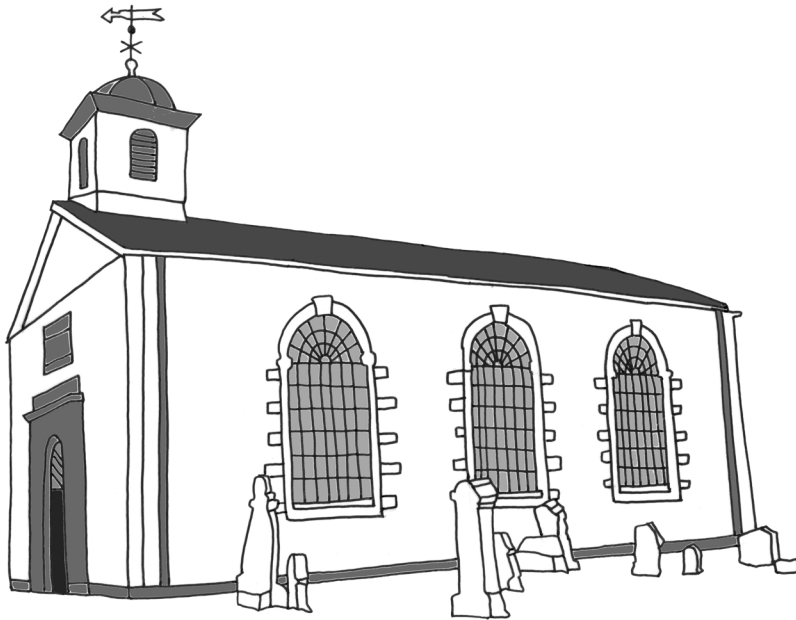


*Transcription of  
Rev Leckie's Diary – 1718*

*Book One*

*1 June 1718 - 30 September 1718*



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A memoriall of occurrences.

Since June 1 1718.

June 1 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church at half 11 & lectured on 3 John 8 - do & preacht on 1 Pet. 1-2 afternoon I preacht on Song. 8. 5 & had much of divine assistance.

There came into my house after sermon Drumakill & Lady, Blairhustk younger, my father, brother & sister in law

Ta. Sloan, mason, to whom To. Buchanan & I did discourse of the manner of Mr. Anderson's transportation to Glasgow. After their departure I did walk some. I supt after 7 & then did catechize my family & after worship went to bed near 11

June 2 Mon. This day To. Sommersoil & my servant did right the ditch about my gleib. About 12 a clock I rode to Middle Catter to meet with To. Buchanan

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but he was gone over to Drymen.  
Here I dined & from this rode to Blarnisle  
to see Pat. Robison a sick man there.  
In my way thither I met with Blairlock,  
younger, & talkt with him as also with  
Wm. Haldane to whom I deliverd 2 letters  
I got at Edinburgh & a guinea. When  
I came to Blarnisle I met with Mr. Bain  
who was seeing the foresaid sick man  
after he had discoursed & prayd with him  
& then he & I did eat in Wm. Mc Alesters  
to whom I did communicate part of our  
news at Edinburgh. After that I rode to  
Rosse where I did converse with  
Drumakill & Lady o Blairlock, elder. From  
this I came to To. Galbraith's in Town foot  
of Aiber & baptizd a child to him called  
John. Here I met with To. Buchanan &  
wistd him a good journey to Edinburgh  
I came home after 10 & after worship went  
to bed after 11

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June 3 Tues. This morning I prepared to go to the Pby. Mr. McFarlane came to me after 8. We had not ridden far till we met with Messan<sup>r</sup> & Lady who were going home to their own house. I returned with them to my house & gave them a bottle of wine & some glasses of wine. After which I conveyed them beyond the Downie & then did return with Mr. McFarlane. In our way to Dumbarton I was called to go & see To. Bilstand in Gardeham with whom I did discourse some tyme & pray; then we rode on our journey but had no news considerable. We came to Dumbarton near to 1 o'clock. I went straight to Mr. Andersons where I met with some of the brethren viz. Messrs. Ritchie, Wallace, Logan. We did presently meet in Pby. & went through our ordinary business. This day we had a presentation to Mr. McFarlane to be minister of Rosemark given in by To. Campbell lsk Provost of

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Edinburgh & signed by him & other  
managers to the Duke of Argyll's Estate.  
The which was read in Play & a line  
was wryten to the Duke of Argyll bearing  
that the Play could not go in to this  
transportation. We dind at 7 after which  
Mr. Anderson of Drymen & Dumbarton &  
Mr. Mcfarlane & I did walk through the  
sands on foot & then we mounted our  
horse to ride home. Mr. Anderson of Drymen  
went in to Levensyde. Mr. Mcfarlane & I  
called at Mr. Bains when we did chaff  
a little & then we rode together to my house  
& came then at 12. My family being in  
bed he rode home & I went to bed after 12.

3) June 4 Wed. This morning I was informed  
by my wife that her friend Janet Buchanan  
in ferry of Bellough <sup>(Balloch)</sup> had brought forth a  
child in unchance, & for aught we  
know none suspected her being with  
child & even when in pangs she said

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it was only a cholick that ailed her.  
She hath been under a very bad fame  
these overall years by gone. The child is  
said to be one Laurence Peat, Gardner in  
Bonill. This day the Session met & did  
distribute some money to the poor &  
received a return of the Edict of the Elders  
that we to be ordained Sabbath next.  
My father in law dined with me. After that  
the Elders had drink in my house. I  
wrote a line to Melntoun Spreul in answer  
to one I received from him bearing that we  
of the Session could not sign that Wm. Leckie  
of Gartogyn was a poor man & ought to be  
put in the poor's roll seeing that he was in  
possession of so much money a M.  
Bad shalloch. I conveyed my father in law  
to the Moss where I was to cast peats &  
went & saw the fox said Wm. Leckie &  
delivered to him my answer to Melntoun  
Spreul. I came home about 10. After

6/ supper & worship went to bed about 11.

June 5<sup>th</sup> Thur. This morning I read some on a book entitled "Are answers to the humble pleadings" & my grass sown in the high gleib not being good I caused plough them down that day & sows bear in ~~the~~ the room of them. About 12 I rode to Cammoun & baptized a child to Ro.

Cunninghame & Marie Mcgoun called John. I lectured on Ps. 119-17. There were present Anaple Mather, Tho. McLean's wife & eldest daughter, Jo. Mc Hutcheon & wife. From this I rode to Ardoch & baptized a child to Bask, & Agnes Garner called John. I

<sup>th</sup> lectured on Ps. 119, 33-37. There were present Kath. Garner, Janet Blair, Isobell Mc Lean & son, Lod. Garner. In my way home I met with Ja. Leckie who informed me that Ro. Crawford's son Stephen was buried on Tuesday last. As also with my father in law who drank at my house & rode home.

7 After which my wife & I did walk to Mid Catta where we did rest till after 9 & came home about 10. After worship went to bed after 11.

June 6 Fri. This morning I rose pretty early & went to the great <sup>[moose]</sup> moose to show where my folk use to cast peats. I had 3 casters & 2 barrows. I came home at 9 & walked round my gleib with my wife & being drowsy slept some tyme about mid day. Afternoon I began to study a text suitable for the ordination of some Elders the next Lord's Day. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

June 7 Sat. This day I kept close at home all day & prepared for the work of the ensuing day. I not only provided the forenoon's sermon but also wrote it up in my book. My wife's aunt in Bucklyvie & her daughter did breakfast with us on their journey to Cowall. At night Janet Buchanan at Cattermill did sup with me & tarry all night.



8/ After supper & worship went to bed after 12.  
June 8 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the work of the day. I went to  
Church at half 12 & lectured on Ps. 84 &  
preacht before noon on Rom. 12. 8 &  
ordained 3 Elders viz. To. Galbraith in  
L. Finnerie, Alexr. Garner in Blarwhomrie  
& Finlay McLean in Gartlea. After sermon  
Lady Drumakill & Cameron came in to my  
house of the Manse. I preacht on Song 8. 5  
& had much of divine assistance through  
the day. After sermon they came into  
my house Lady Drumakill & children  
Will. Magt. Anne, Leut. Miller, Blairlust,  
younger, Mr. Palane, And. Stewart &  
my father in law. After their going away  
I did walk some in my gown. I suppt  
at 7 o' Jonet Buchanan with us & went  
about worship & being weary went to my  
room & went to bed at 11.

June 9 Mon. This day I kept at home

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before noon & read an "Ane answer to humble  
pleadings," etc. I slept some about midday.

After dinner went to the Mosse to see my  
peat casters but fearing rain did shortly  
return & wrote part of my sermon preacht  
May 11 on 1 Pet. 1. 2. Towards night did walk  
round my gleis. At night about 9 Adam  
Kirkwood & Wm. How came to my house  
took a drink & dram & went over to  
Ea. Leckie's to buy some corks? from him.  
After supper & worship went to bed about 11.

June 10 Tues. This morning Adam Kirkwood &  
Wm. How went to Drymen fair. After breakfast  
& worship as also my wife went over & sold  
42 ells of harn? at 6s 8d. per ell. I kept at  
home all day & did meditate on Ezek. 16. 2  
Wm. Govan in Portnellan did rest some time  
with me as also Jo. McCaulay there. This  
day I received some money from Walt. Simmer  
in Bellough as also from Alexr. Ewing  
there for himself & for Wm. McKinlay.

10/  
My father in law did rest a little with me  
after supper & worship went to bed after 12.

June 10<sup>th</sup> ~~th~~. This morning I could not fix on  
a new text to preach on at Bonill to-morrow  
though I essayed several & therefore  
resolved to take an old one. I walkt over to  
Mid Cattar against, & here I divid with  
Charles Miller & Wm. Gordon, 2 ensigns at  
Drymen & their wives who were all good  
company. I stayd till about 5 a clock &  
6/ then I walkt to the Moose & saw my peat  
casters & starrid with them till they were  
done. This night R. Garner, Piper came by  
& gave them some springs on the bag pipe.  
After I came home preparad myself for Bonill  
& after supper & worship went to bed near to 1.

June 12<sup>th</sup>. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the work of the day. My wife & I  
mounted our horse after 8 & rode to Muncie  
road here I married Tho. Garner & Capt. Galbraith  
& then rode in to Bonill. Sermon began about 12

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Mr. Bam lectured on Eph. 4. 17 - close & preacht  
on Ps. 24. 3. 4. 5. 6 I preacht afternoon on  
Ps. 51. 17. We ~~both~~ had both much of divine  
assistance. After sermon my wife & I dined  
& mounted our horse after 7 & we came  
home about 9. In our way by the Bent,  
where the brydall was & I dismissed all the  
people. After supper & worship went to bed  
after 11 a clock.

June 13 Frid. This day I kept at home all day  
& walkt much & particularly to the Mains  
about the waterside & conversed a long tyme  
with Wm. Garner. Towards night I came home  
& prepared part of my forenoon's sermon  
being to go to Bonell to. morrow to hear.  
After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

June 14 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the morrow. My wife & I did  
mount our horse after 11 & rode to Bonell to hear  
sermon. Mr. To. Logan began & preacht on Matt. 22. 4  
Mr. McFarlane preacht after him on Rom. 12. 1

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I were both very well assisted, After sermon  
we rode home & Mr. McFarlane with us only we  
called at Ballagan & spoke to To. McFarlane  
& wife & drank with them. We came home  
near to 9 Mr. McFarlane did not stay but  
went of at my house. I did complete of  
my sermon what was wanting. After worship  
& supper went to bed at 12.

June 15 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the work of the day. I went to  
Church near to 12 & lectured on Jude 1-8 &  
preach'd before noon on 1 Cor. 1. 30 & afternoon  
on Song. 8. 5 There were but few in Church  
because of Bonill Communion After sermon  
there came into my house Lieut. Wilkie &  
Ensign Gordon two officers of Drymen,  
Spittell, elder & son Tho. & my father in law  
who eat some tyme, I sup'd after 6 & then  
did read on flav. 1. 2 & then did go about  
family worship & catechize them & went to  
bed at 11.

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June 16 Sun. This morning Alexr. Garner, younger, of Duncreein came to be desiring me to baptize a child to him in my way to Bonill. Accordingly I did after 8 a clock chose name is Elizabeth. From that my wife & I rode to Blarnisle & saw a sick man there, viz. Pat. Robinsone with whom I did converse some tyme & pray. We came to Bonill after 10 & went in to the Ministers a little. Sermon began about 11. Mr. Arch. Wallace preacht on Ps. 71. 16 & Mr. To. Ritchie on Ps. 97. 10 & were well assisted. After sermon we dined in Mr. Bain's There were with us Mr. To. Ritchie, Mr. Arch. Wallace & wife, Mr. Ro. Maxwell of Killmacomb, Mr. To. Logan, Mr. Ro. Carrick & Mr. Wm. Parlane Having talkt a little with the brethren my wife & I went of & rode in to the Ferry where I discourst Janet Buchanan & exhorted her to her duty. I found by her discourse that the child she had brought forth was to a married man though

He did not yet name him. From there we  
 rode to Ledrismore when we saw Wm.  
 Buchanan's wife in great distress with  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  a swelling in the lower part of her belly  
 Here we found her brother Ballagan, To. Govan  
 & wife & having discoursed some tyme &  
 prayd we came of & came home about 10.  
 & understanding that Mr. Ro. Mitchell & David  
 Traill were in Tho. Mairns I sent for them  
 who accordingly came. We discoursed together  
 & after supper & worship went to bed after 12.  
 June 17. Tues. This morning after breakfast with  
 Mr. Ro. Mitchell & David Traill we did walk  
 round the Mairns & discourse. We returned  
 & dind after 3. My father in law came to us  
 after dinner. I caused him measure to me  
 9 furlots of bear the which I was to send to  
 To. Smith. After which Mr. Mitchell & I did  
 walk to Liggat & rest some tyme in Tho. Mairns  
 After supper & worship went to bed at 12.  
 June 18 Wed. This morning after breakfast

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Mr. Mitchell, David Grail & I went over to Buchanan to divert ourselves. Mr. Mitchell & I went in to Colin Buchanan's to see his wife & sister in law Mrs. Grigall when we did not & converse near an hour & were conveyed by him to the fishing at the Craig. Having rested long without any sport we went all in to Inchcallioch & looked about us for some little tyme. After we came out we went up to Mr McFarlane's house having found him in the forsaide Isle & here we did rest some tyme & eat & drink. While I was here there was a woman, to whom I did refuse money yesterday at my house, did belch forth a great many curses & evil words against me & my family. I know her to be a lye & a cheat. We came home near to 10 o'clock. After this & woodship went to bed at 12.

June 19<sup>th</sup>. This morning my father in law came



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to us while at breakfast Having conveyd  
him forth he told me that one Laurence Peat,  
Gardner in Bonill had undertaken & given  
under his hand to take with Janet

Buchanans child & that her brother &  
Blairlusk younger, had given it under  
their hand that the child should be no  
expense to him. This day Colin Fairfoul

did call at my house & rest some tyme,  
after which I began to ~~visit~~<sup>visit</sup> according  
to appointment & did visit Munnine,

Gargoun Ward & Head dykes & being  
called to marry 2 persons in the paroch  
of Drymen viz. Wm. Cunningham &

Jean Risk I went to the Church & did  
marry them. I did not suffer Mr. Mitchell  
& David Trail to go away because of its  
being somewhat rainy. At night did  
walk round my gleib. After supper & worship  
went to bed after 12.

June 20 Frid. This day after breakfast & worship

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Mr. Mitchell & David Trail went away about 11.  
& then I did visit according to appointment  
Raves, Liggat & Meains. I was done about sunset.  
I came home & dined & did walk some. I  
went to bed near 12.

June 21 Sat. This day I caused cast over  
2 dark<sup>r</sup> of peats. I slept some about 11 & then  
prepared for the ensuing day & finished my  
work against 8 a clock. Jean Mc elchan slept  
with me & stayed all night & after worship  
went to bed near to 12.

June 22 Sab. This morning I endeavoured  
to prepare for the work of the day. I went to  
Church at half 12 & lectured on Jud. 68-15  
& preached on 1 Cor. 1:30 & again on Song 8:5-  
without dismissing the people the day being  
very rainy, few in Church. I had much  
of divine assistance. After sermon my  
father in law did rest some tyme in my  
<sup>10</sup> house. Being weary I slept some tyme before  
supper. I slept after 6 & then went about

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Worship & was long tenin. After which I did catechize my family. I went to bed about 11 & read on V. 2 of Calamy.

June 23 Thur. This morning I read some chapters on V. 1. of Pool & then wrote up my sermon preached on April 27 afternoon & then I did walk to Mid Caltar to see my mother in law who was not very well. Here I did rest some hours & talked with her & Cattermills wife & was conveyed by my father in law. After supper & worship went to bed at 12.

June 24 Tues. This morning at 6 I sent my lad to Glasgow with a load of meal to Rob. Scot & then read on V. 1 of Pool. After which I married blind Wm. Logan & Isobell Buchanan in my own house. At breakfast Wm. Buchanan in Mid Caltar came to my house with a letter directed to my father in law from Jo. Garner in Glasgow bearing that my sister in law was under a sore fever desiring that he may come in as soon as

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possible. He being new in Dumbarton I sent  
my servant M<sup>g</sup>t. McAulay expresse to him  
with the same & then I walkt to the Rose  
where I dind & discoursed with Drumakill  
& Lady & children & was conveyed near home  
by Mr. Parlane. I came home near to 7. My  
wife having gone over to see her mother came  
home about sunsett. After supper & worship  
went to bed after 11

June 25 Wed. This morning I read some on  
V.1 of Pool & then wrote up my afternoon's  
sermon preacht May 4. My servant came from  
Glasgow this day but brought me no news  
save that my sister in law was very sick.  
After dinner I walkt over to Mid Catter where  
I found my mother in law in great distress  
& did rest some tyme beside her From that  
11 I went to the Spittal & did rest some tyme  
with the old Mr<sup>s</sup> & Mrs. Monroe? & then went in  
to Spittal, younger, house & was very civilly  
entertained by his wife. Here I did rest above

are hour. From then I went to Ja. Mepe &  
 did rest some time & exert Janet Neilson  
 Going to Cattermilk I met with Spittal, elder,  
 at Donald Mcgregors & drank 2 chopins<sup>2</sup> of  
 ale with him & then went to Cattermilk.  
 Here I tarried only a little & came home.  
 My wife met me as I was to enter my door  
 & told me her mother had fallen very ill  
 & sent for me upon which I caused saddle  
 my horse & rode to Mid Catter & she behind me  
 When we came then we found her in great  
 distress, the pain that was through her body  
 had gone to her heart. Here we stayd till  
 she was somewhat more easy & having prayd  
 then twice we came home after 2 a clock in  
 the morning & after prayer we went to bed  
 June 26<sup>th</sup>. This morning I arose after 9  
 & read some on V.1 of Psal. In tyme of  
 breakfast Arch. Govan came in & took a share  
 after which I married his servant Elizabeth  
 Ferguson to one Malcom McDougald & then

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I mounted my horse & rode to visit the  
Kuirside the which I did according to  
appointment. When I had done I rode to  
Blarnisle to see Mr. Mcallister's wife with  
a fever & flux. Then I tarryd a little &  
prayd as also I saw Janet Campbell a poor  
sick woman in the town. I came home  
against 10. After supper & worship went to bed  
near to 12.

June 27 Frid. This morning being unwell in  
my stomach I did walk some. About 11  
I mounted my horse & did visit Blairwhakan  
according to appointment. I took some meat  
& drink in Pat. McKinlay's there, then  
went to Blarnisle to see Will Mcallister's wife  
with her I conversed some tyme & prayd.  
In my way home I talkt a long tyme with  
Blairlusk a rent Janet Buchanan in the  
Tenne of Bellough. I came home a little  
before sun sett & walkt round my gleib &  
my daughter Anne with me. After supper

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Worship went to bed about 11 & read on  
V. 2 of Calamity.

June 28 Sat. This day we had some Taylours  
who made me a new night gown. I kept at  
home all day & prepared for the ensuing day.  
My wife went over to see her mother who was  
not well at which time Balagan's wife &  
sister Mrs. Crawford called at my house. After  
supper & worship went to bed after 12 a clock.

June 29 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the work of the day. At breakfast  
my father in law came to me & told his  
daughter in Glasgow was no better. I went  
to Church about half 12 & lectured on Jude 14-20  
& preacht before noon on 1 Cor. 1. 30. After which  
the Lady Drumakill came into my house &  
afternoon I preacht a Song 8.5 & had much  
assistance through the day. I was long in  
publick. I walkt some with my wife who  
was not very well. I went about worship  
before supper. I slept after 8 & shortly after

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Went to bed viz. about 10

June 30<sup>th</sup> Mon. This morning I wrote up my sermon preached on May 11, 1718 afternoon & then went to see Wm. McAllister's wife in Blainisla & with her I conversed & prayed & then I rode to Ledrismore to see Wm. Buchanan's wife. With her I conversed & prayed & so rode home. I came home after 2 & dined & then walked through the Plains & conversed with Wm. Garner there. After supper & worship went to bed about 11.

July 1<sup>st</sup> Tues. This day I rode to the Play. at Dumbarton & put a shoe on my horse at the Bent. Mr. McFarlane came to me at my house. He informed me of severall particulars such as, the Earl of Stair was called from France & Lord Stanhope sent in his room.

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Mr. Lindsay, Major of Edinburgh Castle, is charged to sell his post (smudged?) - 500 lb. sterling to one to Le Blanch a French man, the former Mr. Lindsay prevented the taking



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of the Castle in the tyme of the Rebellion.  
The Earl of Iola was come to Edinburgh,  
that Dougalston's son James was taken with  
caution by order of the Lords of Session  
to produce the Colledge Registers, that  
Mr. Brisbane minister of Stirling, his wife was  
dead. The P by mett about 1 a clock & went  
through their ordinary business. There was  
one Mr. Samuel Dorriner are just man  
entered on tryalls. After private tryalls he  
had a text given him viz. Rom. 8.1 to  
deliver a homily on. I received a letter  
from Mr. Turner of Greenock ~~informing~~ <sup>inviting</sup> me  
to his Communion on the last Sabbath July  
but could not go because of several other  
Communion about that tyme. We dind  
about 6 o after dinner rode home my alone.  
I called at Balaggan & took a drink o  
dram, then at Gastoham & saw Jo. Bilstand  
with whom I conversed & prayd. I came home  
near to 10 o after worship went to bed near to 11

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July 2 Wed. This morning I read some  
wrytten sermons in my bed. Yesterday was  
informed that Mr. Jo. Hillar, minister of  
Neilstone was chosen Dean of Faculty by the  
Colledge in the room of Mr. Jo. Hamilton as  
also that a Civill war was like to arise in  
France. About 10 went over to Mid Catter.

Then I did rest with my mother in law about  
3 hours her husband having gone to Glasgow  
to see his daughter. I came home by my  
morse & saw my servants filling my peats  
When I came home Marion Buchanan spouse  
to Jo. Galbraith in Aiber was with my wife  
& did rest some tyme. The day being pleasant  
& warm did walk much. Mr. Dan. Reid came  
to my house about 5 & did rest above 2 hours  
<sup>th</sup> & went to Doymer. After his departure I went  
& saw Jo. Cooper in nurroie with whom I  
converst & prayd. After supper & worship went  
to bed near to 12.

July 3 Th. This morning I wrote my sermon

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preacht on May 18 afternoon & then I walkt  
to Mid Calthar & married Ja. McGowan & Helen  
McCordane. Then I did with Ja. McCordane  
of Balaggan & Wm. Buchanan of Tedrishmore.  
After which I returned home & kept about my  
own house till night & then did walk to the  
Kains & saw Chris. Bryce & talkt some tyme  
with her & Mr. Parlane & then discoursed some tyme  
with Will. Garner about his sons marrying  
Kagt. McElchan. After supper & worship went  
to bed after 11

July 4. Frid. This morning I did meditate  
some on Neh. 9. 38 & then went to visit  
according to appointment & did visit  
Gardeham, Gartbenrick (her I received  
some kind) Little Finerie, Blackford,  
Gartegyr. I came home about sun set &  
did walk some in my glib. After supper  
& worship went to bed after 11.

July 5 Sat. This day I received some kind  
from Ja. Robb in Boreland & Will Millar in

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Caldarvan. I then endeavoured to prepare for the following day about 4 P.M. Summer in High Knockour came & told me he had a child to baptize to morrow. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

July 6 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church a little after 11 & lectured on Jude. 20 close & preached before noon on 1 Cor. 4: 30 & afternoon on Song 8: 5 & had much of divine assistance. After sermon Druma kill & my father in law came in to my house & sat about an hour but had no news. I walked a little & dined after 7 & went about worship at 8 & continued to 9 & then read some of my wryten sermons. I went to bed after 11 & read on V 2 of Baptist's life.

July 7 Sun. This morning I walked round my glebe & kept at home all day & received some money from severall in my parish. & then did meditate on Neh. 9: 38. About 8 did

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walk to Gargoun but found none within  
+ then to Jo. Mcgoun's in Mains where I  
discourt some tyme with him + his father.  
I came home after 9 + went to my room  
my wife having gone to her bed. Here I  
did sup + meditate on the forsaid text. I  
went to bed near to 12.

July 8 Tues. This morning I finisht my  
meditation on Neh. 9. 38 + then walkt some  
after which I began to meditate on Jo. 6. 35.  
After 4 a clock my father in law came to me  
+ Jo. Anderson son to Helen Arrol. I granted  
a testimoniall to the forsaid John + then  
conveyed my father in law beyond the  
Downie + returned + sat there a little with  
Pat. Leckie + wife + my daughter Anne with  
whom I walkt some at night about my gleib.  
After supper + worship went to bed after 11.

July 9 Wed. This day I kept at home + finisht  
my thoughts on Jo. 6. 35 + wrote the same on  
a bit of paper. I heard this forenoon that

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The Lady Drumakill was delivered of another son. Afternoon I began to write my sermon on Neh. 9. 38 on a piece of paper. After supper & worship went to bed after 11 & read on v 2. of Bapt.

July 10 Thurs. This morning I sent Tho. Leckie & Kath. Crawford to Glasgow & then kept close till I wrote up all my sermon on Neh. 9. 38. on a sheet of paper. Will Mc Goun in Mill of Ardoch bought & received 2 bolls of meal from me for which he gave 11 lb. 6 sh. & 8<sup>d</sup>.

At night I received a letter from Drumakill inviting me to baptize his child to morrow

<sup>16</sup> morning the which I promised to do. About sunsett I carryed 9 furlots of bear to Boat of Colomuch & there was given to To. Smith to be malt. After supper & worship went to bed about 11.

July 11 Frid. This morning I rode to baptize Drumakill's child. I came there against 7 & having discourt some tyme with Drumakill we came to the Lady's room & after speaking

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about half an hour on 1 Jun. 1:15 I  
baptized his child who is called Robert. After  
which we got the feast. There were none there  
of strangers save Drumakill's mother &  
Jo. Mcgoun. After we had gone through his new  
house I came away & Drumakill with me  
who was to go to the Buriall of Killearn's son.  
When I came home I found Mr. Smith & wife  
in my house who were on their way to  
Cardross. After we had dined I mounted with  
them about 5 & we rode together. When we  
came near to Bonill there was a great  
shower of rain. We alighted at Mr. Bain's  
& sat some tyme & mounted again. We  
came to Cardross in all safety about 9.  
& found Mr. Wallace & family all well. After  
some talk & supper we went to bed about 12.

July 12 Sat. Being to preach today I prepared  
for the work of the day. This day being  
rainy many sat in the Church though the  
bulk of the people & the gentry was without.

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We began sermon at 1. Mr. Smith preacht before me on Rom. 12.1 & I again on Heb. 9.38 & was very much assisted. After the publick work I came in to Mr. Walkers discourt with the brethren. We got supper after 7 & then I went to the shore side where I endavourd to practice what I had preacht. I came home against night & got family worship & then went to our rooms. <sup>17</sup> That night Mr. Rob. Carrick did ly with me. We discoursed long together. We went to bed after 12.

July 13 Sab. This morning I awakt early & prepared for the work of the day. We began the publick work at 9. Mr. Wallace preacht with in on Eph. 5.1 & I without on Jo. 6. 35. I had much of divine assistance. I preacht near to 2 hours & served the tables. I ended a quarter after 1. Mr. Carrick did succeed me on Matt. 20. 28 whom I heard a little & then I went to refresh myself in Mr. Wallace's. After which I went to the Church



I served 4 tables. There were 10 in whole of which Mr. Wallace served 3 & Mr. Smith the rest. We ended the forenoon's work about 5.

Between sermons I conversed with Mr. Rob. Glen minister in Bute & Mr. Jo. Anderson, minister of Port Glasgow & Mr. Jo. McLainie. Mr. Jo.

Anderson of Dumbarton preached afternoon on Ezra 13. 14. We had done near to 8. After supper & worship went to bed about 11. Mr.

Carrick & I discoursed some time in bed

July 14<sup>th</sup> Mem. This morning as I was putting on my cloaths Mr. Wallace came to me & gave me the good news of my wife being safely delivered of a son yesternight about 10 a clock, who had then (e.g. the good news) from my servant who was come from my house this morning early & gave me a letter from my father in law bearing the same & that she was in a pretty good condition. The publick work began this day after 10. Mr. Bain preached on Gal. 2. 20 & Mr. Anderson of Dumbarton on

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Egra 9. 14. After sermon I informed the Lady  
Ardoch of my news. We dind about 3. There  
was with us at dinner Mr. Anderson,  
Mr. Bain, Mr. Smith & wife, Mr. Rob. Carrick,  
Mr. Wm. Parlame, Mr. Jo. McCawoni & one,  
Mrs. Dennistone, yesterday in tyne of sermon  
of the forenoon a woman who had come from  
<sup>18</sup> Port Glasgow to sell ale dyed suddenly &  
was buried this day. Having discount some  
tyne with the brethren & being engaged by  
Mr. Anderson of Dumbarton to be at his  
Communion I mounted my horse at 5 to  
ride home, I calld at Mr. Bains & informed  
his wife of my wife's safe delivry. At the  
boat I mett with Collector McCulay who  
was going to the Rosse. We rode together till  
the way parted, We called at Ballagan &  
got drink & dram. I came home in all  
safety about sunsett & found all pretty  
well & blest God for the sight I saw.  
My father in law being here did rest some tyne

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& after supper & worship went to bed about 12.

July 15 Tues. This morning I arose & wrote severall letters for Glasgow & sent my servant away with them who was to bring home severall things. At breakfast Mr. Carrick & Mr. Parlane came & discoursed with me above an hour. After which I did rest beside my wife & sleep. About 2 a clock Mr. Smith & wife came to my house & then I desired to baptize my child upon which I sent for severall of my neighbours. He lectured on Matt. 3: 11 & baptized my child & then I called William after my father. There were present at baptism & the feast Pat. Leckie & wife, Jo. Mcgoun & wife, my father & mother in law. After all was over Mr. Smith & I did walk some & after worship went to bed about 11.

July 16 Wed. This morning my servant came home with the severall things I had sent him for & after breakfast & worship Mr. Smith & wife went home. About mid day I went to

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The Moose & I servants with me & put up  
4 stacks of <sup>my</sup> peats. I came home about 9.  
My wife arose & sat a little about 10.

After supper & worship went to bed near 12.

July 17<sup>th</sup>. This morning I went with a  
19<sup>th</sup> servant lad from Mid Callar to the Moose  
& put up some stacks of peats. I came  
home about 10 & sent my lad to  
Killpatrick for a freight of coal & then  
I rode to the Moose to see the Lady Drumakill.

Here I discoursed Drumakill & Lady,

Magt. Colquhoun & Mr. Parlance & prayd  
before I came away. When I came home

I found the Lady Balvie in my house  
who <sup>resided</sup> after some considerable tyme there

& then went to Moose. After which I went  
to the Moose & saw my servants put up  
some stacks of peat. We came home about  
9 & after supper & worship went to bed about 12.

July 18<sup>th</sup> Frid. I kept at home all day  
expecting my freight of coals from Killpatrick.

but they came not. Several women came to see my wife viz. Marion Logan, Eliz. Mcgoon who was mid wife, & So. Mcgoon's wife. About 5 a clock Mr. Pat Mcadam came & saw me & sat some tyme with whom I wrote an answer to a letter I had received this day from Mr. Mcfarlane a rent being with him at his Communion. I read some on Durhan on the Revelation & after supper & worship went to bed at half 12.

July 14 Sat. This morning I read some on the forsoaid book & Pools Annot. This day there were 10 hutch of coals carryed to me from Killpatrick for which I payd. I endeavoured to prepare for the following day. The night being pleasant did walk about my gleib & to Jarqoun & my daughter Anne with me. After supper & worship went to bed after 1.

July 20 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church after 11 & lectured on Rev. 1.1-6

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& preacht before noon on 1 Cor. 1: 30 & after noon on Song 8: 5 & had much of divine assistance. There came into my house after sermon both before & afternoon Droumakill.

Will & Anne, Lady Balvire, Magt. Colquhoun

<sup>30</sup> Mr. Parlame, Will. Graham & wife & daughter, Grigall, Cameron's wife. It was after 5 before we dismist in Church. I suppt after 7 & went about worship at 9 & catechized my family. I went to bed after 11 & my young daughter with me. My wife was up all the day. When in bed I read some wryten sermons.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Mon. This morning I sent my servant to the Rose for the Kirk ladder, being to patch my house. About 12 did walk to N. Gargoun & saw some building a barn. After dinner I went over to Mid Cattan & saw my father in law laying the foundation of a kirk. Here I tarried above ane hour. When I came home found Pat. Leckie's wife in my house with whom I did eat & drink. At which time

Mr. Carmichael came in & got a share  
 When they had sitten above one hour I  
 conveyed Mr. Carmichael to boat of  
 Colomen & came home about 9.

After worship (this night I began the new Testa.)  
 I went to bed about 11 & read v. 2 of Bapt. Conf.

July 22 Tues. This day I kept at home  
 before noon & saw some leather led to my  
 house viz. two horse by Jo. & Will McElchan  
 in Callingad H by Finlay McLean in  
 Gartlea & with him I went to Meire to  
 tryst some men to watch my house.

Here I trysted Geo. Mitchell who had been  
 watching Walt. Logan of Cameron's house  
 & with him I did rest a long tyme the  
 night being rainy. I came home about 9.  
 After worship went to bed about 11.

July 23 Wed. This morning Wm. Buchanan in  
 Cameron sent 3 horse to my house with  
 leather as also there came 3 from Maskinst  
 & from Blarwhornie. In whole I had near

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near 26 three of it. About 4 a clock I  
<sup>21</sup>rode to Blarnisle to see Wm. McAlister's wife  
Here I did rest & talk some time & saw  
Rob. Buchanan's son who was sick with  
whom I spake & prayd. I came home a  
little after sunset. Alexr. Bilsland brought  
me some dry fish from Glasgow & 2  
fur dales. After supper & worship went to bed after 11

July 24 Th. This day I kept at home & saw  
some peats led & began to meditate on Hos. 2:19  
I saw also Wm. McAlister in Blarnisle  
dressing? his hat in the Kirk about 2 a clock  
Mr. Brisbond came to my house & dined with me  
& sat about 3 hours & then Wm. Buchanan  
Catherniln's son staid above one hour with me  
After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

July 25 Frid. This day I kept at home &  
saw some peats led to my house & did  
meditate some on Hos. 2:19. About 3 afternoon  
Mr. McFarlane & wife & daughter came & sat  
with me & dined & discoursed. They went home



about 6 o'clock I conveyed to boat of Colomun  
 & my daughter with me & then returned. About  
 sunset Mr. Brisbane came to my house &  
 stayd all night & discoursd with me. After  
 supper & worship went to bed near to 12.

July 26 Sat. This morning Mr. Brisbane & I did  
 discourse some hours & then did breakfast.  
 He went away home ward near to 12 & then  
 I endavoured to prepare for the insuing day.  
 After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

July 27 Sab. This morning I endavoured  
 to prepare for the work of the day. I went to  
 Church near to 12 & lectured on Rev. 1. 7-12  
 & preacht before noon on 2 Tim. 1-9 after which  
 Dr. Mackill & daughter Magt. & Lady Balvie,  
 Conachie's wife & my father in law came  
 in to my house & sat about one hour  
<sup>22</sup> Afternoon I preacht on Song 8. 9. I had much  
 of divine assistance through the day. After  
 sermon I was called to go see Helen Mitchell  
 spouse to Ja. Leckie in Conachie. Accordingly

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I went to bed I conversed long & prayed. When I came home I slept which was about 8. After which went about worship & was long therein. I went to bed about 11 & read some written sermons.

July 28 Mon. This day I kept at home & did meditate on Hos. 2:19 About 11 I walked to H. Gargoun & saw some building a barn to Alexr. Bilstrand. Here I stayed about half an hour. I slept some after. After which there came on a great thunder & rain. It was rain for the most part till night. About 8 Drumakill with the Lady Baline called at my house but could not alight. I conveyed them the length of L. Gargoun After supper & worship went to bed near to 12 & read on Vol. 2 of Bapts. Life.

July 29 Tues. This morning I finished my thoughts on Hos. 2:19 About 11 I rode to the Rose & conversed with the Lady Drumakill & Lady Baline & then dined. After which I walked to the new house with Drumakill & To. Gargoun where I

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carried for some tyme. After which I returned  
to converse long with the foresaid Ladys. I  
came home about sun set & walkt round  
my gleis. After supper & worship went to bed  
near to 11 & read some wryten sermons.

July 28<sup>th</sup> Tues. This day I kept at home &  
did meditate

July 30<sup>th</sup> Wed. This day I kept at home &  
wrote on clean paper some of my notes on  
Hos. 2-19. I saw some of my peats led home  
I went to the Horse & saw what condition  
they were in. About 7 I with my daughter  
Anne did walk to Jo. Mcgoun's & desired him  
to buy me some horses shoes at the fair.

As also to speak to my Lady Grizall Cochran  
23<sup>rd</sup> to pay me the 2 years teind that are owing  
Also to speak to her auncle a schoolmaster to  
the paroch. After supper & worship went to bed near 11.

July 31<sup>st</sup> Thur. I kept at home all day & wrote  
up on clean paper all my thoughts on Hos. 2-19  
& began to gather my thoughts on Song 1-4. This

day was for the most part a great rain. About sunsett Mr. Cross & son Peter came to my house & tarried all night. Having come for the fair of Dumbarton they could not get the water past. He & I discoursed till about 10. After supper & worship went to bed about 11 & read V 2. of Bapt. Life.

Aug. 1 Fri. 1718 This day I kept at home. I got some money from Alexr. Garner & Tho. Andersson's wife in Liggat. Mr. Cross & son went home after breakfast. After which I went through all my accounts & saw what I was owing & what was owing to me. After supper & worship I went to bed after 11

Aug. 2 Sat. This day I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the ensuing day. About 2 a clock my mother in law came & sat with my wife till about sunsett & dined with me. Will. Mcgean, millner in Ardoch payed me some money for meal as also Agnes Fargen? some little money. After supper & worship went to bed about 12

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Aug. 3 Sat. This morning I prepared for the  
work of the day. I went to Church after 11 &  
lectured on Rev. 1:12 - close & preached before noon  
on 2 Tim. 1:9 & afternoon on Song 8:5 & had  
much of divine assistance. Betwixt sermons  
Majt. Colquhoun & Majt. Buchanan came into  
my house & also they came after sermon &  
sat a little the day being exceedingly rainy as  
also my father in law sat some tyme. There  
was no news. This day the Communion was in  
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Killearn which was an exceedingly bad day  
with great rain from morning to night. I  
supt after 6 & then did rest some tyme. I  
went about worship at half 9 & was an hour  
herin. I went to bed after 10 & read some  
wryten sermons & v. 2. of Bapts. Life.

Aug. 4 Sun. This morning George Mitchell came  
to thatch my house with heather. I kept at  
home all day & finisht my meditation on  
Song 1:4 & began to wryt the same on a piece  
of clean paper. Jo. Buntine in Calderman

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Told me he had a child to baptize. I promised to do that this week. After 6 I walked to Jo. McGoun's & here I did chat some tyme with him. At night one Mrs. Mitchell & her son Wm. came & tarried with me all night. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Aug. 5 Tues. This morning about 8 Mr. Livingstone came to my house having been with Mr. Mejarlane the last night when he left his wife untill he returned from the Pby. Having sat some tyme Mr. Mejarlane came to us. We mounted our horses after 9 & rode together to the Pby. We came to Dumbarton about 12 & met about 1. Mr. Smith being Moderator & absent I supplied his room. This day we had severall businesses before us particularly are - -  
from Old Cumrock for the scandall of adultery with Elizabeth Glen in Dumbarton. Severall witnesses being sworn they did prove adulterous carriage against them.  
Mr. Dorrance delivered a homily on Rom. 8.1

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I was approved. They <sup>?</sup> him another on  
Matt. 6:33 & a lecture on Ps. 23. The Pley  
dismissed after 7. After which I dined with  
the rest of the brethren who tarried. Mr.  
Livingstone & Mr. McFarlane having gone  
away before dinner. I came home my alone  
a little after 10 & found Helen Smith, sister to  
Mr. Jo. Smith, in my house with whom I  
conversat some tyme, my wife having gone  
about worship I went to bed about 11.

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Aug 6. Wed. This morning Ja. Robb, younger, in  
Mains came to me & got a discharge for his  
two bolls of bear payd for the last crop &  
also for the preceding year. I wrote up all  
my sermon on Song 14 on clean paper. My  
father in law came to my house about 2 a clock  
& rest for some tyme with me & talkt & dined  
with me. After which he went <sup>with</sup> to Will. Mcneil  
to agree his marriage on my servant  
Jonet Mcnayer. About 7 a clock there was  
one great clap of thunder. After which

<sup>47</sup> Mr. Livingstone & wife came to my house.

We discount together till supper time & after supper & worship went to bed near to 12 & then I did read on V. 2 of Bapt. Life.

Aug 7 Th. This morning Mr. Livingstone & I did walk some on my gleit. After breakfast & worship he & wife went away after 11. I kept at home all day & began to meditate on 1 Cor. 10.5 & some by me saw Geo. Mitchell watching my house. After supper & worship went to bed about 11 & read on V. 2 of Bapt. Life.

Aug. 8. Fri. This morning I did further meditate on 1 Cor. 10.5 & then made ready to go to Dumbarton to the Communion there.

After dinner Helen Smith & I did mount.

In my way I called at Coldarvan & baptized a child to Jo. Buntine & Magt. Millar called John.

I came to Dumbarton after 6 & sent my servant & horse home again. I stayed with Mr. Andersson & did talk with him all this night I went to bed after 12.



Aug. 9. Sat. Being to preach this day I endeavoured to prepare. We went to Church after 12. I preached on Hos. 2:19 & had much of divine assistance. After we preached Mr. Jo. Ritchie on 1 Sam. 7:3. After supper at which were present Mr. Jo. Ritchie, Mr. Arch. Wallace, Mr. Arch. Marshall, a minister in Galloway, Mr. Jo. Anderson, minister of Port Glasgow, Mr. Rob. Carrick, Mr. Will. Patane, probationers, I did walk a little with the first two & then went & sat a little with Will. Graham's wife, there was one Will.

<sup>3</sup> Sauner, shoemaker & one of the Elders. With them I discoursed some tyme after which the dark. I went in to Mr. Anderson's yard & minded my own private work after worship. Prayers being gone about by the minister of Port Glasgow we went to our rooms. This night I lay with the former person & he & I discoursed long & went to bed about 12.

Aug. 10 Sat. This morning I walked a little

I finished my own private work & after worship & breakfast I went to Church & saw to the filling of the Communion table. The work began at 10. Mr. Anderson preached well & long on 1 Pet. 2.24. There were only 6 double tables, the first served by the minister himself, the 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Mr. Marshall, the 3<sup>rd</sup>. by Mr. Anderson, the 4<sup>th</sup>. by myself & the last 2 by Mr. Wallace. The work ended near to 5. Mr. Anderson of Port Glasgow preached afternoon on Rev. 1.18. After which we sup't at which were present all that were the former night & Mr. Anderson's wife. This night I lay my alone in Mr. Anderson's study & went to bed near to 12.

Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> Mon. Being to preach I arose pretty early & endeavoured to prepare. We went to Church about 10. I preached on Song 1.4 & Mr. Wallace after me on 1 Pet. 2.11. We were both much assisted of God. After the work was over we dined. Then were present

Mr. Marshall, Mr. Wallace, Mr. Anderson & wife, Mr. Duncan Campbell's relict & daughter Marie, Mrs. Turner & daughter, Mr. Daniel Gilchrist's relict, Baylie Colquhoun & Baylie Weir, Mr. Carrick & Mr. Parlane. After dinner I went & saw Mr. Graham's wife & then again I discoursed with severall that came in to see Mr. Anderson viz. Succoth & Lady, Sir John Campbell & Lady, Lady Dargavell & sister, Mrs. Bette, etc. After which I left Mr. Anderson's & went to Mr. Wallace & saw his mother & sister & then took my horse. In my way home I called at Mr. Bains & Peter Napier's. I came home near to 9 & found all well. After worship I went to bed near to 11.

Aug. 12 Tues. This morning being weary I did walk much. About 11 Mr. Carrick came to my house & rested some hours & dined & then I slept a little. About 6 Mr. Mcfarlane came & discoursed some tyme with me to whom I lent 20 lb. Scots. He informed me

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That the Highlanders led on Friday night last carried away captive 6 or 7 men that were building the Garrison in Invernessaid, broke their tools & burnt the house they lodged in. I conveyed him the length of Colomun boat. After supper & worship went to bed near to 10.

July 13 Wed. I kept at home all this day & did meditate on 1 Cor. 10. 5, wrote up part of the same on clean paper & then did prepare for the following day being to preach at Buchanan. After supper & worship went to bed at 11.

Aug. 14 Th. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for preaching. I sent my lad to Glasgow with a load of meal to Rob. Scot & 2 geese, one to Baylie Crawford & another to his son, Robert. I went over to Buchanan after 9. As I was going away Mr. Bain, who was also to preach there, came to my house. He & I went together & having

refreshed ourselves in Jo. Smith's sermon began at 12. I preached before noon on Jo. 7. 3 & Mr. Bain afternoon on Jer. 7. 9. 10. We were both very well assisted of God. When I came home I received a letter from Baylie Crawford desiring in the name of the Magistrates of Glasgow to be in Glasgow against the 28 of the Instant to be present at Mr. Anderson's admission to be minister there. I went near to 9 a clock & after that & worship went to bed about 10.

Aug. 15 Fri. This day I kept at home & wrote up the rest of my sermon on 1 Cor. 10. 5. About 12 Mr. Jo. Stewart, minister of Eaglesome came to my house being on his way to Buchanan Communion. He stayed with me about 3 hours & dined & then went to Mr. McFarlane. This day my daughter Janet came home from Glasgow. She was in Balvie the last night. After supper & worship went to bed near 11 & read some of my notes I was to preach on Sat. next.

Aug. 16 Sat. This day after shaving & breakfast I went over to Buchanan to attend sermon there. It began after 1. I heard Mr. Jo. Warden, minister of Saargumock preach on Heb. 10. 14 & Mr. Jo. Stewart on Matt. 22. 4. They were both very well assisted. After serving my people with tokens I came home. There were no strangers with me this night but Anaple Mathie & Helen McIndoe tho I invited severall to come of Greenock? people. I slept near to 8. Then I endeavoured to mend the work of the following day. I went to bed near to 12.

Aug. 17 Sab. This morning I arose early & prepared for the work of the day. I went over to Buchanan near to 9. The work began about 10. Mr. Mcfarlane preached within doors on 1 Cor. 5. 7 & I began without & preached on Jo. 6. 37 after which I went & got a refreshment then I went & served one table in the Church there were 7 lowland tables. Mr. Mcfarlane read the first, Mr. Warden the next two

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Mr. Jo. Stewart the next two, I the next  
& Mr. Flockfold the last. There were 4

Highland tables. I heard Mr. Warden preach  
a little at the tent. Then I prepared for the  
afternoon sermon at 6. I preached last on  
1 Cor. 10.5. I was much assisted of God through  
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the day. I came home about 8 & after family  
worship & supper I went to bed near to 10.

Aug. 18 Mon. This morning after breakfast I  
went over to Bullman. Before sermon I  
discourst a little with Jo. Meadon in  
Eastfern & then married two persons, the  
man was in the parish of Bonill & the woman  
in the parish of Luose. Sermon began near to  
12. Mr. Jo. Stewart preached on Song 5.16 &  
Mr. David Flockfield on Jo. 4.31 who was not  
very orderly in his sermon. After which  
Mr. Stewart, Mr. Warden & I drank 3 bottles  
of ale in Jo. Smith's from then Mr. Warden  
went home & then we rode to Mr. Mcfarlane's  
& dined. It was near to 6 before we dined.

Then we at dinner Mr. Flockfield & wife,  
 Mr. To. McAllum of Calender, Mr. Robison of  
 Balochider, Mr. Dan Reid, Achinvar, Mr. Parlane  
 Mr. Pat. McAdam, Mr. Will. Scobie, schoolmaster,  
 Pat. Colquhoun Elder in duss. After which I  
 came home & Mr. Reid with me which was  
 near to 9. After getting a drink & worship I  
 went to bed near to 10.

Aug. 19 Tues. This morning Mr. Reid went of  
 to Dumbarton & then I did walk in the  
 fields. I slept a little & then walked down  
 to the Mains & saw some men casting a  
 deep ditch betwixt the Isle & Mains of  
 Killmaronock. Here I discoursed some tyme  
 with Alexr. Graham, gardner in Buchanan  
 After which I dined & then with my wife &  
 two daughters I walked over to Mad Caltar &  
 rested some tyme & saw some men finishing  
 the building of a kiln. Then we returned  
 about 8 & after worship went to bed about 10  
 & read an v. 1 of Rom. Hist.



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Aug. 20 Wed. This morning I read some on  
Jurch. on Rev. & some more on V. 1. of Rom. Hist.

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& saw some peats led by John Mitchell &  
Walt. Gow. Afternoon I began to shear my  
beas but some rain coming on it stopt us.  
At night I did walk to the Mains & discourt  
some tyme with Will. Garner & Chris. Bryce.  
After supper & worship I went to bed about 10  
& read a V. 1. of Rom. Hist.

Aug. 21 Th. This morning I read some on V. 1  
of Rom. Hist. I kept at home for the most  
part all day. Several persons called at my  
house in their way past viz. Mr. Jo. Carmichael  
who was asking for meal to buy, Blairlust, younger  
who brought me a book I had lent him,  
Drumakill, Wm. Buchanan of Jedburgh,  
Damoich? I went to Jo. Leckie's to hear  
Coldarvan rapped but nothing was done;  
being stopt by my Lady Grigall here I drank  
with the fornamed persons & Craigden, elder,  
Ensign Ullkie, Spittal younger & Wm. Craig.

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My father in law came home with me & dined. After which I did attend my servants cutting down my bear in my croft. After supper & worship went to bed at 10 & read some on V. 1 of Rom. Hist.

Aug. 22 Frid. This morning I read some on V. 1. of Rom. Hist. & then did attend my servants shearing my bear untill dinner. Big. Mcgown, midwife, dined with me. After which I took my horse & rode to see Mr. Mcfadane. I met with him as he came from quailing his hay & went home with him & discoursed more than one hour with him & Mr. Will. Scobie, his schoolmaster. Here I was informed that the masons that was building the Garrison at Invernaid was again returned but by an order from Court were discharged from building untill they had funder orders. I came home about 8. After supper & worship went to bed about 10 & read on V. 4 of Rom. Hist.

Aug. 23 Sat. This morning I read some on V. 4 of R. H.

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& being the fair of Drymen my servants went over to the fair. I endeavoured to prepare for the following day & ended my work before 9. Eliza Buchanan, relict of Geo. Buchanan of Ledrismore dined with me & after supper & worship went to bed after 10.  
Aug. 24 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church before 11 & ~~for~~ lectured on Rev 2. 1. 8 & preached before noon on 2 Tim. 1. 9 & afternoon a Song 8. 5 & had much of divine assistance through the day. After sermon my father in law & mother in law did rest some tyme in my house. Then I did read on V. 1 of Psal. I slept after 6 & then went about family worship in which I was long & catechized my family. Then I read some cryten sermons. I went to bed after 10.

Aug. 25 Sun. This morning & through the day I read on V. 4 of Roman history. James Luckie

& Colquhoun's wife got a share of my breakfast.  
 I gave a testimonial to Wm. Mcnicoll &  
 Janet Mcnayer to be married as also I gave  
 one to Rob. Kain, wright in common form.  
 Colin Campbell & sister, Jean, called at my  
 house in their way home to Ardoch, with  
 them I drank. I sometime oversaw my  
 shearers cutting down my beas. At night  
 did walk to Mains & saw Ja. Robb's  
 Wm. Garner's shears. After supper & worship  
 went to bed about 10.

Aug. 26 Tues. This day I read a considerable  
 time on V. 4 of Roman History. I received  
 a letter from Mr. Mcfarlane bearing that he  
 could not go to Glasgow to Mr. Anderson's  
 admission. I wrote a testimonial to Tom  
 Mcnab & Agnes Ewing to be married.  
 My servants this afternoon cut down all my  
 beas except what was sown on June 5.  
 I had thereof 29 threives. About 2 a clock  
 my wife & I rode to L. Portwellan & bought

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from Arch. Govan 2 stone of cheese at  
01-16-06 per stone & payd it. After that we  
rode to Rosse where we discoursd with Lady  
Drumakill elder & younger & from thir we  
came to Boghead & ... with Magt. Anderson  
for one stone & half of Cheese got in summer  
& two stone got now at 01-12-00 per stone.  
We came home near to 8. After supper & worship  
& reading some on V. 4 of Rom. Hist. I went to bed  
near to 11.

Aug. 29 Wed. This morning I did finish V. 4  
of Rom. Hist. & did meditate some on Math. 25-19  
& then prepared to go to Glasgow to attend Mr.  
Andersons admission to be Minister to the  
north East Quarks. Then I went of near to 12  
& I arrivd there without halting about 4.  
Then I drank some with Hugh Crawford,  
Ja. Maxwell, my brother in law, David Trail,  
& Alexr. Liget. Having put on my shoes I  
was called to go & meet with the Magistrates  
in the Coffee House where they were all.

Having by the way mett with Mr. Arch. Wallace  
 he & I went together. There were with us beside  
 the present Magistrate, Provost Bowman,  
 J. Thomsons, Dean of Guild, Baylie Hillar,  
 Baylie Stirling, ? Finlayson, Mr. Ja. Rob.  
 Here we suppt. After supper there came to us  
 Mr. Jo. Anderson of Dumbarton & Port Glasgow.  
 Mr. Neil Campbell. After 10 we went to our  
 quarters & after supper & worship we went to bed.  
 Aug 28<sup>th</sup>. This morning after breakfast, worship  
 & shaving I went forth. I mett with my  
 father in law who had come to town to take  
 his daughter home. He & I went to the Coffee  
 House where we mett with other ministers.  
 After 10 we went to the Laigh Church &  
 heard Mr. Michael Robbs preach on Col. 4. 19  
 after which Mr. Anderson was received as  
 one of the Ministers of that place. None of  
 the ministers did countenance his admission  
 which was to their great reproch. There were  
 present of other ministers in the country

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Mr. Jo. Govan of Campsie, Mr. Samuel Telfer  
Lomeroch

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~~Minister~~ of Kirk<sup>IRN</sup> Killoch, Mr. Will. Love of  
Cathcart, Mr. Ja. Robb of Killoyth, Mr. Arch.  
Hamilton of Cambuslang, Mr. Rob. Johnstone  
of Killbarkan, Mr. Moir of Erskine, Mr. Rob.  
Maxwell of Killmacomb, Mr. Jo. Andersson of  
Port Glasgow, Mr. Arch. Wallace & myself.

We all dined splendidly with the Magistrates,  
Dean of Guild, Decain Convener & Mr. Ja. Orr,  
Treasurer. After which I went forth to walk  
& fell into company with Ja. Love & Charles  
Crawford his son in law with whom I drank  
some. At night did rest with my sister Rebecca,  
Mrs. Kirkwood & then went & saw Will. How who  
was sick with whom I conversed & prayd. & then  
came home to my quarters. After worship went  
to bed near 11

Aug. 29 Fri. This morning Pat Walker came  
& saw me & drank with me. After I went  
forth I payd some accounts. I got a  
mutchkin of cherry from Will. Blackburn

I talkt some tyme with Baylie Alexander & was informed by him & Ch. Finlayson that the news yesterday were that Sir Geo. Bingle his Majesty's Admirall had defeat the Spanish fleet in the Straights, had burnt 4 ships sunk 5 & surrounded 12. I am affraid this is the beginning of a new war with Spain. I went to Rob. Crawford's & Rob. Scot's house where I did rest some tyme. As I was coming to dine in my quarters I mett with Messrs. Arch Wallace, Will. Gow, Rob. Brown & Jo. Blair, Merchants & Mr. Jo. Anderson & from them with other ministers got a drink. After which I dined in my quarters & then made ready to go away & Jean Crawford with me. We were conveyed to our horse by Steph. & Rob. Crawford, my brother, Rob. Scot, David Trail. We mounted at 4 & arriv'd at my house near to 9 in all safety & found my family well. We got much rain in our way home. After supper & worship went to bed after 10 a clock.



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Aug. 30 Sat. This day I endeavoured to prepare for the following day. I slept some about midday. Afternoon I received a letter from Steph. Crawford bearing that the ministers of Glasgow had a very friendly meeting with Mr. Anderson on Friday night. After supper & worship I went to bed about 12.

Aug. 31 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church after 11 & lectured on Rev. 2. 8-12 & preached before noon on 2 Tim. 1. 9. Betwixt sermons Mr. Parlane came in to me & offered to preach afternoon the which I did allow & then I drank with my father in law & one Daniel Ewing who travells with Arch. Buchanan in England. Afternoon Mr. Parlane preached Phil. 1. 27 & we were both assisted. After sermon Drumakill & lady & children came in to my house to whom I did communicate my news. I slept after 6 & then went about worship. I read long & then read on V. 2 of Psal. I went to bed about 10.

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Sept. 1 Mon. 1718. This day being good I kept at home all day & saw my corn cutt down by Alexr. Bilsland & wife & daughter & my own lad. I had no woman servant this harvest, one of my women being married, the other was herd with her father. While at supper Jo. Galbraith came & desired me to baptize a child to him as I went to the Pby. After supper & worship went to bed & read on V. 5 of Rom. Hist.

Sept. 2 Tues. This morning I read some on V. 5 of Rom. Hist. & then prepared to go to the Pby. In my way thither I baptizid a child to Jo. Galbraith & Agnes McClintock called John. After which I mett with Blairlusk, younger, who did communicate to me an account of Mr. Anderson's farewell sermon & then Mr. McFarlane overtook me. We rode together to Bonill & Mr. Bain with us to Dumbarton. We had no news but what was just now passing. Mr. Arch. Wallace had the exercise on 1 Pet. 1:2 & was approv'd. After which we mett & went through our ordinary business. We had

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no material thing before us this day except a  
call to Mr. McFarlane for Rosneath the which  
was rejected by the Pby. the Elder who presented  
the same having no commission to do it  
neither was it supervised by any minister.  
We dined about 7. after which Mr. Dorrcher  
had a lecture on Ps. 23 & a homily on Matt. 6. 33  
& was approved. This night we were pretty  
leardy having drunk 3 bottles of wine payd.  
by Mr. Arch. Wallace, Mr. Baird & myself. We  
discourst together till after 2. Mr. Logan lay with me  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>. This morning after prayers & breakfast  
we mett for <sup>?</sup> & privy <sup>?</sup>... Then went about  
prayer Mr. Smith <sup>?</sup>. Mr. Bain, Mr. Flockfield,  
& Mr. Rob. Wallace. Mr. Park was charged by the Pby.  
to have the Communion in the Church when he  
had it. When near a close Mr. Jo. Anderson came  
to us from Glasgow. After we had done we mett  
in our quarters & got 3 bottles of wine from  
Mr. Anderson & gave ~~under~~ <sup>in</sup> other 3 un to him.  
Then were with us for some tyme Adam

Montgomery late Dean of Guild of Glasgow. Our news was that of 28 sail the Spanish had, all were sunk, burnt or taken except 1. As I was going away my brother in law, Baylie Crawford, & son David came to our quarters & then we went with Mr. Anderson to see his wife where we tarried only a little. Mr. McFarlane & I, with Baylie Crawford & son & Richard Scadlock mounted our horses near to 5. Mr. McFarlane & I rode on. They went of at Levensyde.

Mr. McFarlane rode home & I after supper & worship went to bed near to 10

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. This morning I went to see Tho. McLean son to Tho. McLean in Camsoun with whom I conversed & prayd. From there I rode with Donald Mcgregor at Cattermilk to Horse of Bellough <sup>3<sup>6</sup></sup> fair. Here I cravd some money & mett with some of my friends & drank with them. & had one message from Lady Lusse to preach there on Sabbath next the which I consented to do & waord my people of my answer. I rode from the

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fair near to it & with me Baylie Crawford & son  
& Richard Scadlock. We rode to the Rosse & road  
Droumakill & Lady & then to my house where they  
laid all night. There came to us near to 8  
my brother in law Rob. Scot & Mungo Grant. We  
supt after 8 & were hearty. I went to bed near to 10.  
Sept. 5 Frid. This morning after prayers & breakfast  
they went all of to the fair of Killearn & Baylie  
Crawford took his daughter Jean home with him.  
I kept at home all day & caused shear some  
corn. I slept some about 4. I caused cast into  
my barn all my shorn bear. After supper &  
worship went to bed near to 10 & read on V. 5 of Rom. Hist.  
Sept. 6 Sat. This morning I read some on V. 5 of  
Rom. Hist. & some on V. 2 of Pool. I slept some  
about mid day. About 3 I went of to preach  
at Lusce to. morn. I arrived at Rosdove in  
all safety against sun set. A little after which  
talking with <sup>the</sup> Lady, the Laird came home who  
had been in the north there 5 weeks by gone but  
had no news. With him & Lady I dis court till.

<sup>6</sup> after 11 & then went to my room & prepared for the  
mornin's work. I went to bed near to 12.

Sept. 7 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare  
for the work of the day. After breakfast we went  
to Church by boat, all the family went excepting  
the Laird & Lady & some few. We began about 12.  
I lectured on Col. 3, 1-7 & preached before & after noon  
on Luke 13-24. After sermon I saw a sick man  
in the town & then went to the boat. The day  
being exceedingly pleasant we came home in all  
safety about sunsett & then went to my room.  
We went about worship before supper. I discourt  
again to the family on Luke 13. 24 after which  
<sup>37</sup> we suppt & was long herein. Then were at the  
table the family, Damoick & one Mrs. Grant. I  
went to my room about 10 & read on V. 2. of Psal  
went to bed after 11

Sept. 8 Sun. This morning being exceedingly  
pleasant I did walk much after which I  
discourt with Laird & Lady & Damoick arent  
planting the paroch who promist it should be

done very shortly. After breakfast I came of ~~the~~ I saw little regard to the worship of God. We had no prayers except on Sabbath night. In my way home I discount with Jo. Crawford an Elder of ~~the~~ & son, a sick child. I called at Cameron & dined with Donald Golan & wife & got a deal of fruit from them who were very kind. As I ferried at Bellough I called for a dram & rode to Baturick where Jo. Mackinlay paid me 50 lb. Scots & then I rode to N. Portellan & bought some apples. I came home in all safety after 7 & after supper & worship went to bed after 10.

Sept. 9 Tues. This morning I read some on v. 5 of Rom. Hist. I kept at home all day & did attend the cutting down of my corn & helped therein. After sunsett went down to Jo. Mequoin's & talkt a little with him. After supper & worship went to bed & read on the for said book after 10.

Sept. 10 Wed. This morning I read some on v. 5 of Rom. Hist. I walkt some in the fields & the

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length of M. Gargour & saw them shearing &  
talkt some tyme with Ja. Robb in Boreland  
While at dinner Drumakill with Finnas &  
Jo. Campbell, late Provost of Edinburgh calld  
at my house & took a drink & dram from me.  
I spake a little with Provost Campbell arent  
planting Rosmalk. Near to night I cast in  
18 thrieve of corn which was built in a stack  
by the fowsaid Ja. Robb. After supper & worship  
went to bed about 10 & read on V. 5 of Rom. Hist.

Sept. 11 Th. This morning I read some on V. 5 of  
<sup>38</sup>Rom. Hist. & then walkt to the Mains & converst  
some hours with Will. Garner. After dinner my wife  
& I walkt over to Mid Caltar & converst some  
tyme there but heard no news. After supper  
& worship went to bed about 10 & read on V. 5  
of Rom. Hist.

Sept. 12 Frid. This morning I read some on V. 5  
of Rom. Hist. & then I did shear some corn with  
my lad & nepter Tho. Leckie. After dinner  
I did cast 13 thieves & 9 sheaves of corn into



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my barn. After supper & worship went to bed  
near to 10 & read on the foursaid book.

Sept. 13 Sat. This morning I finished v. 5 of  
Rom. Hist. & being ready as to my afternoon's  
sermon to-morrow I did shear some with my  
lad & nephew. Afternoon I prepared for the  
rest of the work of the day. After supper &  
worship went to bed after 11 & read on Durk. on Rev.

Sept. 14 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to  
prepare for the work of the day. I went to  
Church after 11 & lectured on Rev. 2-12, 6-18  
& preached before noon on 2 Tim. 1. 9 & did end  
the text & afternoon on Math. 25-19. I had  
much of divine assistance through the day.  
My father in law did rest a little in my  
house betwixt sermons. After sermon I  
did read on Durk. on Rev. I slept at 6 after,  
which I went about worship & was long  
hercin & then went to my room & read  
some on v. 2 of Maastricht. I went to bed  
about 10.

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Sept. 15. Thur. This day I was through the whole day with my lad & replew cutting down my corn & did assist herein. At night Jo. Mcalister, weaver, came to my house & got payment for some work to my wife. After supper & worship went to bed at 10 & read on V. 1 of Rom. Hist.

Sept. 16. Fri. This morning I read some on V. 1. of R. H. <sup>39</sup> & then did wait on my shearing. Alexr. Bilstrand was with me. I did end the shearing my corn crop & having numbered the same I had thereof 60 thrives & 6 shears. About mid day did walk to Wm. Garner's & discount a little with him & shears. After supper & worship went to bed at 10 & read on V. 1. of Rom. Hist.

Sept. 17. Wed. This forenoon I did attend my lad & replew cutting down my bear corn June 5 & had thereof 8 thrives 12 shears so that I had in whole 37 thrives 12 shears of bear.

Afternoon I walkt to Mc. Gargour's & saw Alexr. Bilstrand & family shearing their corn. At night I read on V. 1 of Rom. Hist. After supper & worship went to bed at 10 & read on the foresaid book.

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Sept. 18 Th. This morning I read some on V. 1  
 of Rom. Hist. & then took my horse & rode to  
 Mid Calbar where I did discourse a little  
 with my father & mother in law on horseback.  
 From this I rode to Mr. Crossie's where I dined  
 & discoursed with him till near 4 & borrowed  
 of him V. 13 of Gillotson's Sermons & Bernet's  
 Travels. From there I rode to To. Smith's &  
 engaged him to make some malt to me  
 & from this to Mr. McFarlane's & was conveyed  
 a piece of my way by Magt. Leckie & Janet  
 McFarlane. I rested in Mr. McFarlane's about  
 one hour but missed him who was fishing  
 on the lough. I came home after 7 & read  
 on Bernet's Travels. After supper & worship  
 went to bed after 10 & read on the forsaed book.

Sept. 19 Frid. This morning St. Leckie came to me  
 & borrowed of me two guineas payable the  
 next week. After which I walked to St. Portnellan  
 to baptize a child to Arch. Govan being  
 introduced therinto. In my way thither I read

On Burnett's Travels. When I came there I lectured on Ps. 114-57. There were present there & at banquet Will Govan, Dan. Bryce's relict, Janet McFarlane, Grizall McAdam. The child's name is Elizabeth. I came home by the Rosse & did not a little with Drumakill & Lady but had no news. I was conveyed to Ward by Mr. Parlane. After supper & worship went to bed about 11 & read on the foresaid book. It is to be observed that this hath been the best harvest that ever I saw. There hath not been a shower there 6 weeks except one, but pleasant calm warm weather.

Sept. 20 Sat. This morning I read some on Burnett's Travels & Durham on Revelations & prepared for the work of the ensuing day. After supper & worship went to bed near to 12 & read on v. 15 of Gillotson's Sermons.

Sept. 21 Sab. This morning I read on Gillotson's Sermons in bed & then prepared for the work of the day. I went to Church after 11 & lectured

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on Rev. 2. 18 & preacht on Jo. 16. 8 & afternoon on  
Math. 25-19 & had much of divine assistance.

After sermon my father, mother & sister in law  
did rest in my house to whom I did read some  
of Gillotson's Sermons till supper. After which  
they went home & then I read on the foresaid  
book. After worship I went to my room & went  
to bed about 10 & read on the foresaid book.

Sept. 22 Mon. This morning I read some on V. 15  
of Gillotson's Sermons. Jo. McEluhan, Wright,  
came & made some casements to some of  
my house windows. About midday I did  
walk to the Mains & talkt with Chris. Bryce &  
Will Garner. Afternoon I cast in 19 bieves  
of corn which Alex. Bilsland built in a stack  
After supper & worship went to bed about 10 &  
read on Burnett's Travels.

Sept. 23 Tues. This day I kept at home & did  
attend Jo. McEluhan, Wright. I wrote up my  
<sup>th</sup> afternoon sermon preacht on June 1 & 8. I read  
some on Burnett's Travels. At night I walkt to

Gargout + saw Alexr. Bilsland casting in some  
 beas + talkt with him + Jo. Wilson. Before noon  
 I saw Tho. Anderson in Liggat casting in  
 some corn. After supper o worship went to bed  
 near to 10 o read o Burnett's Travells.

Sept. 24 Wed. This morning I read some o  
 Lilloston's Sermons + wrote my afternoon sermon  
 preacht June 15. About midday I cast in all  
 my corn o beas I had without, being built  
 in a stack by Alexr. Bilsland. This day while  
 at dinner Henry Colquhoun of Glasgow came  
 to dress the Kirk windows. About 3 I rode  
 to see Tho. McLean o family in Camsmoun o  
 found 5 of them sick. With them I convers  
 some tyne o prayd. From this I rode to M.  
 Portnellan to see Helen Mcaulay. With her I  
 convers some tyne o prayd. From this I came  
 to Rose where I discours Drumakill o Lady o  
 Blair lusk, younger, o then mounted o came home  
 after 9. Tho the night was stormy with wind o rain  
 there was none these 6 weeks bygone except one  
 shower about 20 days agoe o now many of

The country have all their victuall cast in.

After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>. This day being stormy I kept at home all day & saw Henry Colquhoun dressing the Kirk windows. I wrote up my afternoon sermon preacht June 22 & 29 & July 6. After supper & worship went to bed about 11

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> Frid. This morning I read through

Burnett's Travells. I kept at home all day & wrote some sermons particularly those preacht July 20-27

Aug. 30 & 24 except that I walkt to the Mains & saw Wm. Garner casting in the last of his corn.

Ja. Alexr. Turnour dind with me to whom I lent a book. This day my eldest daughter got her foot burnt accidentally with scalding water.

After supper & worship went to bed & read some on V. 1. of Rom. Hist. viz after 10.

Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> Sat. This morning I read on the foresaid book & then prepared for the work of the day.

Rob. Mcnucator in Gartwhantrick got a discharge of deind from me for 1717. Thoos. Mcnucay

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at Callermiln & Jo. Fleming in Scrogs told me they had children to baptize to-morrow. I lent

to Kath. Keferlane spouse to Jo. Mitchell 14-02-00.  
2.2/ to be paid next week. After supper & worship went to bed about 1 in the morning.

Sept. 28 Sat. This morning I prepared for the work of the day. I went to Church at 12 (the day being stormy with wind & rain) & lectured on Rev. 2-24- close & preached on Jo. 16-8 & again, without dismissing the people on Mark. 25-19 & had much of divine assistance. There came into my house after sermon Lady Drumakill, Laird of Law, my father & brother in law, Mr. Parlane. They had no news. My father & brother in law suppt with me & went home after 6. We went about 7 to worship & I was long terein, after which I catechized my family & wrote some. I went to bed near to 10 & read on V. 15 of Gillotson's Sermons.

Sept. 29 Sun. This morning I read some on the foresaid book & caused Alexr. Bilsland build up again the stack of corn that was first cast.



In being thrown down by the wind yesternight. Then called at my house about 10 Hapland, Law, Hutchensone & Drumakill to whom I gave a drink & drink. Afternoon I went to see the McLean's family in Catmoun. There were 6 of them sick. With them I conversed some by me & prayer. I came home a little after sunset & dined & then went down to Jo. Mcgoun's house & conversed some by me & family. This day I wrote my sermons preacht June 15 & 28 before & afternoon. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Sept. 30 Tues. This morning I read some on V. 1. of Rom. Hist. Yesterday I received a line from Wm. Uylie in Bellfast with a powder tanker? brought over by Jo. Buchanan in Ward. I kept at home all day & wrote my sermons preacht June 29 July 6. 20 before noon. At night I did chat with Ja. Garner, weaver. After supper & worship went to bed at 11 & read on V. 1 of Rom. Hist.