday. Drove to Songford & back. -

Snow on Mts!

19th - Croquet & a long walk with the children. - Drove with Suey, & called on the Arthurs. - A pleasant day. Wrote to Wm. Wherson about an exchange of freight of my furniture &c. -

Freight by Circassians.

20th - Sunday. - To Church at Songford. -

21st - To Chestnut, driving Marquis in the phaeton, letting Willy with me & John, - starting at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 8. - Met P. Pitt on the road. Saw Ellen Pitt at W. Kookie's, - on the way from Chestnut "for good." - Found W. Wade & Mrs Budd at Chestnut. -

To Chestnut.

Ellen Pitt.

22nd - Busy almost all day selecting culling inferior ewes & from those which are for my breeding flock. - Found

SB. Culling ewes.

23rd - The flock scabby - about 1 in 8 or 9 "breaking" - ^{some of} the rains.

H.H.
E. Horton

May 13th
No. b. Chestnut.

E. Horton, Shepherds, a letter to W. Wade. - Drove
to Longford & Birkenhead. Repaired, Perambulatory,
Drove Marquis in the phaeton to Chestnut, taking John
with me. Owing to the Meander not being fordable
I was obliged to go by way of the Falls, & found the
road exceedingly rough. - I was 1 3/4 hours driving from
Deloraine to the Falls; and as much longer driving
thence to Chestnut, - the greater part of the time by
moonlight. - Met P. Pitt at Deloraine, on his way to
a sale at Carnick tomorrow, when some of his sheep
& cattle are to be sold. - ~~With Horton to West End~~

Chestnut

14th - Unpacking furniture, &c. - P. Pitt returned in the evening.

15th - Unpacking furniture. - P. Pitt rode to R. Gibson's, to
see him about the purchase of wethers from him
on my account. - With Horton to West End hut. -

16th - My birthday - 42. I have much reason to be thankful
to God for all His mercies to me, during the whole of
my life. - I have arranged, with P. Pitt to buy the remainder

C.B.

Bought
with P. Pitt
14/6

of his cattle at reduced prices, - namely £4 for cows & 3
yr old heifers, - £2.10 for 2 yr old cattle, - £1.10 for yearlings,
& £1 for calves; - to be paid for in 12 mos: the bill not
to be negotiated till then. - With Horton to Flowerly Wood.

Chestnut

17th - Cattle branding. - Unpacking furniture, &c. -

18th - Sunday. - Read the Morning Service, & one of
Giddleston's sermons. - Walked with P. Pitt to the
Swallow-Hole, which is much deepened since we left

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for England. -

Sb.

976 wethers
from R. Gibson.

May 19th - W.R. Gibson & his shepherd, brought 976 6-teeth & full-mouthed wethers, from the same flock as those which P. Pitt bought for me from W.B. Comrod. - The price is 10/- for 500, & 11/- for the remainder 476, - making a total sum of £511.16.0 for which Philip has given his bill at 3 mos. - and I am to retire it by giving him my bill at 3 mos with disc^t added. - Raining.

Bill for same.

20th - Raining weather. - Unpacking furniture &c. -

21st - Raining. - Unpack^s furniture. - John Elmer came to see me with a propⁿ that I should let him go on for another year, giving him till next year to pay his rent, - having no rent to offer me at present. - I told him he ought to be prepared to offer me half his rent now due before asking for time. - I declined to agree to his proposal. - He wishes ^{me} to take security on his next crop, for the few cattle he has. - He is to come tomorrow. -

T.

John Elmer

22nd - P. Pitt & W. Budd cattle hunting. - I rode round part of the Falls Run, to see my small tenants. - I have obtained 50 bushels of wheat from John Rose in payment of rent. - Ritter the German, adjoin^s Rose, has completed his 3rd year of tenancy of 35 acres. I gave him his rent 3⁴/₈ on creditⁿ that it was spent in clothes for his children. - Jeffs will be able to pay me this year's rent, but not arrears.

T.

John Rose

T.

Ritter

T.

Wm. Jeffs

at present. He is to let me have a hive of bees, & 2 barrow pigs as part of the rent. — I rode over the portion of the Kalls Run in my poppers. I was glad to find that it contains some excellent pasture. — I rode home in the rain, which commenced about 2 o'clock, but ceased before I reached Chest. — Yesterday even^g I arranged, with Mr. Hurtle to take his promissory note, payable on demand, for £150 in full for rent & arrears. —

Pasture
in Kalls Run.

T.
104 B. Hurtle
Prom. note.

23rd Battle branding all day. — In the even^g I went through all accounts between P. Pitt & myself. — I have to pay him the follow^g amounts; —

Acct of Stock
to. from P. Pitt.

For Stock &c. &c. £2628. —
" " " 89. 5. —
" " (Horses) 100. —
" Cash paid, — 138. 9. 6
" Sundries — 152. 2. 8
" Extra Stock 398. —
£3505. 17. 2

The above amount, with £961. 16. — for sheep, from Mess^{rs} R. Gibson & O'Connor, makes a total amt^t, for stocking the estate, of £4467. 13. 2, which, at 7 per cent. per ann., is equal to about £312 a year. —

The sum of £398 is not to be paid for 12 months. — The remainder to be paid by bills arranged as much as possible to suit my convenience. — He has

M.
Acct of stock
to Chestnut.

M.
Acct of
Payment.

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already drawn on me for £3,000. - Arranged with Mr Wade for the sending of stores, sheepwash tobacco &c. to Chestnut. -

Sto. Stores for Chestnut.
from Chestnut to Woolmers.

May 24th - Started at 9.15 am. from Chestnut, & reached Del^{ne} in 2 1/4 hours, the road being very bad. - It took me 1 3/4 hour to drive from Deloraine to Westbury, - & 3 1/4 hours from Westbury to Woolmers, 1 1/2 hour being occupied by the journey from Westbury to Carrick. - Found letters from Mr Gould & Lord Eversley, - & from Mr Box, abt a Governemts, & others. -

25th - Sunday. a very wet forenoon. I read the Man's Prayers in the Dining-room. -

M. Wrote to Smith & Willan.
G.P. Ch. to Bedford.
G.P. Ch. to Westminster.
Mrs Bright!

26th - Wrote to Smith & Willan to send me a letter of credit for £1000, lets the questⁿ of the extra £100 stand over, about which I am to see Mr Gleadow. - Sent ch. for Rent to Bedford, & for Int^t to Mr Sherwin. - Wrote other letters. - Answer applicⁿ from Mrs Maria Meredith Bright - wife of Mr Bright of the Mercury Office - for the situation of Governemts, - in which she states that he is "in difficult pecuniary circumstances," - declining her services on the score of a previous negotiation with other parties. - Drove with ad. to the Parsonage Longford, & met there Miss Wilkinson, daughter of Dr Wilkinson on the North coast, who has been recommended to us as a Governemts. - She can teach Music, French, &c. & requires a salary of £50 a year.

Miss Wilkinson.

To write to Miss Lucy Garrett.

and her washing:— moderate enough!— We are to ascertain whether Miss Lucy Garrett is willing to come to us, on what terms, before giving Miss Wilkinson an answer.—

STO. Stores for Chestnut.

May 27th — To Lameslow, driving a.c. S.F.W.S. in the phaeton. — Ordered

stores for Chestnut as follows.—

- brookes - Ration Sugar 3 bags, at 60 lb. at £34 a ton. —
- Do Tea 2 chests, " 160 " " £6.15. — a chest.
- Best Tobacco - ~~3~~ 30 " " 6/9 per lb. —
- brookes - Coarse Salt - 1 bag. — " 200 " "
- " Fine do. 1/2 " — " 100 " "
- " Liverpool soap 2 boxes " 100 " " £1 a box. —
- " Shingle nails 1 1/2^{in.} — " 28 " at 7^d per lb. —
- " Batter " 2 — " 14 " " 6 " "
- " Spikes — 3 — " 14 " " 4 " "
- " Do — 4 — " 14 " " 4 " "
- " Horse-shoe No. 3410 — " 14 " "
- " X cut saw files — " 1 doz. —
- " Hand-saw " — " 2 " —
- " Spades. 2 American + 6 com. — 5/- to 5/6. —
- " Shovels. — 1 do + 2 do — 5/- to 5/6. —
- " Hay-knife —

One of wheels broken.

On the way into Town the tire of the rear fore wheel that broke before broke near the Springs, & we went on at a slower pace to Town. — ^{The new tire was put on by brookes.} — We did not leave till 1/2 past 4, & reached Woolhus at 7. —

28th — Writing letters. — Walked to Brickendon Heath. —

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Drove ad. to Soufford. Paid H. B. Nicholls Esq. £2 for the
N. Agric^l Assocⁿ. -

May 29th. - Rode with my Brother to Clarendon. - The Native
companion, - the fierce swan, - the deer, - the Kangaroos
& their ferocity when attacked or provoked. - The ford
at Clarendon was not high, though there is some-
what of a flood in the Lake River. - Found the
bones very kind, - dried with them. - W box looks
very well. - Rode home by way of Pleasant Banks
where I bought of Price the groom my old ^{quail} gun,
by Barnes, for £5 with shot pouch & powder horn. -
It wants cleaning &c. very much. - At Simons Plains
I saw them dipping lambs in lobano-water & sulphur.
W. G. Gibson could not tell me the quantity of
sulphur in propⁿ to the lob. water! It is a great
want among the flockmasters & the farmers too
of Tasmania that no records are kept of the
proportions of substances used by them for drefs^s
sheep - pickling wheat, &c. &c. -

to
Clarendon.

G.
Bo^o my
old quail-gun.
Sheep-dipping.

30th. - Drove to Panshanger. - Went to the river opposite
to Richmond Hill to meet W. Looney for a day's quail-
shooting. He was at Mr. Brae's hills. I borrowed his
dogs; and, after walking about 12 or 13 miles, killed
3½ brace of quail, leaving 3 birds for W. Looney,
2 at Panshanger, & bring^g 2 home. - Paid Mrs. Boxhall
£7. on acc. -

G.
Quail.

G.P.
W. G. Boxhall

May 31st.
False start
to Town.
Railway's calculations.

Prepared to go to Lanesdown, but delayed by rain till 2 past 11. Started with a.c., but turned back at Songford. - A drizzling day's-rain. - Repaired the pads of carriage break, - eased the door fastenings, &c. - Made calculations about Stone & Down Railway. - As compared with all Ireland the popⁿ of all Yasun is about 176 to 4, or 44 to 1, - & all Irel^d to popⁿ Rail^y Distⁿ as 7 1/2 to 1. - Those parts of Irel^d through which railways pass to popⁿ Rail^y Distⁿ as - at least - 19 to 1. So that, taking 44 m. of Rail^y & 10 beyond ^{the Down} ~~each~~ term^s & at each side, i.e. 54 m. x 20 m. ~~would~~ giving 1080 sq. m., there would be in Ireland ~~from~~ some 270,000 inhab^{ts} instead of 30,000! - The Irish Co^s I have taken are Antrim, Armagh, Cork, Dublin, Kildare, Limerick, Londonderry, Meath, Queen's Co^y, & Tipperary, with a popⁿ of about 2,230,000, & 9,634 sq. m. - Read carefully W. Dayne's pamphlet again. Writing to "Mercury" with copy of Lord Rousley's letter on the Speaker's Election. - A.C. wrote to Miss Wilkinson, to tell her that she agreed to engage her as Co^{me}ss, on the terms named at the Personage Songford. The 1st day, - viz^t. £50 a year & her washing.

Engaged
Miss Wilkinson.