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- Tuesday -

Sixth Lecture on G. M. S. -  
and second on Ele. Exp.  
all succeeded very well -

An account of the meeting  
of the society <sup>on Tuesday</sup> - The Dark Exp.  
are to be exhibited on Thurs.  
evening at half past seven

- The Geographical Soc. Class  
is very quiet - The subjects  
seem agreeable to the work.

Received a letter from Mr.  
Miller - Edin also from Mr.

G. M. Naught - Prospect

- Lecture this evening on Ele.

Wednesday 26 April 1786

Twelfth lecture on G. G. M.

I solve only some problems  
each lecture the remainder <sup>of the time</sup> is

employed in Prose - Not much  
in long be - Dined with Mr.

Coar after dinner took a walk  
to the Key-college & Mr.

Manly - inquired about  
ships from Clyde - found

that the friends of St. David  
with whom I expected two

boxes from Edw. has been  
here and is gone - Drove

two miles of waste ale  
in a house in the night  
house - few attended at the  
society -

Thursday 27. April -  
This morning upon  
entering the kitchen room  
found the floor swimming  
with rain water which was  
drapping very fast from  
the roof of the room on account  
the roof of the house found  
to be in four places torn off.  
Which prevented the kitchen  
set to inform as to quantity  
the subscribers as far possible.  
John attended at the end  
of the alley to prevent the  
company getting out of  
their watches - went with  
Mr. Walth and Mr. Peabody  
to call on Mr. Clark's Chamber  
He was ill - sent cattle -  
Dined with Mr. Bates - Mr. Coon

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April -

Eighth Lecture on G. & M.

- This evening gave the Ninth  
Lecture on Electricity to a nu-  
merous and brilliant comp.<sup>n</sup>

- Saw best meat. - Song -

- Lady Cat: request - Lady  
Langford and her ladyship  
Mr. and Mrs. Gardiner &c -

The company were highly  
pleas'd the experiments all  
succeeded extremely well -

It would be a great advantage  
to the cause to have more  
of these experiments -

Drank Porter with Mr. N.

Beals - Wm. Malton Duff

Saturday 29. April -

Ninth Lecture on G. & M.  
- have now finished 20 problems

on the Curvilinear Gyres -  
No lectures on Microscopy  
today -

Yesterday after the problem  
I gave a description of the  
air and the volume of winds

- a few experiments on the  
air pump - and today

a description of seas and  
rivers - rain - Syphons

and Lambert's cups shown  
with the water barometer -

Dined with Mr. Curie -

Mr. Bates, Mr. Snowball &c -

Tuesday 2 May 1780 -  
Eleventh lecture on G<sup>th</sup>  
- and part on Mechanis -  
Mr G. - was much please  
with this lecture -

Thurs Day between the lecture  
Doctor Blair from Cork  
called at the lecture room  
- He told me that he saw  
32 names on my subscription  
paper and has no doubt  
of my having twice that  
number at my first lecture  
I am therefore determined  
to go to Cork -

Wednesday 3 May 1780  
- I have given up the do.  
before it not being worth  
my while - This day my  
12. Lut. on G. and E. on  
Muhans - Called at  
the Gless house and seen  
some things to be made  
A Mr. Shubrey has the  
management of it and seems  
to understand his business  
- Promised by the Society  
to give them some obs.  
on the Newtonian Phil.  
against mat meeting -

Thursday 4 May 1780

Friday - - 5

Saturday - - 6

Lectures on mineral models  
and drawings will be necessary  
for the natural history -  
A model of mount Vesuvius  
the Pyramids of Egypt &c.



Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>  
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Nothing remarkable, the  
Lectures carried on as usual  
Made an apology to the  
Society for not giving my  
lecture on the evolution  
of Philosophy - went to the  
play <sup>with</sup> Mr and Mrs Proles  
The comedy of

Thursday 11 May 1780 -  
Lectures as usual - Drank  
tea with the Speaker of the  
house of commons - a large  
company Lord Westm. Earl  
Lord Pelham Lady Cat. Nugent  
Lady Longford - Lady - I  
showed them the moon and  
venus through the reflecting  
telescope - The night was  
not so clear as we would have  
wished, the Ladies were pleased  
Miss F. Perry the speaker's  
youngest daughter is a  
surprising girl for her  
years - I was both sent  
for and sent home in a  
coach -

Friday 12 May 1780

Saturday 13 —

This day finished my 3<sup>rd</sup>  
course to the regret of many  
of the hearers — Laid out  
urgent and the Prof. did  
walk on the Plat. before  
The last part of this lecture  
The columns were not pro-  
perly prepared — Glass drops  
breaking tubes &c —

Dined at the Lyning in hospi-  
tal with Mr. Corbillo — Mr.  
Prater Mr. Jobb. Mr. P. Walsh  
Walker &c — Left the  
company about ten o'  
clock came home with Mr.  
Cox —

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Ma

Dinner with Mr. Oshenshaw  
Castle Street - in the evening  
made our advertisement  
for my fourth class of P<sup>h</sup>,  
and second of G<sup>h</sup>. -

Yesterday after dinner on  
virt of resolutions - whether  
representatives are bound  
in every case to obey the in-  
struction of their constituents  
Mr. Felt, but then to Daniel Felt  
argued strongly that they  
must give up their own  
opinion and obey in all  
cases the commands of their  
constituents - I think of  
Felt's was workmanship etc,  
of all others the most unrea-  
sonable -

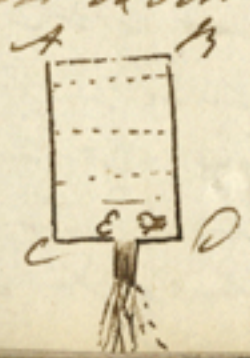
Monday 15 May 1780  
This day we lecture as  
there was to be a review of  
the military, but it is  
put off till Thursday -  
I have frequently been disappointed  
in this way - My two boxes  
from Edin are at the  
custom house quay and  
toward the friends left  
Laird, but as both this  
day and tomorrow are  
holidays I don't expect  
to get them ashore till  
Wednesday or Thursday -  
They were ship'd by W.  
Mils. M'Kethamy - M.  
Conyers opened one of the  
boxes, and carried them both  
to be interred - his reason

Tuesday 16 May - 1780  
Gave my first lecture  
on Mr. <sup>W.</sup> home this ev  
account of the holidays -  
Mr. Cleghorn showed me  
a letter from Doctor Wright  
to Doctor Cleghorn - a  
scotch phib. upon cotton  
Dinner - I am happy  
to hear the Doctor has been  
little interrupted by the  
Govt this season and still  
retains his unusual flow  
of spirits - Mr. Nealy  
has returned my love  
and says they are both  
in good order -

Wednesday - 17

- My second lecture on  
M<sup>ts</sup> - Done in Lecture 10:  
Spent an hour with Capt.  
Loud of the Friends - enquired  
about my friends in P.  
Glasgow - Society in the  
Evening - Coler Young  
made some ingenious  
remarks on water spouting  
per se - he alleged  
that Venturi was wrong  
in supposing that the water  
was accelerated below the  
hole, because the column  
is contracted - this contraction  
of the column he thought to be  
accounted for by the  
attraction of the sides of the

orifice which will therefore  
 bend the sides of water which  
 is passing in such a manner  
 that the middle parts which  
 are not affected by this will  
 with more force the stream  
 in consequence of this must  
 be untraced without susp.  
 the velocity increase - There  
 is nothing to increase the  
 velocity - There the velocity  
 at leaving the orifice will  
 be that of a body falling  
 through the whole height  
 and not the half as New.  
 attempts to demonstrate.





Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May -  
Second Lecture on M<sup>rs</sup>  
Dined with Mr. Cleghorn

+ Friday

+ Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May

This day finished my  
course which has been  
but meddling - there is  
such among all ranks  
here such Dissipation,  
such an itch for Drums  
Cards assemblies - Markets  
&c. that were it not for  
other views than being  
instructed very few would  
attend any lectures -

Monday 22. May 1780

This day I intended to begin  
my Lect at 12 but only  
two or three appearing, I put  
it off till tomorrow -

Began my fourth volume  
of Lect. Phil. - pursued  
but indifferent - Ours  
woodwork - Architecture  
Mr. and Mrs. Glasscock's  
Elaborate Experiments  
all seem well -

Mr. Gawwin, Miss Quin

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1788

- This day gave my first  
lecture on G. W. only six  
I begin this course principally  
from an Mr. Gardiner's  
account who wishes much  
that it should go on -

- My second lecture on  
Electricity this Evening  
at 8 o'clock - I find however  
that it is only the dark  
experiments that draw  
crowds to that lecture  
for the future I shall  
give only one lecture  
in the Even. & Dark Expt.

Wednesday 24 May

Given lecture on the  
w. lecture on Th. Tuesday  
on account of the Society  
- This Evening at the Society  
Mr. Daniell proposed to  
try whether Electro. pro-  
motes evaporation, by  
putting two equal quantities  
of water in two plates  
and Electrotying one of them  
for some time - They were  
again weighed and the Electro-  
tized water seemed to be lighter  
than the other - This way  
of performing the exp. is  
liable to objection -

Mr. Darwin also wished  
to have it determined  
whether a living animal  
conducts the electric current  
its body, and a dead one  
over its surface or some  
oblique, and whether the  
latter is a much worse  
conductor than the former.

I have not had an opportunity  
of trying the experiments  
mentioned. That must respect  
the different ways of putting  
a joint - I shall try  
all together -

Thursday 25 May 1744  
3 Lectures on Gen at 12  
and the South East  
the Evening - very much  
this lecture usually amount  
to a Guinea extraordinary  
so find an most people  
of show - Esp: all  
succeeded well except the  
cannon which misfired  
twice but succeeded the  
third time - The cannon  
also in the former lecture  
failed - and I forgot to  
report it in this lecture

Friday 26 May 1780

Lectures as usual —

I must submit to bridge the  
materials of the lecture on  
heat & fire. them into  
two — Candle bombs  
are now done — Evils  
we find a hole — our  
own must be removed —  
it will answer every purpose  
as well as the others —

Dear Madam  
Down with respect  
as he says for the sake  
of the daughters who attend  
and sons at home —

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May 1788  
5<sup>th</sup> Sect. of G. 4 and first  
of the same. Large com-  
pound Engine not used.  
I forgot to bring last Monday  
that Dr. Gray carried me  
to the Court on horse when  
my two boxes from S. H.  
were deposited. I was told I  
must pay ten per cent  
of the value for duty.  
Mr. G. thought very hard  
Dr. G. introduced me to  
one of the commissioners  
who desired me to write  
a note of what I wanted  
and made no doubt of



my requests being granted  
w. I wrote a petition im-  
mediately to the commission  
and it was granted my  
horses were got out free of  
duty — I gave all the  
trouble to Mr. Long as  
of P. I had some Lard was  
which ordered them to be  
opened and altered —

Mr. Longley from Compton  
asked that before an  
Electoral

Mr. Longley went to the  
auction where I bought  
Lytle's Roman history  
for 15/ per 2 vol. —

Met with Mr. B - r at the  
auction we went to a private  
house and had each his  
part of porter - while we  
were complaining of the  
heat of the room (a Jewell  
at the head of a box on  
the other side of the house  
invented a very simple  
ingenious method of letting  
in fresh air which was  
the consequence of a pane  
of the window, the noise  
of the broken pieces of glass  
soon brought the Lord  
and Lady, My God!  
Sweet Jesus! what the  
noise, we must have

one rested the bone and  
put it into the bell, the  
join return — This is a  
true joint with —

A waiter Jan. told was  
once thrown down stairs  
and had his brain knocked  
out, when the same lord  
came up and told what  
had happened. The gentlemen  
concerned bid him the  
waiter into the bill —

Sunday 28 May 1700  
Dined with Mr. M. Comber  
- Mrs Caldwell - V. Cleq:  
Doctor Gray. Mr. Brouncker  
- Annals of General  
Tyranny has Govern:  
of Minorca - when the  
left Minorca and was  
stepping aboard to sail  
for England, a Gentleman  
waited on him with the  
compliments of the Ladies  
of the Garrison wishing  
him an agreeable pas-  
sage to England. The Ladies  
of the Gov: replied his Lord

myself my a - e. all  
but your wife. I pray rather  
the Gentleman who has  
my wife done that make  
her such a favourite.  
She is too short answered  
his Lordship: she could  
not get at it.

Doctor Clappson desired me  
to find him a spy Glass  
After tea Duke Gray  
Mr. Milon: Mr. Brouncker  
and I went to the Parliament  
It was very much  
crowded with company  
and is the gentlest  
meeting in Dublin

On Sunday morning ad-  
mission is taken  
on Monday Wednesday  
and Friday 2/2 a fine  
band of music with  
vocal music

Supper with Doctor  
Gray - he lives in  
the same house that  
Doctor M. B. and family  
lived in Jarvis Street

Monday 29 May 1780

Tuesday 30 - Lectures  
as usual - This morning  
was at Mr. Brides No 20  
Pomine Street who showed  
me some experiments on  
colours, and invited me  
to dine with him at ~~his~~  
his house at Mr. Blacks  
with on Thursday 3 June  
along with Mr. Dean Doctor  
Purcell &c - a particular  
club of gentlemen - Mr.  
Bride was a Druggist and  
has made a fortune -

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
Lectures as usual —  
Drank tea with Mr. S.  
a useful, calm pre-arranged  
man among the muddled  
sort of people. Met in the  
evening for a walk  
immediately after tea —  
Society in the evening  
nothing done. This Society  
is declining fast. There  
are a number of sensible  
members but they at-  
tend so seldom that they  
are of little use to the  
society —

Thursday 1 June 1780  
Lectures as usual —  
This morning called  
on my particular friend  
Mr. — whom I had not  
seen for some days. Found  
him alone in his room  
seemingly undisturbed  
upon asking the <sup>quitting</sup> usual  
what was the matter with  
him "you know I —  
replied my friend I was —  
not, nothing from you  
"you <sup>have</sup> heard me speak of it  
"Yes — a <sup>little</sup> in  
" — shut. This last appeared



" to me one of those half  
" evil men knowers who would  
" not openly prostitute them  
" selves, but who would have  
" few objections to a book  
" in a private way. I knew  
" pretty and had a beautiful  
" pair of eyes - I got acquainted  
" with her and soon gave  
" her hints of what I did not  
" appear to surprise her much  
" she would by no means  
" consent, the great objection  
" was the propriety of her  
" being got with child - When  
" I found this was an insur-  
" mountable objection, I told  
" her there was a method

" of preventing this which  
" tho' it diminished the plea-  
" sure yet on her account  
" I would put up with it  
" I soon perceived by the man-  
" ner in which she received  
" this last proposal, that  
" she would comply - we  
" agreed to meet the following  
" evening - I was to come  
" and she not much behind  
" me. While I was putting  
" on the C - m, and pretending  
" to adjust it properly, I  
" slipped off privately with a  
" pair of scissors, the top -

" she did not presume this  
" till the uncertainty of the  
" affair, when it seems receiving  
" the S - v. she started and  
" cried she was ruined  
" I pretending ignorance asked  
" what was the matter she  
" said I had deceived and  
" ruined her, that I had  
" got her with child -  
" I told her that would  
" not be as I had a  
" C - v. but probably  
" the violent action might  
" have made C - give way  
" at the top, she told me

" it had and she was certain  
" I had got her with child  
" I replied that there were  
" several chances against  
" her being with child,  
" but desired her to give  
" her self no unnecessary  
" on that head, for I should  
" certainly let her see of her  
" we parted - During the  
" two following days I felt  
" a heat and some uncom-  
" mune about the prepuce  
" but this was easily accus-  
" ed for from the violent  
" action as we were both  
" in good train -

" But on the 1st morning  
" after the affair, I found  
" myself unphally  
" poor and very weak

And I must be in-  
finitely more dangerous  
to society than the avowed  
prostitute - From the latter  
you expect every thing bad  
and are therefore on your guard  
But the former under the  
semblance of charity & other  
pious devices you -