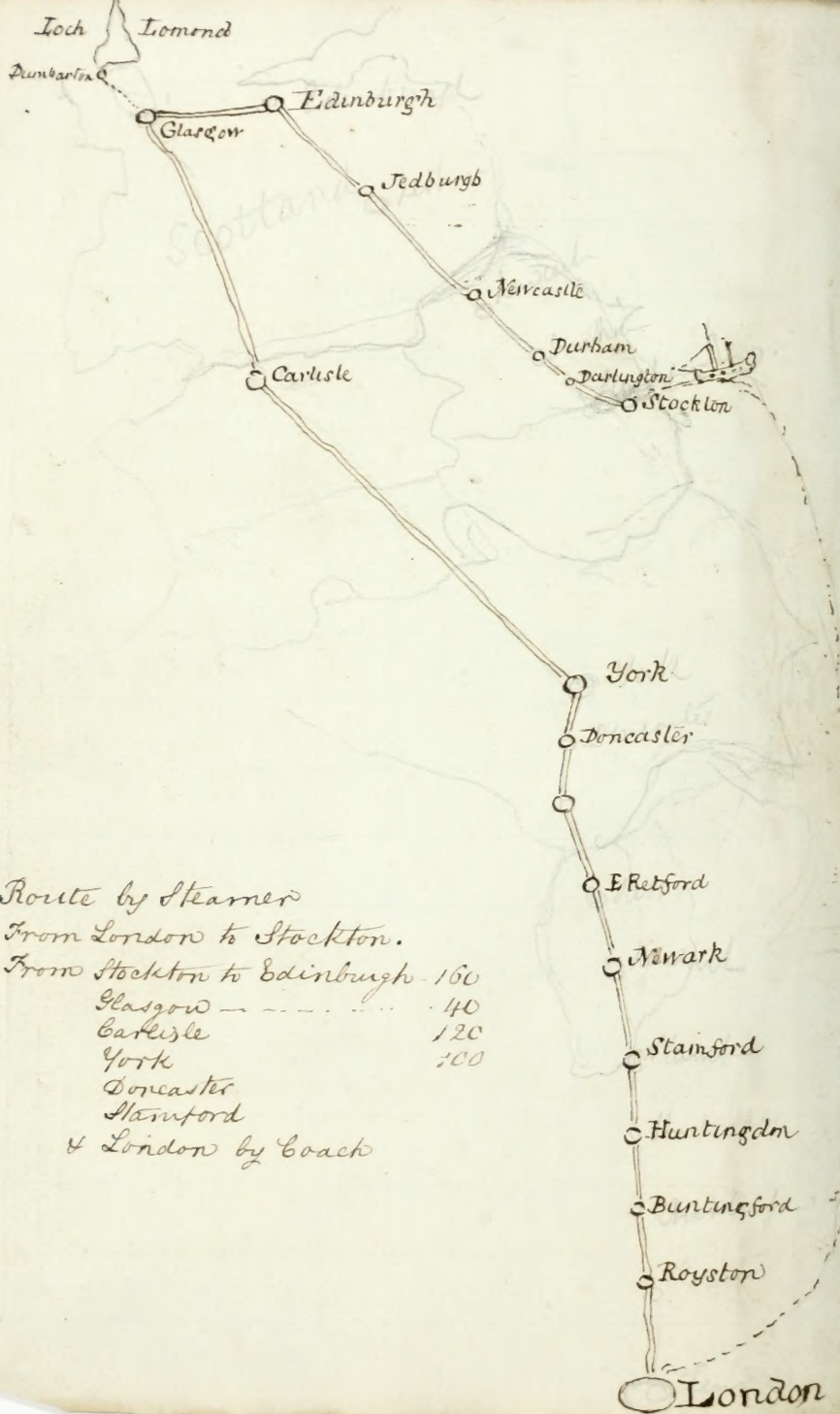




MUCRUSS ABBEY.



Route by Steamer  
 From London to Stockton.  
 From Stockton to Edinburgh - 160  
 Glasgow - - - - - 140  
 Carlisle 120  
 York 100  
 Doncaster  
 Stamford  
 & London by Coach

London

# Excursion to Scotland

1832

Tuesday 31 July. Left Town at 7 in the evening by the James Watt Steamer a drunken waterman bringing his fare to the vessel capsized & nearly drowned - & the gentleman much frightened drifting away in the boat by himself on coming on deck on the Wednesday morning. The Kentish Coast presented itself being just off Margate - as we proceeded passed Harwich the Essex Coast & afterwards several pretty towns on the Suffolk Coast as Aldborough - Northwold & Lowestoff which have an exceeding good effect & seem much frequented as bathing places - there being abundance of machines, the day was remarkably fine & much enjoyed the sail

Thursday 2 Aug. Misty & wet morning passed Flamborough Head a bold promontory with a light House Scarborough - & Whitby which with

with its fine Bay & the ruins of  
the Abbey towering above the Cliffs  
form an interesting object - much  
amused with observing the immense  
number of Sea Gulls - flying into  
the cavities in the rocks - or swimming  
& fluttering in the waves - there are  
also innumerable lots of a pretty  
small Bird they call Divers - & the  
Captain told us - that these Birds  
which are in the habit of diving  
after the fish are watched by the  
Gulls - & not unfrequently robbed of  
their prize on bringing it to the  
surface of the water - Reached  
the Tees River early in the afternoon  
but the Tide being low - were obliged  
to anchor for two hours 'till there  
was water enough to bring us in  
arrived at Stockton at 8 in the  
evening after a pleasant sail  
agreeable Companions & a very  
civil Captain - thought the passage  
very moderate £2.2 - which included  
a most liberal Table - after a  
night's rest & looking over Stockton  
which is a large clean Town with



wide market place & a suspension  
bridge just out of the Town left on  
Friday 3<sup>d</sup> for Darlington by  
the Rail way Coach - this a heavy  
umbering Carriage carrying from  
5 to 20 passengers & drawn with ease  
by one Horse. Not having previously  
seen the mode of travelling on the  
rail way was much struck with  
its singularity. Very many Coal  
cars are linked together & drawn  
by one horse; others are propelled  
by a Steam Engine to which from  
20 to 30 are attached & away they  
go in one long continued line at  
the rate of 5 or 6 miles an hour  
I have often heard the expression  
of putting the Cart before the Horse  
but little thought I should ever  
see it realized such however is here  
literally the case. For towards North  
the rail way slightly inclines  
and at the back of some of the  
Coal Carriage, is a low sort of Cart  
about a foot from the ground when  
the man comes to a certain part  
the Horse is taken from the front

and both man & horse jump in  
behind and away they all go together.

The weight alone propelling them  
forward, so plentiful is the coal  
in this neighbourhood that the road  
is formed with it - the rail way  
is fitted in strong iron grooves in  
stone work - & men are continually  
employed in the line of road in  
raising it where depressed to preserve  
the exact level. reached Darlington  
at 1/2 past 10 - it is rather a neat  
town with a Market Place & the  
High Street wide. left at 1 for  
Durham where arrived at 4  
o'clock in time for the afternoon  
service at the Cathedral.  
This is a noble structure in the  
early Saxon style - Colossal circular  
pillars support the nave all different  
carving - fine circular window at  
each end with stained glass in the  
centre - at the back of the altar is

a large Chapele & Transept in which  
are deposited many fine ancient Statues  
of kings - abbots, &c which adorned the  
riches of the Central Tower - but which  
some wise acers, removed a few years  
back. - The South side of the Church  
is now undergoing repair, saving over  
the decayed stone work - The College  
fine opening where are the Prebendal  
Houses - & the Castle part of the ancient  
ruin of which still remaining, and  
forms the residence of the Bishop.  
The situation of the Cathedral is  
happily chosen, bordering upon a  
lofty Hill at the foot of which the  
river winds its way. the banks  
finely wooded & a water mill  
immediately beneath it - a walk  
leads round the Church from which  
is a delightful prospect. The Country  
about Durham well wooded -  
The apices, had just terminated  
here & folks attention much occupied  
by the sentence of a Man hung for  
the murder of a Magistrate, who  
was, after being cut down. hanged  
& gibbeted - a considerable Militia



free was, in the town, as it was,  
feared some of his fellow workmen  
the Pitmen would attempt a rescue -  
There are some curious carvings  
outside the Cathedral - a large Cow  
& a woman with a Milk Pail  
on her head - It certainly proves,  
a fine Milch Cow to some of the  
Clergy, who may therefore be a  
very apt symbol. - There are  
4 singing men salary £60 a year  
£2<sup>s</sup> each day of attendance  
Summer Bishop of Chester the Reverend  
in waiting - The evening dull &  
cheerless & exceeding glad of the  
company of a brisk cheerful fire  
at the City Inn. - Durham has  
little to attract the notice of  
the Traveller but its Cathedral  
the streets being narrow - the  
Market Place mean & being  
very destitute of Public Buildings,  
it appears like ancient Rome  
to be built upon hills -

Saturday 4 Aug. Started from  
Durham at 4 in the morning,  
through Gateshead & Newcastle a  
large Town with a considerable  
Constant Trade it presents a very  
brilliant appearance & has some  
very handsome Public Buildings,  
Town Hall, Market Place &c.  
passed through part of Northumber-  
land exceedingly mountainous  
& but little cultivated - so as very  
monotonous, no villages, gentle  
seats, & scarcely a Farm House to  
be seen - on entering Scotland  
could not but be struck with the  
difference in farming - the land  
wherever it would appear to admit  
of it under cultivation - passed  
through Jedburgh a County Town  
of Scotland where the Ayr, are  
held & crossed several bridges  
to enter it owing to the winding  
of the river. Here are the ruins  
of a fine Abbey part of which  
is still used as a Parish Church

thence to Melrose a neat little  
town where dined - the ruins of the  
fine Abbey lay immediately at the  
back - some short distance hence  
is Abbotsford the seat of Sir Walter  
Scott embosomed in trees. The  
building is in the ancient style - &  
the situation happily chosen - as  
you approach Edinburgh the  
high mountains contiguous have  
a noble appearance. The Salisbury  
Craig present a singular effect  
much resembling a lion couchant  
the road for a considerable distance  
before you enter the City is skirted  
by pretty neat houses, the residence  
of merchants & respectable tradesmen  
entered by South Bridge passing  
the University which is a noble  
building.

Sunday 5 Aug. Bent my steps  
to the Calton Hill which stands  
at one end of Prince's Street and  
from which you obtain a beautiful  
view of the City - the Buildings  
on the top of the rock which  
consist of a dark sort of granite  
are highly ornamental - here is


a handsome pillar to the memory  
of Nelson with the following inscription

To the memory  
of Vice Admiral Nelson  
and of the great Victory of Trafalgar  
too dearly purchased with his blood  
The grateful Citizens of Edinburgh  
have erected this monument  
Not to express their unavailing sorrow for his death  
Nor yet to celebrate the matchless glories of his life  
But by his noble example to teach their sons  
To emulate what they admire & like him when duty requires  
To die for their Country

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There is also an Observatory and a beautiful  
monument resembling Demosthenes' lantern  
to the memory of Professor Playfair a very  
fine one is also nearly completed to the  
memory of Burns - The Portico of a large  
Building after the model of the Parthenon  
intended as a National Gallery or Museum  
but of which the Portico alone is finished  
for want of funds - is highly ornamental  
particularly when viewed at a distance  
a deep ravine separates the old  
from the new Town which formerly  
was unhealthy & unwholesome from its  
containing stagnant water & filth  
it is now let by the Corporation to a  
nursery man who has laid it out  
in a very tasteful manner with  
young plantations & walks and it is

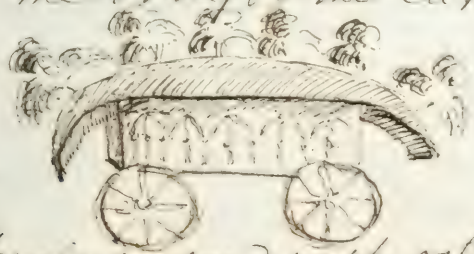
very ornamental - to the Carlton  
Hill terminate, Prince, Street at  
one end so does the Castle at the  
other & presents a beautiful appearance  
browsing above the City & places on  
a bold rock - From it is a most  
extensive & delightful view -

Hence, Hospital - the Record Office  
School of Arts - Goal & Bridewell  
Post office. The High School are  
particularly fine buildings -  
parallel to Prince, Street are  
Queen Street, George Street &  
some beautiful Squares, a noble  
Structure in one of them the tomb  
with a Dome in the style of Pauls,  
Melville's Pillar, Statue of George  
the 4<sup>th</sup> attended the service of the  
Scottish Church in the morning  
at St. Giles, - This Church has a  
singular Spire resembling an  
imperial crown  St. John's  
Episcopal Church a splendid specimen  
of Gothic Architecture with permanent  
Roof like King's College Cambridge  
Went to Holywell - saw the interesting  
ruins of its Chapel - here is the tomb

of the Kings of Scotland - the Palace  
itself in very bad style. - In the evening  
went to Arthur's Seat from which  
is a delightful view of an immense  
tract of Country the City of Edinburgh  
the Firth of Forth with Leith Harbour  
New Haven & Port Bello - the main ocean  
numerous Islands, & the Country beautifully  
mapped out for an immense extent  
no knockers on the doors - all bells  
few seem to occupy the whole House  
& several names, & bells are to most  
of them. - The shops in the leading  
streets make a very handsome display  
quite in the Regent Street style - and  
it is very common to have two  
shops to a House - one on the level  
with the Street - and the other in the  
area. - The old Town forms a  
sad contrast to the splendour of the  
new - extremely lofty Houses, 9, 10 &  
even 12 Storeys high - one convenient  
Staircase with no door & approached  
from the Street - & innumerable  
narrow dirty lanes, & alleys, leading  
into the main streets - which are  
none of the cleanest & serene  
with a dense & dirty population -

Monday 6 May - Walked to Leith  
which is the Port of Edinburgh and  
distant about 1 mile or half it is  
a large town & has a busy appearance  
though but little to recommend it  
on the score of architecture - It has  
a fine pier & wooden jetty extending  
beyond upwards of a quarter of a mile  
An Island is opposite the Harbour in  
which is a Light House - walked along  
the coast to New Haven a little fishing  
village not a mile distant with  
a good Stone Pier & Harbour from  
which Steam vessels are constantly  
sailing to the other side of the Firth.  
Huntingly - there is also a pretty  
Suspension Bridge in the style of  
Hammer, with though on a much  
smaller scale. here are a few good  
lodging houses, several Bathing  
machines, in one of which had  
supper, with returned to the Hotel  
to breakfast and after another stroll  
through Edinburgh to take a parting  
view of its splendor left at 11  
o'clock for Glasgow - The Country

highly cultivated wherever it will  
at all admit of it and even on the  
roofs you will see small patches  
of land well cropped. As you approach  
Glasgow it presents all the appearance  
of a great manufacturing town  
such innumerable clouds of smoke  
from the High Chimney shaft, where  
Steam engines, are at work and the  
dusty looks of the crowds you meet  
on entering the City. - It was my ill  
fortune to visit it at a very melancholy  
time, the death, from Cholera <sup>being</sup>  
being about 50 a day, and as if  
to confirm the gloomy intelligence  
on passing up the High Street to the  
Inn we met several funeral  
Cais, which make a far more  
melancholy appearance than our  
Heaves, the top greatly projecting  
over the body of the Carriage



profusely covered with ostrich feathers  
& the sides with paintings, of the interior of a church



much resembling the funeral car  
employed at Lord Nelson's death  
the mourners, also instead of following  
two & two - all march abreast and  
nearly take up the width of the  
street. - The old Town seems densely  
populated & from the extent of  
the manufactures, carried on here  
there is a perpetual smoke and  
the place altogether appears extremely  
dirty. - In the New Town which  
runs parallel with Byggle Street  
& stands on higher ground - the  
Houses are well & clean wide  
Streets, with several handsome  
Churches & Buildings. - The Royal  
Exchange in particular is a  
remarkably fine Building with  
a noble Portico. The interior the  
ceiling of which is exceedingly beautiful  
is used as a Reading Room and  
the general resort of Merchants,  
and there is an abundant supply  
of Papers & shipping intelligence  
it appears to be supported by the  
Subscription - though they are

very courteous to Strangers, who are  
at liberty to walk in & read the  
Papers. - Some fine Bridges  
cross the Clyde on the other side  
of which are some good Houses,  
Shoes, and Stockings seem uncom-  
monly dispersed with amongst the ladies  
Clap and you not unfrequently  
see neatly dressed young women  
without these appendages, - or  
perhaps walking with them in  
their hands. to put them on when  
they get into a Town.

Tuesday 7 Aug. Started at 4  
in the morning by the Steamer  
from Glasgow to Dumbarton on  
the Clyde. 14 miles, to Dumbarton  
the Castle has a very picturesque  
appearance. Standing on two Conical  
Rocks at the entrance of the River  
Leven. seems a strong military  
position - breakfasted at the  
Elephant Inn in the Village and  
then proceeded by a lumbering

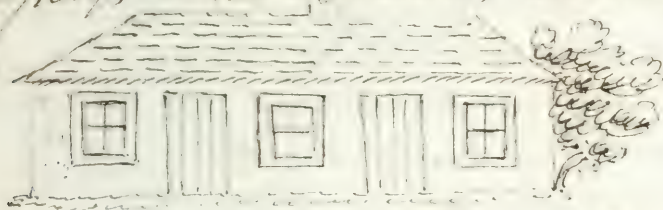
heavy & Horse Coach to the entrance  
of Loch Lomond. The water at the  
entrance being shallow a Barge  
conveys you some little distance  
to the Steamers on the Loch and at  
the part so we began the Tour of  
the Lake by the Euphrasyne  
At the entrance near Dumbarton  
this noble Loch or Lake is nearly  
8 miles wide and has several  
beautiful islands, it gradually  
however narrows <sup>all</sup> as you approach  
its extreme termination which is  
about 28 miles. - It is wonderfully  
indented and there are many  
pretty Cottages, & small vilages,  
on its banks - after proceeding a  
few miles - the magnificent Highlands  
open upon you in endless variety  
mountains of rock in many  
parts beautifully green with  
heather & trees to the top & others  
bare & rugged with huge masses  
of rock tumbling at their base

about half way up the Lake  
you sail near the foot of Ben  
Lomond the highest Mountain  
here 3200 feet above the level of  
the Sea - Boat, continually put  
off to the Steamer with parties,  
who have been to it, summit  
whilst others, leave for the same  
purpose - which by the way is  
no slight labour - the circuitous  
way in which you are obliged  
to ascend being about 6 miles,  
many land at the little Collage,  
where Ponies, are kept ready saddled  
for the accommodation of those  
who like a ramble amongst the  
Highlanders - I am sure open hearted  
set I understand cannot be met  
with. - The Scenery altogether  
in this romantic & delightful  
spot can scarcely be appreciated  
by one unaccustomed to this country  
Scenery to my mind it has a  
peculiar feature of grandeur &  
magnificence. - In some parts,

you see deep ravines, in the rocks & falls of water; in one of the small islands a recluse has formed a sort of hermitage. all of them are beautifully covered with trees, and you often see large trees growing between the clefts, in the rock & cannot but wonder how they can find nourishment or support for their roots. - We had a very good dinner on board the Salmon I believe caught in the lake. - The water is fresh very clear & equally good. - The sail round the Loch occupied about 9 hours, which is not surprising as it is about 28 mile, long and we must therefore have sailed nearly 60 mile, on its beautiful waters. - We returned by the Coach to Dumbarton & thence by the Steamer to Glasgow which we reached before 9 in the evening after having spent a delightful day.

Wednesday 8 Aug - Started at 6 in the morning from Glasgow breakfasted at Kilmarnock a large town with two or three handsome Churches the road leads through a fine hilly country - but few villages, in the route the cottages on the whole have a neat

appearance almost invariably of stone  
being the natural product of the Country  
& slated, many whitewashed & the  
drapery to the windows coloured.



where there are two stories, the ascent  
to the upper frequently by stone steps  
outside. - Whilst on our road to  
Dunfriesshire, a ragged fellow without  
shoes or stockings, hung on behind  
the Coach who the Equerry assured us  
conveyed the Mail to that Town, he  
hardly seemed fit to be trusted with  
a two penny letter. - Passed through  
old Cunnock, Langhuan, & the Braes  
of Brallock celebrated by Burns  
in his Scottish Song, - Dunfriesshire is  
a large Town & being Market day  
presented a very bustling appearance  
the high Street lined with Pedlars  
their Carts, filled with wares, of all  
sorts collected from the surrounding  
Country & brought here for sale. -  
Vast droves of black Cattle from  
the Highlands, it being a great place

of report for Deales, from the South  
Took a hasty run to the Church yard  
to see Burns' Monument. - It consists  
of a well executed figure of the Poet  
placed in a neat little temple he,  
hand holding the Plough. - From  
Dunfriesshire to Carlisle the ride is  
particularly beautiful. hanging  
woods on each side of the road  
for a considerable distance with  
the river winding at the bottom  
The Duke of Buccleugh has a fine  
Castle on an eminence at Thornhill  
on our route to Carlisle met Lord  
Mansfield riding over his estate  
which is very extensive, we here passed  
a Country Church such as it originally  
was, before the increase of population  
the plainest structure Sever saw  
& would scarcely contain a dozen  
people, a larger & more appropriate  
building now stands by the side  
& forms a singular contrast. - In one  
of the burying grounds observed an  
elevated wooden platform covered  
at top in which are told in Sacrament  
Sunday when many persons are

collected together, the Minister addressed  
the Congregation in the open air instead  
of the Kirk. - The Heritors in Scotland  
support the Minister & keep the  
Church in repair - It spends from £300  
to £400 p Ann<sup>u</sup> - Was somewhat  
amused in my ride by a rough  
looking genius - a fellow passenger  
in a Blue Coat, Birdseye Breeches, &  
woolsted stockings, who spoke a very  
broad dialect, and if I occasionally  
asked him a question or he addressed  
me, he gave me a deuce of a punch  
in the side, I took him for some  
Country Bumpkin who had been  
to Dumfries, to buy or sell Cattle  
but the Coachman, unfortunately  
getting a fly in his eye, was, as it were,  
to hear the genius addressed by  
another passenger who knew him  
by the title of Doctor & asking his  
advice - I still imagined he could  
only be a Country Doctor, but was informed  
he was the practising Esculapius  
of the place, he seemed however to  
have a mighty relish for Whiskey  
and we dropped him at a Public House  
with some other Pot Companions. -



Turnpikes in Scotland are frightfully  
expensive - The Glasgow mail pay,  
I understand upwards of £ 3000 a  
year or £ 35 a mile - There being  
no exemption for mails, in Scotland  
The toll is often 1/6 a horse, and  
you are not permitted to leave the  
high road to avoid the toll, instance,  
I am told occasionally occur of a  
traveller attempting this, being  
rode after by the Toll keeper & heavily  
fined. - The appearance of the  
heath in Glasgow very pretty, as  
you approach Carlisle you see  
the Solway Firth, but the Country  
seems flat reached Carlisle at  
10 at night

Thursday 9 Aug. - The affize,  
just terminating here - went to  
the Courts, which are in the  
Casellated form on each side the  
Street at the entrance from the  
London Road - Looked in at the  
Prisi Prius side - a Case just settled  
a man for calling another liar damaged  
1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>d</sup> Courts. That is about £ 150. for  
the free use of his tongue -

The Cathedral not particularly striking on the outside, the Stone being of a reddish brown, & but few Methebs or ornaments, - a Central Tower, but somewhat plain. - The Choir having fine Carving to the Stalls, - splendid Eastern Window - Circular Arch, Clustered Pillar, - Gyg Hag mouldings, & foliage to the Capitals, of Columns, no opening at the back of the Organ to the Tower, it being built up to the roof & the, much detract, from its beauty, - The nave being also much injured during the Civil War, is concealed from view - Here is a monument to D. Lard a former Bishop - Heard Choir Service There is a pretty Close at the back where are the Rebentoul House,

The remains of the old Castle of Carlisle are now used as a Garrison a Canal runs at the back of the City which has a communication with the river to the Sea on which small Steam Boats ply. - Took a walk by the side & fancied I was proceeding by a pleasant foot way to the City when suddenly came upon

a Home Merchant, Premises and  
encountered a fierce dog, glad to  
retrace my steps - A pleasant  
walk leads round the Castle from  
which being at a considerable  
elevation, you overlook the meadows,  
the winding of the river & some of  
the high Hills of Cumberland. -  
Cholera seems to excite considerable  
alarm here - Several Boards of  
Health formed for the different  
Parishes, - observed a letter placarded  
on the Walls, - written by a Mr. Hudson  
an Advocate for Dr. Morrison's, the  
Hygean System, justifying his practice  
by the success that has attended it  
in opposition to that of the Medical  
Practitioners, & rather pointedly addressed  
to the Gentlemen (not the Medical  
Men of Carlisle) -

Left Carlisle at 5 in the evening  
by the Express to York, delightful  
ride through the high lands of  
Cumberland, to Penrith a few  
miles from which is the celebrated  
Ulswater Lake, the Mountains  
surrounding which form fine objects -  
entered Westmoreland rather a dreary





appearance much waste & uncultivated  
and - passed through an Castle an  
old Ruin on the Estate of the Lord  
Chancellor near Appleby; a modern  
house in which his mother reside,  
is now removed from the road

The seat of Lord Lovelace is distinctly  
seen the judges had proceeded there  
by invitation previous to opening  
the bridge at Appleby - road to Greta  
bridge through a fine avenue of  
trees - reached York at 9 Friday  
morning

Friday 10 Aug. Heard Cathedral  
Service at the Minster. - This is  
indeed a splendid ornament of  
the City. the proportions are so very  
grand - It is by far larger than any  
Cathedral I have yet seen - The choir  
is beautifully restored after the ancient  
style, the screen in which are  
sculptured the apostles with numerous  
smaller figures above most delicately  
& exquisitely carved in stone - all the  
smaller figures playing on various  
instruments, - Harp, Clavichord, Hoop,  
very appropriate being an organ  
screen - Almost all the windows

extremely rich in stained glass,  
the Eastern window superb. The  
various compartments, - being filled  
with the various incidents in Sacred  
History and 45 feet high - The transept  
250 feet across

The altar screen much improved  
by being now open with plate glass,  
The Tower very lofty & all the  
proportions of this noble edifice  
on a magnificent scale -

The Chapter House is remarkably  
fine & equally rich in stained  
glass. no support from the Centre  
to the roof. as is often the case -  
though the height is 60 feet -

In the Vestry are shewn many  
curious relics - an old Bible  
Silver Crozier - Silver Bowl given  
by an Archbishop 3 or 4 Centuries  
ago to a Public Company now  
dissolved - Spurs, Rings, -

A Curious large Dragons head  
is suspended from one side of  
the nave to which the font was  
attached. Shewn the place where  
Martin concealed himself behind a

to the evening before he set fire  
to the Minster - & the window he broke  
to make his escape. - The high altar  
has a fine effect being approached  
by a flight of steps & the magnificent  
Eastern window towers above it  
at the back of the altar is a large  
space - where are several fine monuments  
brandy sadly mutilated as well as  
the Pavement by the fall of the roof  
when on fire - under the Pavement at  
the East end of the Church we were  
shown some Colossal Norman Pillars,  
& arches. - There is a remarkably fine  
window in one of the Transepts, in  
five compartments, called the 5 Sisters,  
in stained glass from a design furnished  
by them. - Took a walk round the  
City Walls, which surround the Town  
& have lately been put in excellent  
order by subscription affording a  
fine walk & view of the surrounding  
Country - Went to view the beautiful  
ruins of St. Mary's Abbey near the  
Cathedral - one side of which is  
tolerably perfect - a handsome building  
has been erected very contiguous to  
a Museum and the ground in front

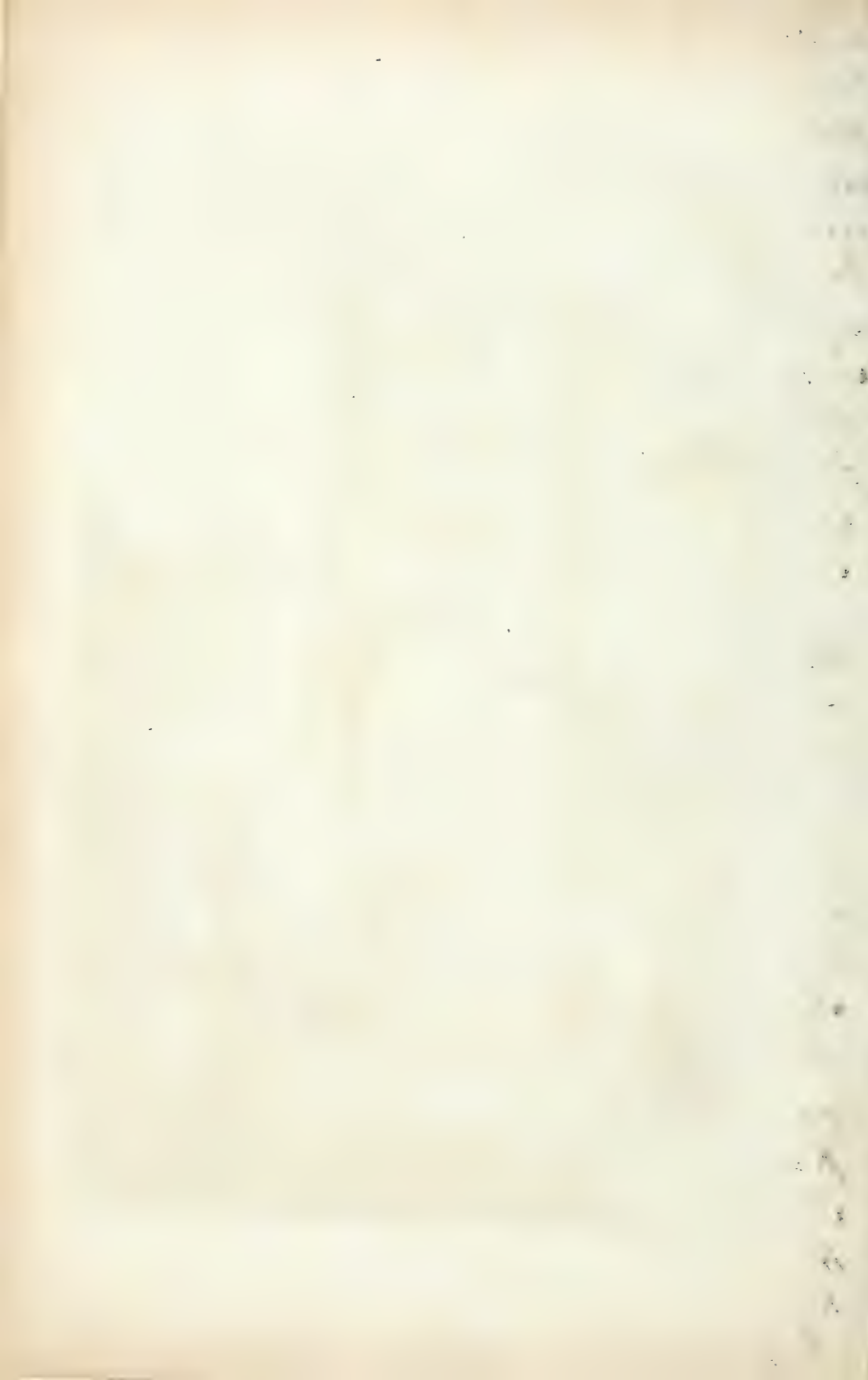


hastily said out - The Museum  
contains several specimens of fossil  
mineral & other productions of the  
County as well as other parts of the  
Kingdom - I stuffed Animals & Skeletons  
of Birds &c with a good Theatre or  
Lecture Room - The fine ruins  
of St. Mary's Abbey being in the ground,  
gives much interest to the spot

In the evening took a walk by  
the banks of the Ouse, through  
a shady avenue of Trees. - The Race,  
terminated to day & there appeared  
to be a considerable attendance  
but I preferred taking another  
view of the Cathedral, one Gentleman  
in looking over his Helling Hook  
at the Coffee Room found he had  
lost £100 by his day's sport. -

In the Coffee Room of the Black Swan  
at York where I stopped is an  
old Coach advertisement placed  
over the Fire Place & framed & glazed  
and 1708 All Persons desirous of  
travelling to York are to repair to  
The Black Swan in Holbourne from  
which Inn a Coach will leave twice





a week - and will reach York in  
four days & for the further accomodation  
will proceed from York to Stamford <sup>in 2 days</sup>  
in 2 days. - Travelling has somewhat  
improved since this date - the journey  
being now accomplished in exactly  
1/2 of the time.

Saturday 11 Aug - Left York at 9  
through Tadcaster & Ferrybridge  
to Doncaster. This is a handsome Town  
with a fine old & new Gothic Church  
There is a famous race Course just  
out of the town - thence to Barnby  
Inon where dined - through Newark  
a large Town with noble Market  
Place where all sorts of wares were  
displayed - here is a Cross and a  
handsome Gothic Church - reached  
Stamford at 1/2 past 10 and stopped  
at friend Simpson's

Sunday - Left Stamford at 7 - the  
Marquis of Exeter has a fine seat  
near the Town. Bulleugh Hall -  
passed through Sketton a neat  
Town & Huntingdon where breakfasted  
Harvesting very general in this  
neighbourhood - through Buntingford  
Royston, Puckeridge & Hail a large

Town & pleasantly situated. The  
New River passing through thence  
to Maltham Cross - this ancient  
remains in a very dilapidated  
state, scarcely held together by  
the Iron Gramp, & will soon be  
remembered only by some Antiqua-  
rian drawing to Infield Highway  
to Tottenham reaching Town at  
5 o'clock after a very pleasant  
excursion.

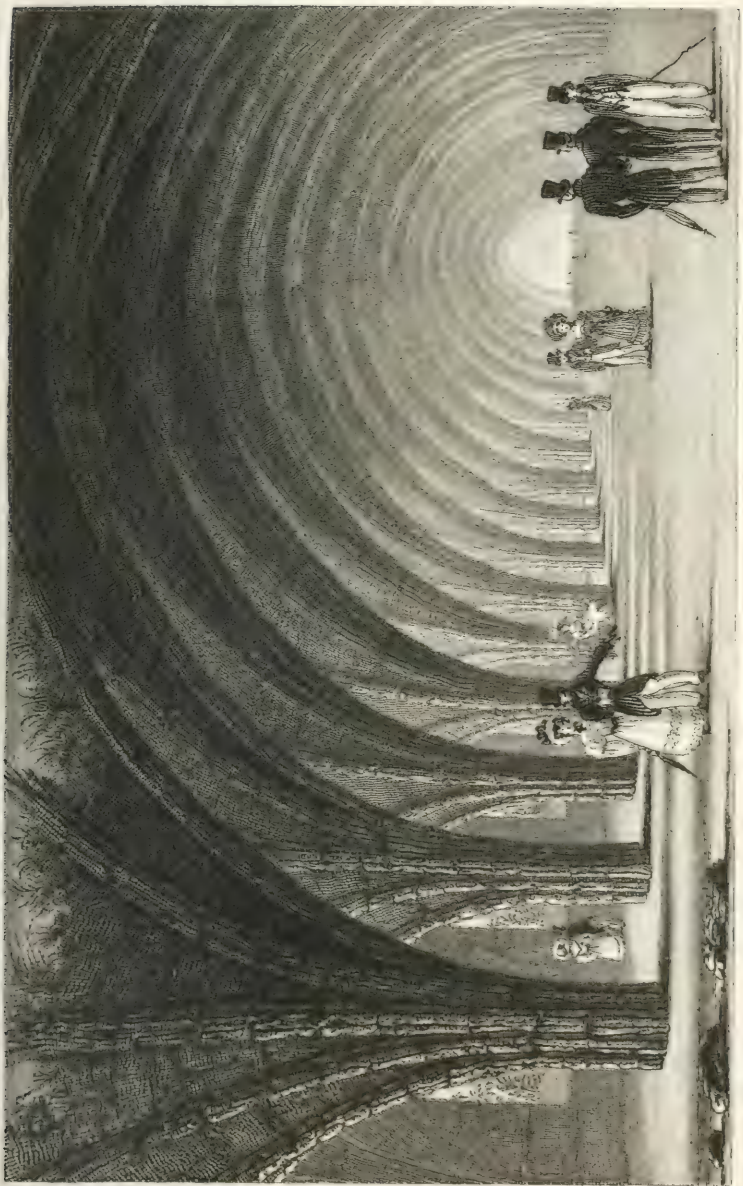












THE GREAT HALL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE





IRELAND

Irish Sea

Dublin

O. Heligae

O. Marston church

O. Limerick

O. Killarney

O. Cork

Howth

Waterloo

London

London

Nottingham

Derby

Nottingham

Leicester

Leicester

Northampton

Waterford

Bristol Channel



# Excursion to Ireland

1833

Thursday 21 Aug<sup>th</sup> left Carn at 7 in the morning & after a pleasant ride reached Bath before 7 in the evening the day following. Friday paid our respects to King Edward at the Tubber Bath the temperature above 100 and in the centre where the spring rises 110° large square area each person provided with a gown & when you lie on the back with warm wraps & towels before the fire drank the waters but did not much admire them - Pump Room no<sup>r</sup> building - went over the old Abbey Church very fine Woodard Street but Choir & bellings open had built the corporation are much improved appearance of opened by removing old buildings which surrounded it and lowering the ground to the depth of 3 or 4 feet which will admit the air & make the breeze pass much easier. On Sat remained great number of boys, Aug<sup>th</sup> which mixed with much strong cold were throwing into a large

hole - after breakfast walked in  
Victoria Park, near Queen Square  
which is partially laid out in walks  
& lawns, with plantations, & commands  
pleasant views of surrounding  
country. - In the London Road  
crossing the Avon is a neat little  
 Suspension Bridge. Below, which  
is a noble street, is situated the Sydney  
garden. - From the hills behind  
you obtain a fine view of the City  
with its numerous Crescents, rising  
above each other & the venerable  
Abbey Church - Two or three remarkable  
handsome Churches have been built  
of oak. - The City at this season  
presents but little bustle nor can  
boast of much fashion - most of  
the Families being at the Watering  
places. There is a great deal of  
activity in the way of amusements  
going on - numerous Plays drawn  
by a man who had of a Horse -  
left Bath at 4 in the afternoon  
for Bristol - a delightful drive - Mr  
heale has a fine seat on the right  
not far from Bath - the entrance  
to Bristol from Bath is a particularly  
bad - houses of a very low dirty

description - arrived in good time in the  
evening with a walk along the quay  
listening to numerous whistling of  
bustle of the place -

Saturday 24 Aug. - Went to Green  
Square - the scene of the riots - one whole  
side on which was the Custom House  
Chambers - House entirely destroyed &  
a manning out of the ruins only 2  
days or two preceding - the jacket quite  
perfect but set otherwise - set of  
lime but the plaster supposed to  
have been down & suffocated -

They proceed but slowly in the work  
of restoration though they have begun  
to dig the foundations to see how the  
ruins in relation of the walling  
Went to the Cathedral which though  
small is a venerable pile and the  
groined roof in the Saxon style  
is singular - great part of the  
Bishop's Palace which lays at the  
back was destroyed in the riots and  
has not yet been reinstated -

College Green in front of the cathedral  
forms a fine open walk  
Markets abundantly supplied  
with fruit, mostly at very  
moderate prices - Left Bristol



at 1 by the History War Office Packet  
for Cork a large vessel was engaged  
- handsomely filled up - Cost £2.5.  
Dutch Paper says 10<sup>0</sup> - number of  
Irish returners and as they are very  
sunning & clever at scheming a boat  
re-appeared the paper about 5 miles,  
down the river where the names and  
addresses of those who have not gone  
are put in - The poor Irish  
object begged hard that the Captain  
would let him off for 7% but upon  
his refusal & the other men on the  
boat offered the other 3% but they  
would not then take him - they are  
often very ingenious in their contrivances,  
it will exceed themselves in an empty  
box or package to save the fare -  
scurvy very beautiful sailing down  
the river. Clifton Rocks - hanging woods  
the long talk of suspension bridge  
not yet commenced - the wind  
being against us kept close in to  
the Welch coast remained on deck  
till 10 at night much amused by  
hearing the Irish beguile their time  
by singing - most of them slept on  
deck there being no accommodation  
for them below except in the hold  
where there are eight or nine - about  
35 passed by the Parish the rest pig.

... who had sold their stock of  
wine returning

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> - Beautiful morning  
on deck early, about 9 caught the  
first sight of the Irish Coast, the  
high towers of the Loughs - the tip of  
Ireland fully filled up - the bay side,  
high, but lower than the other. Pillars  
all the way to Cork, a very  
comfortable berth - the first appearance  
to view of Cork particularly fine.  
Port on each side protected, the Harbour  
two or three lines of battle ships lying  
off - the soil below the mountains  
beautiful high hills, on each side  
thick, studded with gentlemen's  
seats - Black Rock - a sort of  
Moorish cultivation - little villages,  
on the water side - & many, pretty  
little villages, built in the English  
style. The Captain feared there would  
be scarcely water enough to carry  
us up to the City - and numerous  
jaunting Cars were assembled at  
a little village called Pappe about  
8 miles, from Cork - we however cleared  
it and arrived here at his Majesty's  
Custom House about 1/2 past 3 after a

most delightful soil of about 25 hours,  
the distance 240 miles, - Took a  
walk through the principal street,  
before dinner - St. Patrick's and the  
Prædicator's were the principal schools,  
one house before, some fronted with  
slate, others, brick with noble shop  
fronts - St. George's Place, recently  
built appears the leading street  
for business - numerous, Spanish street,  
& a vast number of poor who are  
very annoying to the travellers and  
as a gentleman observed - will not  
take No for an answer - Heard  
evening service at the Foundling  
Hospital, a large establishment  
for poor destitute children - there  
appeared about 300 Boys & Girls  
The street, thronged at night, as  
most of the Company seem satisfied  
with passing up & down the principal  
one, - There is, however a fine long  
jetty or raised Bank for deepening  
the river on one side which extends  
a considerable length & forms a  
very pleasant walk

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - took a walk to St.  
Salicks, and the back of the City  
where a sort of Milk Market is held  
most of the lower class, seem very fond  
of long black cloaks - almost all without  
shoe, or stockings - started at 1/2 past  
12 by the Trade Mail which runs  
through Killybegs - the country being  
and very pleasing - for some miles,  
before you reach Killybegs very  
mountainous, with huge blocks of  
stone peeping from under the heather  
very similar to Scotch scenery -  
many ruins of old castles, - but rather  
ruined in appearance - with nothing  
of the Romance about them - not  
many churches on the road - passed  
one Protestant Church with a handsome  
Parsonage House - where was, told  
was, but one resident Protestant family  
The cottages generally present appearance  
of great dirt & poverty - new low - built  
with loose stone, - covered with thatch  
or turf - and scarcely ever a window  
as the policy seems to be to keep all  
the smoke in for the sake of the warmth  
of the air especially at the inside of  
what with mud floors - Poulley & Pij

which seem to be most friendly being  
with the climate, - the interest is any  
thing but sweet & pleasant - Mounds  
of turf to most of them this being  
invariably burnt & thrown out a  
great heat, & by no means an un-  
pleasant smell - You see occasionally  
a few patches of bony or Potatoes,  
growing almost out of a blue Quarry  
there being such abundance of loose  
stones though they say

Land without Stone,  
Is like a man without Bone,

One of our fellow travellers, was an  
Irishman & pointed out to us, two  
or three dilapidated Castle, which  
formerly belonged to his Ancestors.  
who he said he could very distinctly  
trace back 3000 years - being a  
lineal Descendant from the youngest  
son of a British King, of Spain  
who paid Ireland the homage of a  
vassal at that period - Further than  
a three miles, of Killarney - you  
reach the first view of the Lake,  
surrounded by lofty mountains  
and at the north it - there

Thos. M. Walsh of the Heron and Arms  
though he had made arrangements  
for my excursion in the morning  
determined to give me an evening  
view - and about 7 we took Boat  
with our men - ~~the~~ a Captain  
who is in expensively necessary to enjoy  
all the attractions of the Lake - passing  
Robt. Castle which would be a fine  
view were it not disfigured by  
whitewash - we coasted along the  
rocky shores of the Cross Lake  
pile of Stone completely undermined  
- eaten into by the water - some very  
singular - called the Honey Comb Rock  
being so completely worn away as much  
to resemble it - The towering rocks  
& mountains, even to the summit  
covered with the arbutes - which grows  
in some instances - in England  
it is merely an ornamental shrub - here  
you see it in its native state from the  
low spreading branch, to the lofty  
horizontal the summit being rising  
to the height of 2 or 3 thousand feet  
covered from top to bottom - the  
foliage of every tint shade you  
can imagine according as the rays

my wife - my mother-in-law  
has a name, and a legend connected  
with it if you may believe the  
legend. The Bay of Glena  
is a splendid scenery - at the  
head of the Bay is a pretty cottage  
and before leaving it - we had a  
specimen of the echo, for which  
the name is so famous. Every  
note of the music is distinctly  
& beautifully re-echoed the sound  
appearing to die away over the  
mountains. We went to visit  
at a cottage at the back of Lady  
Kinnaird's on some boiled beef  
& cabbage, washing it down with  
mountain dew (alias whiskey).  
The town of Glena is a small one  
the town & over the Catholic church.  
The interior extremely plain and  
paved with dirty flag stones -  
two or three old women in the  
ground counting their beads -  
it is convenient at one end of the  
town & has a small neat chapel  
which is open to the public - but  
it is a very small one.

from view by lattice work on side  
of the altar. - The Market a dirty  
place where a fair shew of mutton  
was to be seen - they put it upon  
me at 4<sup>th</sup> of the Market - 18<sup>th</sup>  
with 1<sup>st</sup> of fruit - eggs & a penny  
breads of 1<sup>st</sup> of bread. - Mr. Wal, h.  
having furnished my basket with  
a cold dinner - consisting of the  
Bread - a Bottle of Whiskey embarked  
on the lower Lake, & passed the  
Suspenders, Turk Helena Mountains,  
with some other hills which after  
some time a fine effect - The scenery  
is altogether of an Alpine character  
and entering through a long circuitous  
passage, as you come to  
the Upper Lake - Here is Hyde,  
collage, somewhat elevated  
with a number of smaller  
near the stream. - At a height  
mountain called the Eagle's Nest  
the Bugleman again essays his  
powers and the effect here promised  
is by far the finest. - You leave  
the boat and take your station  
on the side of the Lake facing this  
lofty Mountain & the Bugleman



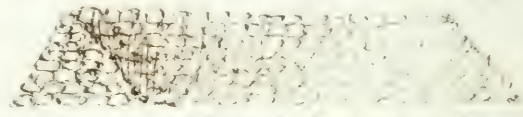
conceals himself behind a Mountain  
suddenly music comes upon you  
as the distant sweet sounds of  
a Band or many instruments.  
A Gun fired off is like a clap  
of Thunder. Climbing up one  
of the sides of the rock - the upper  
Lake burst upon you in great  
beauty. - The Islands thickly  
covered with the Rubus - the  
Mountains in the distance in  
some parts covered with heath or  
stone thickly occupying it, rugged  
sides - the more distant ones had  
their tops obscured by mist or clouds.  
Landed on a little Island & made  
a hearty meal - drinking a cup of  
the Beate to Old Ireland - returned  
at 7 o'clock much pleased with  
my day's excursion. - One of our  
Boatmen told me he was about  
to be married to a girl of fortune  
Christine or Pina, besides Red &  
Kiddens - he had it seem, been  
pursuing her, addresser to another girl  
of equal property, but who having  
more of sense & spirit, had the match  
broken off & he having struck up to  
another - he told me they would be

named at 1 o'clock and found  
afterwards, have a regular jollification  
the Pipe & Horn, on a spot - which  
induced in - Having asked me to  
the wedding I repaired to the Cottage  
where the happy couple were assembled  
with some 20 or 30 of their friends  
Beer & Whiskey circulated very  
freely & the Pipe & Horn kept it up singing  
songs - drinks - till 8 in the  
morning.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Left Hillmaney  
but the weather clearing up about  
11 - went in a boat on the lake to  
Brandon's Cottage - which is as far  
as you can proceed by water - and  
had a boat & ferry to meet me at  
the Gap - The scenery here of a  
mountainous nature, up a valley  
with hills of water & the road  
almost impassable except for some  
cooler horses, accustomed to the place  
the view of the distant hills  
seen through the mountains, ~~and~~  
was a fine sight - got back at  
somewhat fatigued with my ride.

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> - Left Hillmaney  
at 6 in the morning by the mail car.

the country very poor & uncultivated  
principally, perhaps the fault of  
the soil but much might be done  
with a little more spirit or capital.  
How - - - - -  
at east deal of Belgium - which  
is turned to good account in being  
dry for hay for fairs, which seems  
the universal fact & you see how  
many roads - - - - -  
main roads

the Collage  of the same nature as the water  
before we saw many without windows  
or chimneys - not having half the  
comforts an English Labourer would  
require for his Cow or Donkey.

They seem to have no spirit; as it  
is completely broken down - their  
wants & wishes however seem very  
circumscribed for the Publican  
where we stopped said, "that if they  
only had, any - - - - - they  
would be as happy as  
as Kings - at an Inn on the road  
a large concourse of People were  
assembled to greet the great Liberator  
Dan O'Connell who was journeying  
to his native place Kerry - much

Commerce at the part B in the afternoon  
This is a large city with two or  
three wide well built streets, & well  
paved. Many shops, with the  
appearance of much trade. It  
is very convenient to visit the River  
Shannon comes up to the town &  
is crossed by two or three Bridges  
a handsome one is now building -  
Some large Convent houses & a large  
A new square is forming at the  
back of the town, in which is a  
column surmounted by a statue  
of Queen Elizabeth - the Cathedral is not  
particularly striking - The streets  
have a dirty appearance from the  
presence of the military who are  
quartered here - Back part of the  
city especially dirty & filthy, and  
no cholera seems fatally prevalent  
here - in some parts, a pest every  
other day was heard.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> started from Limerick  
at 6 o'clock - a very good road  
- rated, & roads good, stopped at every short  
of miles with it about 8 English  
Miles being 14 English miles -  
proceedingly expedition in charge

The four Houses being taken off  
together - the four being put to the  
wainscots all adjusted precisely,  
The road is very good  
Mount, with in Queens County of  
Maugborough which is the County  
Town. - There is a handsome  
Stipendiary House - & some very extensive  
Barracks - there seems plenty of  
Indians about & the Police have  
a military appearance, carrying  
fire arms. passed thro' Kildare  
& had a where dined - met two  
Cavaliers on the road - the Coffin  
supported on poles borne by four  
men without any pall or covering  
many persons on their back  
standing - see women at the  
back of two Horsemen - comes  
who occasionally set up a hand  
or lament - a large concourse of  
people - a great concourse up the  
road & some more to do with  
they were obliged to be led,  
should have enjoyed the ride  
much had the day been more  
propitious but it rained, was  
raining for 12 hours, accompanied

with a cutting North Easter & when  
the Coach stopped dinner at 5 o'clock  
was so late in coming, that I was obliged  
to sit by the kitchen fire in my  
shirt & hose - my coat & waistcoat  
were drying & I took some hot punch  
in the chimney corner. - After  
spending a long time in drying  
the coat & having it with some difficulty  
found on trying it on that it was  
very short in the wrist, and directed  
to me in satisfaction that all my  
pains were bestowed on a fellow  
Francis's mine being still all  
the worse for the rain, reached  
Dublin at 1/4 past 10 at night.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> spent the day  
in visiting the principal Public  
Buildings of the City. The Custom  
House remarkably handsome and  
far too large for its present trade  
Wants of Ireland. formerly the  
Parliament House is a noble  
Building far exceeding our own  
in beauty. The Grand Port Office  
is very similar to that in London  
& with Nelson's Pillar forms a  
splendid ornament to Blackwell  
Street - the fine Quay in each

... the ... through the town, and  
not of that very picturesque  
...  
are very large particularly at  
St. James Green & Merion Square  
Went over the Chapel & Hall of  
Trinity College which is a very  
...  
God gardens at the back.  
The Castle which is the residence  
of the Lord Lieutenant occupies  
a large space but is not, really  
impressive. The Chapel attached  
to it, is in the Gothic style & much  
resembles St. George's at Windsor  
The ...  
Park is pleasantly situated, and  
the Park which lays high above,  
a fine view of an agreeable view  
on drive to the ...  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept? - Went to  
the Metropolitan Catholic Church  
...  
up at the altar very handsome  
the interior is however still in  
an unfinished state. ...

mailed. Choir Service at Christ Church  
Cathedral. This though somewhat is  
very deficient in architectural  
beauty & appears much neglected  
in the afternoon took a car with  
Mr. Hurlston & Melkinson, to Phoenix  
Park & saw the Botanical Gardens.  
The collection of plants is very  
fine & numerous, it has not been  
formed more than 2 years -  
a fine circular road surrounds  
the city and forms a pleasant  
drive with good views of the  
adjacent country. here again  
we saw the remains of Paris in  
its boulevards. - The principal  
streets are wide & beautiful, such as  
St. James Street as Portland Place  
but we saw few of the residences  
of the nobility, Bishops, & men of  
opulence previous to the Union  
but few of the houses are now  
so occupied. but their splendid  
magnificence are mostly converted  
into hotels. The markets are  
splendid & complete, cheap & cheap - was offered fine Ducks



at £½ a couple & a good sized  
goose for by Beef 5 to 6 lbs.  
The jaunting cars are in very  
general use & run out for  
private carriages of any other  
description. The drivers of these  
Public Cars are a most curious  
set of fellows - Mr. Houlden having  
ordered me for the day - the woman  
said she would send a very sensible  
young man - and the dashing youth  
came with his top, suit and his  
clothes in corresponding style.  
They drive at a good pace as do  
most of the coaches & in an  
hour being generally accomplished  
by the latter.

Monday 2 Sept - Took a jaunting  
Car to Kingstown - which is a  
good town - & is the place  
from whence the Mail Packet  
sail - A small Obelisk on a  
piece of the natural Rock  
commemorates the visit of  
George the 4th to the island  
and his departure in 1821  
place 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. 1821 when he

named it the Royal Harbour. -  
It has now become a large place  
in Dublin & is a great deal of the affair  
I would it I Dublin. It also forms  
an agreeable holiday drive for  
the inhabitants of the city & on  
a fine day the road is covered  
with vehicles, to this part of Black  
Rock. Leaving Kingstown passes  
to Bray through a very pretty country  
not far from Kingstown is a  
place called Brighton, laid  
out in a Park like form with  
a few detached villas commanding  
fine views of the Harbour & Bay.  
Bray at the foot of the Dublin  
Mountain, is pleasurable situation  
& there are a number of pretty  
thatched cottages with gardens,  
in front of the houses, hiring  
near the entrance & many of  
our countrymen seem to visit  
here. The mountains being so  
it is a romantic & pleasant view  
proceeding further & view the  
romantic beauties of the Doyle  
Waterfall at Sarsfield -  
on my return to Dublin was

Shuck with the very appearance  
on the sand. They are about  
consequently a rock long of  
Dublin to Kingstown, and it  
being too wide for the sand  
at last, & hundreds of men at work  
throwing up the sand to form a  
road.

Saturday 3<sup>d</sup>. Embarked at  
11 in the morning by the Messing  
Steamer for Liverpool - a large  
Vessel & carried a considerable  
quantity of live stock -  
number of the pigs, 400  
5 or 600 Pigs & 120 head of cattle  
The cargo stowed in the hold  
about 15 on each side of deck  
with heads made fast to the side  
charge 3<sup>d</sup> each for the Pigs - 12<sup>d</sup>  
for the cattle - many of us dined  
& about 50 or 60 poor Irish went  
to Cabin Tapenars - comfortable  
Cabin & laid down at night in  
one of the couches, gently aroused  
by rolling off at being very tender-  
-hearted & the vessel lurching a  
good deal in consequence - It

poor sail, in Dock faced so dry  
as it poured almost all night.  
The heavy weight of Stock though  
it retarded the sailing of the vessel  
made the motion not quite so bad.  
The Passage is usually made in  
13 or 14 hours, but owing to the  
unfavourable state of the weather  
we did not arrive off Liverpool  
till 8 on Wednesday morning, &  
there not being water enough to  
go into Dock, came to anchor  
but the Dock was soon entered & we  
reached Liverpool in half an hour.  
The shores are prettily lined with  
buildings, & the water is  
very deep. The Dock is  
over the Dock, which present a  
new picture of Liverpool from  
the immense quantity of shipping  
forming a great contrast to Dublin.  
Went on board L. & A. American  
which is a very good vessel  
& was able to take up the passengers  
and to hold them 30 to 35 passengers  
which includes, in general, but  
not provisions, all the way, &

desert wine & spirit, - The Market  
here is on a very large scale, even  
though under one Roof - Fish - Meat,  
Fruit, Vegetables, &c. and is several  
hundred feet long - After dinner,  
I proceeded by an omnibus, to the  
"Museum & Library" but I did not  
myself inside one of the cases,  
took my hat - They contained  
6 inside places I on each side  
with siberos and you sit very easy.  
Left at 5 o'clock & reached  
Manchester in an hour & 25  
minutes, the distance 32 miles,  
the carriage very easy - The motion  
pleasant you do not really miss,  
of the rate at which you are  
proceeding except by seeing the  
roadside objects so quickly recede  
you pass through two or three tunnels,  
one of which is 1/2 mile long  
you go not under the level of  
the surrounding country and  
occasionally almost as much  
above it - At 10.30 I arrived,  
a very large town with some  
fine wide streets - The Infirmary

... a handsome building - and a  
great ornament to the Street in  
which it stands - The Exchange  
also is well situated

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Left Manchester  
at 10 by the Lady Nelson Coach  
for Nottingham - very fine country  
about Manchester, passed thro'  
Stockport a large manufacturing  
town - by Bolton - a very fine  
countryside - between with a fine  
scenery & river - some laid out  
in an ornamental way in front  
of the town - a fishing boat of the  
Duke of Devonshire - all about  
to look romantically situated  
between huge rocks with very  
good - pretty cottages scattered  
in the summit of a Hill, &  
peeping out among the trees  
2<sup>nd</sup> the river - at the  
bottom, at the bottom - some at  
the bottom - some at the bottom  
some at the bottom of the mountain  
in the hills, situated at the cottage  
down - some at the bottom of the

and a museum with a fine  
collection of Spas. Marble &c.  
in which the part of Derbyshire  
is famous. reached Nottingham  
at 8 in the evening. - This is  
a large town with an exceedingly  
wide Market Place. Many of  
the shops have a walk under  
the first story which is supported  
by pillars. - I saw also  
the House at Chester.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Started from  
Nottingham at 7 through Lough-  
borough to Leicester. Market Har-  
borough & Northampton. This  
takes a fine clean town with  
no a shilling it - helped to give  
a very pretty town. through  
Wotton a clean, neat little  
place with a handsome church  
about a mile out of which  
you have a view of Wotton  
Abbey, the seat of the Duke of  
Bedford. There is a very handsome  
entrance to the Park which is  
of great extent - the wall being

of many, various, & more susceptible.  
 It always reaches Europe a little  
 before it is the evening of the  
 day, & is not high.

Route

	Miles
London to Bristol	120
Bristol to Cork	240
Cork to Killybegs	50
Killybegs to Simons	45
Simons to Dublin	120
Dublin to Liverpool	120
Liverpool to Manchester	42
Manchester to Rotterdam	60
Rotterdam to London	100
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520 by coach	520
240 by steamer	<hr/>
	280



of Chapman in Bath 1786, printed  
at the moment of Dr. Rowen's death

Dr. Rowen lies whose health rest is not  
Naked inferior to his feelings heart  
I shall not mention any more of his  
I could be his, still who breath, day, no more  
Think on how soon his noble spirit fled  
Think he who saved the dying now lies dead  
I shall not mention any more of his  
And with a widow, sorrow, be as your friend  
I shall not mention any more of his  
His general bounty reached beyond the grave  
The liberal current of his generous mind  
Flowed in a bounteous stream to all mankind

# Excursion

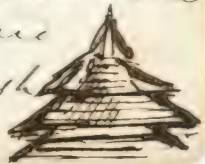
to Guernsey & Jersey, 1834

Saturday 23 Aug<sup>1834</sup>. - Left Town  
by the Dover boat Steamer for Deal where  
arrived at 6 in the evening - my Mother  
Sophia at Canterbury in visit to Capt. Peley

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday - Went to Walpole Church  
Duke of Wellington there

25<sup>th</sup> took a walk with the Laird, to Mouseham  
Spent the evening at the Bathing Room

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> Left Deal at 9 in the  
morning for Dover - number of persons,  
assembled to witness, the Regatta, day  
unfavourable, immense works going  
on at the Harbour - at 12 started for  
Hastings - through Sandwich a very pretty  
walking Place & Hythe - pleasant ride  
along the coast - the road being mostly  
by the seaside - numerous Martello  
Towers - Folkestone a heavy dull Town  
through New Romney - Steeple of  
Church has a most singular appearance  
not being where you would almost  
expect to find it - at the top of the tower  
but all alone in the Church you  
passed through Romney Marsh



where thousands of sheep are grazed  
the Country as you approach Hastings,  
very fine being much wooded and  
the high ground in which you travel  
affording a most extensive prospect  
with a fine view of the sea. Heady  
head - was much pleased with the  
appearance of Kyle - which stands  
very elevated. & <sup>Wynchelsea which</sup> has a very remarkably  
fine Church. got to Hastings at 7 -

Wednesday 27 Aug - Took a walk  
before breakfast to St. Leonards which  
is a splendid town - much in the  
style of the best part of Brighton.  
The Park has been extensively cut into  
and a fine Terrace formed in front  
of the Houses which is secured by a  
strong sea wall - the Houses, all with  
shades of some elevation having Colonnades,  
there is a pretty Norman Church  
the Bathing Machine, have a singular  
heat appearance being all striped



The Ruins of the old Castle highly  
interesting - upon a high Rock  
affording a fine view of the Town  
& from the corresponding height, on  
the other side is a magnificent sea  
view - number of Fishing Boats,  
& a good deal of bustle in this part  
where Colliers, unload - started at  
12 for Brighton - through Eastbourne

Southbourne, ~~Waltham~~ Flew, stopped  
at Star & Garter - Town not very full  
Town Hall splendid Building tho'  
not sufficient space about it

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. Left Brighton  
at 10 through Shoreham over the fine  
Suspension Bridge built by the Duke  
of Norfolk - through Waltham & around  
whose splendid Castle is seen for  
some time before you approach  
arrived at Portsmouth at 4 past  
4. but weather being unfavourable  
stopped at the Quebec Tavern & amused  
myself in the evening by a walk  
round the Ramparts, which are  
very extensive

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Left Portsmouth at  
9 o'clock by the Southampton Steamer  
affording fine view of the Harbour  
called off Ryde for Papenburg, and  
then proceeded to Cowes to take in  
Papenburg & Coals - pleasant sail  
up Southampton River - with view  
of Netley Abbey - about 3 miles from  
Southampton - arrived at 12 -  
Weather showery which prevented  
seeing more than the Town - left  
in the evening by the Lord Berkeford  
Steam Packet for Quernsey - at 6 -  
very squally & Captain half inclined  
to anchor in Sparmouth Roads off

the heeble, - we however proceeded  
got into my berth early in the  
evening - but could not get a wink  
of sleep for the terrible crackling  
of the Timbers of the Cabin as if  
the Ship was coming to pieces -  
within about 10 miles of Guernsey,  
you pass the Casket, an elevated  
Rock on which are 3 Light Houses,  
The appearance of Guernsey from  
the Sea is very fine - The Town  
rising like Hyde in the Isle of Wight  
from the shore - & the Church, &  
College towering conspicuously  
above the House, - The High Street  
is something like Lyceum - by  
the Waterside - narrow & inefficiently  
paved - but there are excellent  
shops - and some of the Linen Drapers  
would vie with those at the West  
End of London - The Market is  
remarkably handsome - The  
Fish Market a distinct Building  
in which are about 60 Stands,  
30 of each side - all of Marble  
with a Pipe of Water laid on to  
each - it is paved - kept ~~extremely~~  
clean & glazed & covered over like  
the Burlington Arcade - The

Meat Market is equally good  
& the meat looked very delicate  
Lamb & Mutton 6<sup>d</sup> to 7<sup>d</sup> / lb. Bought  
some beautiful Black Hottboxes  
Eggs 1<sup>d</sup> / lb - a number of low  
wine houses like in France &  
Ireland. Spirits being remarkably  
cheap Hollands 3/2 & Brandy  
4<sup>d</sup> / 1/2 gallon - the very best Cognac  
from the London Docks 7/5  
1/2 gallon - Tea 3 to 4<sup>d</sup> / lb  
Muscovado Sugar 3<sup>d</sup> to 4<sup>d</sup> / lb -  
a Glass of Brandy - Holland,  
Cordiac & Liqueur - one penny  
There are ~~very~~ some very noble  
Houses on the Western Side of the  
Town - & the College is a handsome  
Building in the Gothic Style  
capable of accommodating  
above 120 young men - it is said  
to have cost the State, 30 thousand  
Pounds - The Country at the back  
of the Town - quite a garden &  
the Tree, loaded with fruit -  
There is a considerable trade in  
liquor in making up Port  
Wine for the London Market -  
The Spanish Red Wines are brought  
here and may be bought from 2<sup>d</sup> -

to 3<sup>d</sup> of yellow - they are brandied  
& prepared & then shipped in  
Port Wine Pipes - as genuine Opoto  
to honest John Bull -

Sunday 31 Aug - Took a walk  
before breakfast to the Fort which  
protects the Harbour & stands  
upon a rock from which you  
have a delightful view of the  
Town, Harbour & open sea -

The Rifle Brigade is doing duty  
here - one of the soldiers told me  
provision here is so cheap - that  
their rations are more than they  
can consume - as their pay is the  
same as in England - and they  
do not choose to let them have  
too much money to prevent their  
getting intoplicated - as it is however  
they have about fourpence a day  
to spend - a delightful walk  
leads down from the Governors  
House to the Town - but when I  
had reached the bottom found  
the door locked - by advice of  
a soldier to avoid going back  
again - attempted a path down  
the Rocks - through the brambles  
but being too precipitous reached  
the bottom sooner than I intended.

with luckily no other mischief than spoiling my Sunday Coat & having half an hour's work to brush up again; these short cuts, I have often found, are the longest & worst in the end - attended morning service at St George's, which is a noble new Church near the College - afterwards, went to the Old Church near the Pier, where the Garrison attend - and saw them afterwards muster & march with their Band to Barracks - After dinner had a Poney  $\frac{2}{3}$  and took a delightful ride by the Western side of the Island which is very picturesque & indented with small Bays, in which are many rocks - Rode through two or three pretty Villages, & passed a stone Column which was erected as a tribute of respect to Governor Doyle reposed at a Cabaret with a penny worth of Brandy & water but could not manage it all

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. - Squally, took a stroll before breakfast to the western extremity of the Town which extends a considerable length - the Streets are badly paved for Pedestrians - The Town rises to a very considerable height from



The Bay & the House, are seen  
towering above me and then  
it is rather fatiguing therefore  
getting into the Country - as it is  
a long uphill walk for a  
considerable way. - Took a  
walk beyond the Fort, where  
is a fine Bay - the rocks rising  
a considerable height well fortified  
and from which is a beautiful  
view of the small Islands of  
Jeddo, Heron & Berk & Jersey  
in the distance - In the afternoon  
took a ride to the back of the  
Island to the village of Sartavale  
The Islands narrowing to the  
back you have a distinct view  
of the sea on both sides - and  
upon some elevated spots can  
see nearly all round - It  
appears extremely well fortified  
and almost every prominent  
rock in the Coast mounts a  
Battery - whilst other parts  
are defended by a strong sea  
wall with openings for Cannon  
at present of course except at

The Fort and a few other parts  
there are no military - and the  
Cannon are laid in the ground  
The Churches are neat, and the  
Tombstones as in England with  
most of the Inscriptions in English  
those in French do not appear to  
be of Catholics are there as us (rope,  
Sci repose le corps, de - decede  
au siegneur - the usual commence-  
ment - The Country very fertile  
in the interior - though somewhat  
barren along the Coast - The  
Hydrangeas the most beautiful  
I ever saw - exceedingly large &  
full of a deep blue or purple  
Flower - they seem famous  
gardeners & florists - and it is  
really curious, to see Wall above  
Wall rising from the bottom of  
the Valley to the top of the Hill  
all covered with fruit trees or  
Vines - The Villages of St. Andrew  
& St. Matthew - appear to attract  
what we should call our West  
Ind Folks - the Houses being of  
the very first rate clap - shivered  
& painted with fine gardens -

Tuesday 3<sup>d</sup> Sept. Intended to  
have passed over to Jersey, but  
was not aware of a vessel  
leaving till too late - the  
morning being fine amused  
myself with a walk to Port  
Sampson. where is a small Bay  
serving for Coasters, to take in  
Stone - which is very plentiful  
here - all the coal comes from  
England - but the poor people  
appear to burn a great deal  
of Turf & sea weed - & the  
smell is not unpleasant  
something like the Irish Turf -  
Port Sampson is protected by  
a Castle upon a Rock - Cows  
are generally tethered here so  
that the feed is equally grazed  
observed I a 4 men upon  
a rock blowing a sort of shepherds  
horn - signal to get out of the  
way as the rock was about to  
be blasted with gunpowder -  
There is a very pretty public  
walk a little out of the Town  
the sides planted with rows

of kees & seats, at intervals, which  
is much resorted to -

Wednesday 3<sup>d</sup> Sept: Beautiful  
morning - up early to be ready for  
the Ariadne Steamer for Southampton  
to Jersey. which usually arrives  
off here between 7 & 8 in the morning  
& sat watching Fort Corbet (which  
faces the Pier. & always hoists signal  
on approach of the Steamer) all the  
morning - She did not however  
arrive throughout the day and  
left us all in uncertainty as to  
what had become of her - Arrived  
a Depot from Naples, with brandy.

The State, have built a handsome  
new Street called Fountain  
Street near the Market & calculated  
upon letting the Houses, at £90  
a year - but they do not seem to  
take - and they are now offered  
at £30. - The Market certainly  
is well arranged. & the appearance  
in the open area - where all the  
Women set with fruit & vegetables,  
before them in abundance has  
a very pretty appearance. - Saw  
some fine parsnips, - Smelt 3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>d</sup>

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept. - Splendid Morning  
at 9 o'clock the Swanhoe Weymouth  
Post office Packet made the Harbour  
& went on board - pleasant sail - passing  
the Island of Seik. & at 2 o'clock arrived  
off Jersey - Coast exceedingly rocky -  
and the tide being out - we had to  
boat it for nearly a mile - for which  
were charged 1<sup>o</sup> a head - and on arrival  
the Boats did not put us on shore  
~~but~~ the water being very low and  
in the sands - but several carts  
backed into the sea - and some  
6 or 8 of us got into each cart and  
were jolted on shore for 6<sup>o</sup> apiece -

The Town lays quite flat - (very  
different from Guernsey) and has  
some good Streets - and a large  
open Square in which is a Statue  
of the King. - The Harbour is  
large & can accommodate  
plenty of shipping. - Strolling  
to the outskirts of the Town - observed  
the following inscription over  
the Garden Gate - of some grounds,  
with a most delightful prospect -  
Hic terrarum nistri procer  
omnes. angulus, videt

Theatre not open - smoked a

pipe with the Free Bay Musical Society which met weekly at the House where I stopped.

Friday 5 Sept. - Six Gentlemen from Plymouth who were stopping at the Pri Hotel with me, having made a Party, to drive through the Island. hired a Poney & accompanied them - went into one or two of the Village Churches which are large ancient Buildings though very plain inside - Upon a Tomb Stone recording the death of a beloved wife - was the following concluding passage -

"The Survivor dies"

under which some one had inscribed in pencil - and for love of another marries in less than a month - about 3 miles out of the Town is a Tower upon a very elevated spot from which you have a fine view of the Island - It appears extremely well wooded and we could see nearly round. - The Country is certainly very fertile, far more so than Guernsey. with Bretons & Apples in abundance - Visited two or three very pretty Bays - one with several Fishermen, Huts & a good Pier -

In one Route. made the survey of  
a very ancient Castle & Fort, which  
stands proudly towering upon a Rock.  
It is now in an extremely dilapi-  
dated state not having been  
occupied since the War. The  
Room is shewn in which, King  
Charles resided. & the Stair case  
from which he is supposed to have  
made his escape - At Bulls Bay  
saw the wreck of a large vessel  
recently foundered - Refreshed at a  
good Inn kept by a Frenchman  
& returned by another route by  
the side of the Sea Coast. to one inn  
where the Landlord had provided  
us a good Dinner. of Mullet  
Quarters of Lamb - Fats, - with a  
Dessert of Melon - Grapes - Figs &  
Walnuts, - with 2 Bottles of Sauterne  
& Champagne to at 5/9 each  
There appears far more trade at  
this Island. than at Guernsey. &  
the Harbour is on a much larger  
scale - but I much prefer. the  
Town of St. Peter's Port. at Guernsey.  
to St. Heliers' at Jersey -

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept: Left Jersey  
at 6 in the morning by the Swanhoe  
for Weymouth - exceedingly rough  
passage - passed the Isle of Portland  
& arrived at Weymouth a little after  
8 the same evening - After getting  
my Carpet Bag from the Custom House  
finding there was no coach to London  
in the morning - hired a Fly with  
a Gentleman & proceeded to Dorchester  
where we stopped 'till 3 in the morning  
and then left by the Exeter Coach  
through Salisbury - The day was  
remarkably fine & enjoyed the ride  
which leads through a fine open  
country with extensive borders & fine  
sheep walks - In the early part  
of the morning before the sun had  
much power - the Fog had a most  
singular effect - settling in the  
valley, & giving them completely  
the appearance of the Sea, or extensive  
Lakes, - Passed thro' Northbridge  
Basingstoke & Basingstoke & reached  
Town at 6 in the evening after  
a very pleasant trip. -



The following list of Prices of Wine  
 were extracted from the *Guernsey*  
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	Per Dozen		Per Dozen
Madeira --	18 <sup>0</sup>	Port --	22 <sup>0</sup>
Sherry --	18	Do --	20
Malaga Sherry -	9	Do --	18
Cape Madeira	8	Do --	16
Mountain -	9	Old Spanish	12
Marsalla -	9	Kouillydry	8
Lisbon --	10	Tarragona	10
Rancio --	9	Do --	5
Oranach	8	Claret	10
Frontignac	11	Sweet Port	6
Sauterne	8	Montagne	8
		Alicant	8



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