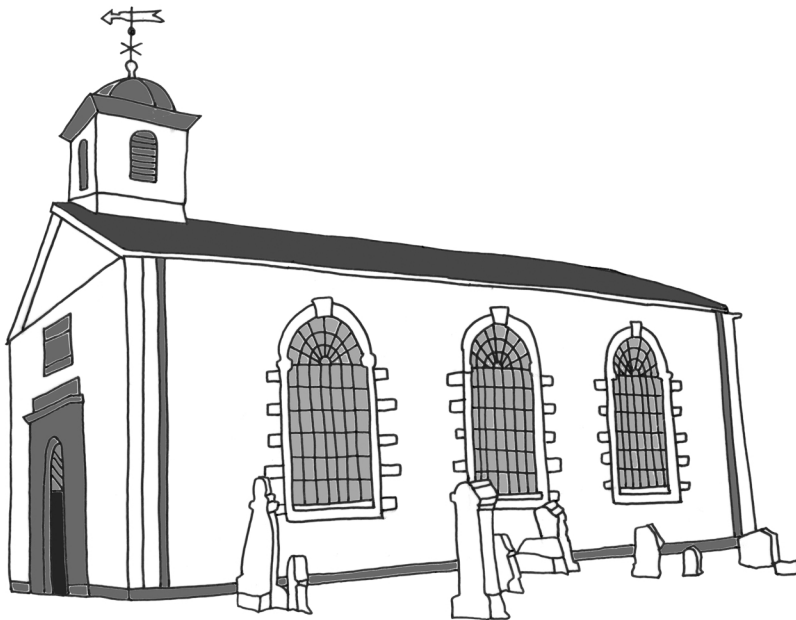


*Transcription of
Rev Leckie's Diary*

Book Three – Part One

24 November 1718 - 3 February 1719



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Nov. 24 Mon. This morning I went in
to Mr. Lovis & wrote a letter to Wm. Wylie
in Belfast. After which I went to see
Mr. Graham & wife. Here I did breakfast
& went about worship. After this I met
with Dean of Gild Calder & drank with
him at which Baylie Bontine & Baylie
Duncan some came in. With them I
talkt a little & got a dram from them.
Then I went to Mr. McAlpine's who was
very kind in his own house. From this
I came to my quarters & made ready for
my journey home. I took some meat
before I went of & then mounded my
horse about 1. This day was very stormy,
there was a great wind & driving of
small rain. I calld at Mr. Bains' but
neither he nor wife was at home. Then
I calld at the Hill of Bonill & saw
Peter Napier & wife. Here I satt more than

one hour & then went on. I called at
Muirind of Camstroun & saw Kath. Mc Cellan's
daughter & Will. Bryce's wife with whom
I conversed some tyme & prayd. I came
home about 6 & did chat with my family
& found all well. After supper & worship
went to bed after 11.

⁶⁰ Nov. 25 Tues. This morning being called I
went to see Jo. Mc elchan in Muirside &
with him I discoursed some tyme & prayd.
In my way thither I called at Mad Cattan
& talked with my father in law some tyme
but did not light. In my return with
Duke Mitchell. After which I rode to Aiber
& saw Donald Mc Hutcheon & daughter as also
Kath. Garner, sick persons with whom I
discoursed & prayd. I came home after 4
& dined & then went to Jo. Mc goun's house
to chat with him but found him not
within. Here I rested near 2 hours &

returned. This night there was the strangest sight of steamers that ever I saw & that from all (sides) of the heavens & of all colours. These I saw as I went to Jo. Regour's & my servant with me. This day I got a bond from Walt. Buchanan of Shingler for a 100 merks borrowed the last week. At night I did read on V.1 of Athenian Oracle & after supper & worship went to bed about 12.

Nov. 26 Wed. This day while at breakfast Ja. Keelchan, Merchant, came in & took a share with me & discoursed with me some tyme. The day being stormy with wind & rain I kept at home all day & wrote up all my notes on Song 1.4 as also I read through V.1. of Athenian Oracle & at night began my reading on V.4. After supper & worship went to bed about 11.

Nov. 27 Th. This morning ~~for~~ my father in law came & did rest some tyme with me &

did breakfast with me. The day being
exceeding stormy with wind & rain I kept
at home all day & wrote up a great part
of my sermon preached at Buchanan Aug. 17
last on 1 Cor. 10. 5 & at night I made some
candle rig. 9 lb. & a quarter. After supper
& worship went to bed about 1.

Nov. 28 Frid. This morning I wrote up my
sermon on 1 Cor. 10. 5 & the day being exceeding
stormy with wind & rain I kept at home &
read all day on v. 4 & 2 of Athenian Oracle.
I slept some at night. After supper & worship
went to bed about 12.

Nov. 29 Sat. This day Mr. Fleckfield called at my
house in his way to supply at Dunbar ton.
He alighted & talked some time but we had no
news except that the Spaniards had declared
war against Britain. Rob. Melcher in Hains
borrowed of me 03. 18. 00. Then I prepared for the
following day. At night Bask. Garner in Balagan

+ Fa. Garner in Hole of W. Cattar did discourse
some tyme with me. I wrote up my sermon
I was to preach to-morrow. After supper &
worship went to bed after 1.

Nov. 30 Sat. This morning I prepared for the
work of the day. I went to Church after 11 &
preached on Rev. 5:8 & preached on Math. 25:19
& had much of divine assistance. After sermon
my father & mother in law did rest some tyme
in my house. After which I rode to see
Jonet Smylie in Head Dyke. With her I
conversed & prayed. After I returned I read on
Duth. on Rev. I slept about 6. After which
I went about worship & was long therein &
then catechized my family. I went to my room
after 9 & to bed after 10 & read some on Allan's
Alarum.

Dec. 1 Mon. 1718 This day Arch. Govan came to
my house to whom I payd 17 sh. for a cow
I had bought from him to kill. I rode to

Aibes & saw Janet Mc Kitchson & Kath. Garner
with whom I conversed & prayd & then to Roose
where I got a share of Drumakill's dinner.
With him & Lady I conversed some tyme. I
came home about 5 & read on V. 2 of Athenian
Oracle. I slept some at night. After supper &
worship went to bed about 12 & read on the foresaid book
Dec. 2 Tues. This day, although stormy, I mounted
my horse about 9 a clock to attend the Play.

I calld at Muirend of Cammoun to see some
sick persons but they were grown better. I
called at Peter Napers in Hill of Napersdown
who promised me money when I returned
there. I calld at Levensyde & discourst my
Lady Grizall arent our salary who
promised a bond should be granted
therefore upon her son's being patron to
the school & having power to present whom
he would. This I was to report to the Play.
Then I rode to Dumbarton & heard Mr. Dorrence

preach on To. 17. 3. The Pby. being well we had
a call from the paroch of Lusse to Mr. To. Mc Laurin
The Pby. did concur therewith & appointed it
to be transmitted to Killfinan when he now
was. As also we had a call from Rosewaith
to Mr. Mcfarlane but the Pby. would not
concur therewith because of the difficulty
of planting Buchanan. We had a letter from
the Duke of Argyll to the Pby. being full of
respect to them showing his inclinations
to have our Vacancies settled to our satisfaction
We divid after 7 & being again constitute we
licensed Mr. Dorrance to be a preacher having
gone through all the parts of his private tryalls.
Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Fleckfield, Mr. Park, Mr. Logan & I
sat up discoursing till 5 & then went to bed,
Dec. 3 Wed. This morning I baptized a child
to Jo. Mclean, weaver in Dumbarton, called
John. I lectured on Ps. 16-1. 2. 3 & then came
to my quarters & discoursed sometime with

The fore named brethren, Messrs. Fleckfield,
Park & I mounted our horse near to 12.
I rode with them to Levensyde then I went
in to Lady Grizall & told her the Pby's opinion
about our school salary who was for my
convening the other heretofore & endeavouring
to have a bond therofor according to Law
& the practice of this Church but she still told
it should be settled as formerly. I came
then to Hill of Waperstoun & got from Peter
Naper 12 lb. Scots & that as kind for 1717 & 1718
& dined with him & wife who were very kind.
I again mounted my horse & came home after 4
& being weary I went to my bed & slept a
considerable tyme & then did chat with my
family. Yesterday at Pby. I was informed
that Mr. And. Turnour, Minister of Greenock
had dyd on Sabbath last & was to be buried
yesterday. After supper & worship went to bed
after 12

Dec. 4th. This morning I went down & saw
two bolls of bear lifted from Ja. Robb in Mains
& then I did examine in the Kirk, Gartoham,
Gartnbartrick, Gartegyr, & then did marry
Jo. McKinlay & Magt. McFarlane after which
I got from Wm. Garner in Mains 56 lb. of
principall belonging to the session & 10 lb.
of account rent as also two years kind
from Wm. Garner in Camsmou & 2 years
account rent from Jo. Galloway of 80 lb. Scots.
After which I dind & my mother in law with
me & Jo. Galloway. After which I did chat
with my mother in law & family she having
stayd all night with us. After supper &
worship went to bed after 12 & read on V. 2
of American Oracle.

Dec. 5th Frid. This day I rode to Blararich
to examine & my wife rode behind me & here
I examined Coldarvan & Camsmou & then
dind. There were at dinner Walt, Buchanan

in Cameron & wife & brother William, Wm.
Buchanan's wife in Ledrismor & Anaple
Kather. We came home near to 5. I read
some on V. 2 of Ather. Oracle & did chatt some
in Walt. Galloway's & then slept some. After
supper & worship went to bed after 11 & read
on the forsoaid book.

Dec. 6 Sat. This day I prepared for the following
day & wrote up my sermon in my book.
At night Rob Mccluhan, younger, in Hains
came to me & engaged to take up school in
the Kirk on Munday next the which I was to
intimate to. morrow. About 9 Ja. Leckie^{elder} &
Ed. Mccluhan, elder, came & bookt Ed. Mccluhan
& Isobell Mc lean. After supper & worship went
to bed near to 12.

Dec. 7 Sab. This morning I prepared for the work
of the day. It was ane exceeding rainy day.
I went to Church about 12 & lectured on
Rev. 5, 8 - close & preacht on Mark. 25. 17 & had

much of divine assistance. This day we had a collection in the Kirk for a poor lad in the paroch of Drymen who was cutt of the gravell, viz. Tom Burnside. Janet Smylie spouse to Jo. Robb was buried yesterday. After sermon I did rest till supper. I slept after 5 o then went about worship & was long therein. I read long on Dut. on Rev. & went to bed about 11.

Dec. 8 Mon. This day being rainy I kept at home & did chat with Jo. Leckie, Merchant & Taylors. At night Ja. Leckie came & shared of my dinner & did talk with me 3 or 4 hours. I read some tyme of V. 2 of Athenian Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Dec. 9 Tues. This morning altho it was exceeding rainy I mounted my horse to examine in L. Portnellan. In my way I saw Kath. Garner in Aiber, with her I conversed & prayd. I began to examine after & did examine Ardoch, Ross, M. & L. Portnellans

& then dined. There were present Mr. Parlane
& Wm. Govan. After which I rode to Rosse &
did chat with Drumakill & Lady till supper
after which & ~~supper~~ worship I went to my
room & read on the Late Persecution but
Drumakill & Lady lying in the same room
I did talk long with them after 12.

Dec. 10 Wed. This morning after breakfast & worship
Drumakill & I discoursed Pat. McEllister of
Bellough well anent the compleat payment
of his decret who was very averse herefrom
Tho this day was exceeding sleety I rode to
examine in M. Baturich & here did examine
Baturichs, Knockours, & Ledrismore. After
which I dined & being a bad night, here I
stayd all night & did chat with Jo. McKinlay.
After supper & worship went to bed about 12.

⁶⁵Dec. 11 Th. This morning being snowy I
stayd a considerable tyme in Jo. McKinlay's
After I mounted my horse I called at

Wm. Gowans who conveyed me some way
& told me he was for a meeting with Drumakill
to hear proposalls of an excaimbon betwixt
L. Portnellan & M. Baturich. Then I calld at
To. McCaulays & did alight & rest some tyme
& then I rode to the Roose. Here I did, after
which Drumakill called for Pat. Mcalister
& after some reasoning I got 17 lb. 10 sh. as
compleat payment of my decret for which
I granted discharge & after which I rode
home & did chat with my family. After
supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Dec. 12 Frid. This day I did examine in the
Church, Liggat, Raws & Head Dyke. Before the
examine ther came in to my house To. Garner's
wife in Aiber, To. Buchanan's wife in Ward,
To. Galloways wife, Anne Mcechrie. After which
I did & there were with me Pat. Leckies wife
& daughter of Cattermilk & my sister in law.
I receved yesterday a letter from Mr. To. Garner

but nothing very remarkable herein. At night did chat in Walt. Galloways with him & Pat. Mc Alpine & then read on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed about 11.

Dec. 13 Sat. This day I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day & the day being a pleasant frosty day did walk some about my door. At night wrote up my sermon in my book & then I went to see To. McGoun's wife who was travelling with a child. Here I prayed & discoursed with To. McGoun who came from Glasgow yesterday & told me that Principall Stirling was quite defeat by the Students. My wife & I came home near to 2. After supper & prayers went to bed.

Dec. 14 Sab. This morning I prepared for the work of the day. I went to Church near to 12 & lectured on Rev. 6: 9 & preacht on Ps. 119. 104. This day my wife waited on To. McGoun's wife who was deliverd of a son near to 12. After sermon,

in which I had divine assistance, my father in law did rest a little & then I read on Deut. on Rev. I slept after 5 & went about worship & was long therein. I went to bed about 10 & read some of my own sermons.

Dec. 15 Mon. This day after worship & breakfast my wife & daughter went to Rosse to see Lady Drumakill & I went to see Ja. Maclellan with whom I did discourse till near sunset. In my return I met with Mr. Parlone who informed me of a great Insurrection in France to the number of 30000 men against the Regent, by whom opposition had been made to the King's forces & many killed on both sides. The occasion of which was some manifesto from the King of Spain which was landed privately about. As also that the Regent of the Colledge of Glasgow, who was lately suspended from sitting there, appointed by the King was again

in faculty by a Court lately setting there, appointed by the King, were again reposed to all priviledges & all precepts for money to be signed by all the faculty & a treasurer appointed. Mr. Parlame did rest a little in my house & then went to Rosse. After which my wife came home with whom I did chat for some tyme & then read on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle & slept some. After supper & worship went to bed about 12 & read some on the foresaid book.

Dec. 16 Tues. This day I walkt to Cattermilt to examine there & did examine a good part of E. Cattar & then divid. There was at dinner Marie Logan & Janet Buchanan. I came home about 5 & did chat some tyme. After supper & worship went to bed after 12 & read on the foresaid book.

⁶⁷ Dec. 17 Wed. This morning Ja. Leckie came & told me Succoh had granted Wm. Leckie a testimoniall bearing that he was a poor man

upon which I wrote to him that our session had
refused him one on these terms. After which I
walkt to Mid Cattan & did examine this town
& rest of C^o. Cattan & then dinid. There were present
Jo. Mitchell in Gadrow & Ja. Alexander & my
wife & daughter. I sat here till near to 6 & then
came home & my wife with me. After which
I sang some musick tunes with Rob. Mc elchan
& then read on V. 2 of American Oracle. After
supper & worship went to bed about 12. This
night I wrote a letter to Jo. Buchanan, my brother in law
Dec. 18th. This morning I mett with Ja. Leckie
& talkt a little, after which I sat a little in
Tho. hairn's in Liggat & then I went to see
Jo. Bilstand in Gorteham, Kath. Mc lellan
in Muirend of Camsmoun & Jean Boyce in
Ardoch. With these I conversed some tyme
& prayd. Here I met with Blairlusk, elder,
& talkt with him a little. As I came home
drank some ale at Bent with Ja. Cunninghame

& Rob. McElshan. I came home about 4
o'clock, after which Wm. Garner in Mains came
& sat a considerable tyme & I agreed to put
my horse in plough with him. About 10
Jo. Mcgoun came & desired me to baptize his
child to-morrow which I promised to do. After
supper & worship went to bed about 12 & read
on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle.

Dec. 19 Frid. This day I kept at home & saw
54 creels of peats led to my house. At night
my wife & I went to Jo. Mcgoun's & baptized
his child who is called John. I lectured
on Ps. 116, 1-7 after which we had a feast.
There were present Pat. Leckie & wife, Wm.
Buchanan in Cameron & wife, his son John
& his wife, Ja. Leckie's wife & Ja. Mcgoun.

⁶⁸ He came home about 9 a clock & did chat
some tyme. After supper & worship went to bed
after 11 & read some on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle.
Dec. 20 Sat. This day I had some peats led

by Co. Mitchell, although snowy all day. I prepared for the following day & wrote up my sermon in my book & read some on v. 2 of Athenian Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Dec. 21 Sab. This morning I prepared for the work of the day. About 10 Mr. Padane came to preach. The day being cold & a great snow on the ground few came. We went to Church about half 1. I lectured on Rev. 6, 9-12. Mr. Padane preached on Acts. 3. 19. We had divine assistance. After sermon there came into my house Wm. Buchanan's wife in Cameron & son Wm. & son John & his wife & rested some time & got drink & drank & went home. Also Mr. Padane went to Roose. Then I read on Durk. on Rev. I slept after 5 & rested some time & went about worship & was long therein & then catechized my family & went to my room. The night being cold we

went to bed before 10. I read on Bapst's. Life.
Dec 22 Mon. I kept at home all this day
& read on V. 2 of Atherian Oracle. At night
Walt. Galloway stated counts with me as I
markt in my book & talkt a long hyme.

As also after him Ja. Garner, weaver in
W. Cathar talkt long with me. After supper &
worship went to bed about 11 & read on fovesaid book

Dec 23 Tues. This day there was to be a meeting
of ^{the} heritors & Elders about our school salary
but the day being so snowy few came & did
nothing. My father in law was with me a
great part of this day who payd me for the
meal he had got, to whom I drew up
reasons why the Laird of Killmaronock should
not be Patron to the school. He & Jo. Leckie,
Merchant, dind with me. He went home
⁶⁹ about 8 a clock then I read a V. 2. of
Atherian Oracle. After supper & worship went
to bed after 11

Dec. 24 Wed. This being a clear frosty day I rode to examine in Gallangad. Marie Logan rode behind me from Keire. I began after 12 & examined all the Muirside & then did ride to W. Cameron. Here I dined with Wm. Buchanan & did chat with his family & Rosse till 9 a clock & then rode home, being a clear moonlight night. After supper & worship went to bed after 11 & read on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle.

Dec. 25 Th. This day I did cart into my barn a stack of corn & bear & then did examine in the Church, W. Caltar, Ibert & Badshallock, at which tyme Jo. Bryce, stockmaker in Glasgow brought me a letter from Baylie Crawford bearing that our King had proclaimed warr against Spain & that there was a plot discovered in France for taking away the King & Regent's life & that severall Dukes & great generalls were laid up in the Bistile & that

There had been some great debates in our House of Lords about some bills. My father in law dined with me who had been in Ross & shown the reasons against Killmaronock being Patron to the school, who was satisfied with them. After dinner I did transcribe the same with some additions & then read a V. 2 of Athenian Oracle. This night there was a great rain which dissolved all the snow. After supper & worship went to bed about 12.

Dec. 26 Frid. This morning the water was ~~all~~ over all its banks. I kept at home all day & read some on V. 2 of Athenian Oracle. I slept some about 2. Jo. McElquhan, Wright, did chat with me some hours at night. After supper & worship went to bed after 10 & read on the forsaide book.

Dec. 27 Sat. This day I finisht V. 2 of Athenian Oracle & began on V. 3 & read on Jerk. on Rev. & prepared for the following day

This day my son was very unwell with
feething. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.
Dec. 28th Feb. This morning I prepared for the work
of the day. I went to church at 12 & lectured
on Rev. 6. 12 - close & preached on Ps. 119 - 104 & had
much of divine assistance. After sermon did
not till supper. I slept after 5 & then read on
V. 2 of Flav. & then went about worship & was
long herein & then catechized my family. I went
to bed near to 11 & read on V. 1 of Bapt's Life.

Dec. 29th Mar. This morning I read some hymn on
V. 1 of Bapt's Life. My father in law did
breakfast with me & discourse some hymn.
After which I sang some musick tunes
with Rob. Keckstan & then read on V. 2 of
Mastricht de Statu Ecclesie - ? - at which
hymn Ja. Leckie sent me some papers
bearing that Wm. Leckie bearing that Ja. Leckie
was likely to get into the poor's roll upon
which I went to him, he being unwell,

I communed with him on this subject
After I went home drew up ~~some~~ a
declaration bearing reasons why the
Session did not grant a testimonial to
Wm. Leckie of his poverty. After supper &
worship went to bed after 12.

Dec. 30 Tues. This morning Dr. Leckie came
to me before I arose to whom I gave the
declaration I drew up yesternight. About
10 I rode to examine in Blarinish. Before
I began I went to see Janet McKinlay daughter
to Will. McKinlay in Blarshanahan, with
her I conversed & prayed some time. I began
to examine about 12 & did examine
Blarshanahan & Blarinish. In the mean while
younger of my horse having caught cold
was like to die of the salts. After the examine
I dined. Then was with me Alexr. Ewing in
Blarshanahan. Will Healester was at a
buriall in Cardrossie & came home about 5.

With him Alexr. Ewing & Wm. Haldane. I did
chatt this night. After supper & worship went
to bed about 12.

Dec. 31 Wed. This morning I went in to see
Pat. Robinsone & Rob. Buchanans son with
them I conversed some tyme & prayd. After
worship & breakfast I rode to examine in
Shinegles. I began before 12 & did examine
that town, Blasbuck & Tulliche & then dined
Then was with me BlasBuck, Elder. After
which I rode home. In my way saw Jo.
Bilsland in Gartocharn, with him I conversed
& prayd. I came home near to 5 & found
Mr. Corbett in my house & did chatt with
my family. After supper & worship went
to bed after 11 & read on V. 3 of Athan. Oracle.

Jan. 1st. 1719. This morning I read some on
V. 3 of Atheman Oracle in bed & after duty
secret & private & breakfast with Mr. Corbet I
having given him some money he began

to tell that the Ministry of Scotland were
not worth & that he could be an adversary
to them what he could. Upon which I told
him his friendship & favours was not much
to be regarded or all that he could do
against them, & that he ought not to speak
so seeing he was so much obliged to
them, the which he denyd. I told him that
I should rehearse to some of them his words
& carriage. Upon which he begged my
malice over & over again & having put
up his cloaths he went of, at which I
was glad. Then my wife & I & 2 daughters
went over to Mid Catter where we dined
very well. Here I saw the Kings declaration
of war against Spain as also I read
the Scots Courant & received a letter from
my brother in law bearing the King of
Sweden's death; that the King of Spain was
either dead or past hopes of recovery; that

Then was one act passing in the House of Lords for taking away the schism act & amending the Sacramentall test; as also containing a clause in favours of the non-jurors in Scotland, this was twice read. This was much urg'd by Argyll & Hay & much befriended by the 2 Archbishops.

My wife & I came home about 6. This night I did rest & chat some in my own house & some in Walt. Gallows. After supper & worship went to bed after 11 & read on V. 3 of Athenian Creede.

May. 2 Frid. This morning I read some in bed on the forsaid book. About 12 I did chat some with To. Mcalpine Merchant & then walkt to M. Badshalloch & did chat some with To. Cunninghame in Ja. Leckie's kiln. From this I walkt to To. Mcgoun's & did rest a considerable tyme then. I came home & dind & then did chat some with Walt. Gallows.

who came from Glasgow this day & told me my friends were all well. At night I read some on V. 2 of Kestricht. After supper & worship went to bed about 12 & read on V. 3 of Athen. Oracle.

Jan. 3 Sat. This day I read some on V. 3 of Athen. Oracle. About 12 Reese came from W. Cameron to the Church to whom I spoke a little. I saw some meal weighed that came from Tho. Buchanan. I endeavoured to prepare for the following day & look up my sermon in my book. After supper & worship went to bed after 2.

Jan. 4 Sat. This morning I prepared for the work of the day. I went to Church after 11 & lectured on Rev. 7, 1-9 & preached on Ps. 119-104 & had divine assistance. After sermon Dr. Mackill & Blairlock, younger, Mr. Palane, my mother & sister in law came into my house & did rest some time. I conveyed

Drumakill to Gargoun. After which I read
on Durk. on Rev. I slept near to 6 & then did
catchize my family. After worship, in which
I was long, I went to bed about 10 & read
V.1. of Baptist's life.

Fay. 5th Mch. This morning I was informed that
Mr. John Dougald, son to the deceased Mr.
Dougald, was dead. About 11 I went forth to see
Dougald Mcgregor with whom I conversed & prayed.
I did visit some time in Catamich's when I
found Achenmar with whom I conversed &
was informed by him of the certainty of the
King of Sweden's death & that his sister, the
Princess of Hesse Cassil was proclaimed
Queen; that the King of Spain was recovered.
Mr. Park came in on us & had some
business with Achenmar. Here we got some
meat. I conveyed Mr. Park some way who
was designed for Bonill this night. He told
me his aunt Mrs. Boyd was dead. I was

conveyd towards Mid Catter by Cattermill.
Here I tarried a little ~~at~~ also at Jo. Mcaulay's
as also in Dowie. I came home about 6
dind o chat with my family as also a little
in H. Gallows. After supper o worship went
to bed after 10 r read on v.1 of Bap's. Life.

Jan. 6 Tues. This morning I went of for
Dumbarton before 9. I rode by Blarhanan
o saw Janet McKinlay daughter to Wm. McKinlay
leaves there. With her I conversed sometyne
o prayd. I sat a little in Alexr. Ewing's
o Pat. McKinlay's o then rode straight to the
Town. We began near to 2 o sat untill about
6 on business. Dr. Hamilton was to be rebuked
publickly for speaking against the Holy
Sacraments o referd to the Synod for
further censur. We supt after 6 o about 9
entred on more business. As for news,
was confound in what I heard before.

⁷⁴ Wm. K. farlane o Betty Goran are married

on Wednesday last. Messrs. Ritchie, Andersson, Park, Livingstone, McFarlane, Logan & I did converse untill 4 a clock. Mr. Logan & I did ly together.

Jan. 7 Wed. This morning I went & saw Mr. Grahame & wife but did not sit. After which I mett with Deam of Sild Calder from whom I got a dram in his own house. Mr. McFarlane & I went of near to 12. I called at Levensyde & concerted with My Lady Erigall to convene the heritors of the paroch on the 29 of this month, to concert about the school. I called & did rest a little at Mr. Bain's, then I found Mr. McFarlane. We rode together to my house & he went home. After which I dind. About 6 I went to bed & slept some hours. After supper & worship went to bed after 12 & read on V. 3 of Ather. Oracle.

Jan. 8 Th. This morning I read some on V. 3 of Ather. Oracle. After 10 went forth to examine

in Aiber. Before I began I saw Jo. McClean, elder,
& Eliz. Kerr, sick persons with whom I conversed
& prayed & then examined a great part of
that town. After which I sent my horse
home & went to Rosse with Drumakill's
daughter Maeg. & son Jo. but there having
fallen a great snow since yesterday &
being melted this day with a southerly
wind, the Rosse burn was over all its banks
so that we could not passe it. Having walked
to Mull of Ardoch we designed to pass it
there but here we met Arch. Govan who
swam over the burn & sent 2 Cads & 2 horse
who took us over the burn & the length of
Rosse. ~~When~~ we were at some meal Craigeven
elder, Glenquyle, Wm. Craig & And. Stewart came
⁷⁵ in on us, who with great difficulty had
past the burn. They did all together chat
till supper, after which a worship went to bed
near to 12. I lay alone in Mr. Patman's bed.

Jan. 9 Frid. This morning Mr. Parlame came home having been in Aiber all night because he could not pass the burn yesternight. With him I discoursed some tyme. After breakfast & worship did examine the rest of Aiber & then saw Jo. Mclean & Eliz. Kerr in Aiber & Jo. Biloland in Gortcharn with whom I discoursed & prayd. I came home about 5 & dind & did chat with my family & Jo. Mathie, younger. After supper & worship went to bed about 12 & read on v. 3 of Galen. Orade

Jan. 10 Sat. This day as I was preparing for the ensuing day there came in to see me Drumakill, Craigievor, elder, Glengyle, Balwharidge & Arch. Govan & And. Stewart who stayd above half ane hour. By them I was informd of the King of Spain's recovery; that there were differences in Sweden; that many of the nobility of France were yet securing. About night falling Tho. Mclean

in Camsmouth gave me some money & did
talk some tyme with me. At night I wrote
up my sermon I was to preach to. morrow.
After supper & worship went to bed about 2 o'clock.
Jan. 11 Sat. This morning I prepared for the work
of the day. I went to Church about 12 & lectured
on Rev. 7. 9-13 & preached on Ps. 119. 104 & had
divine assistance. After sermon my father in law
did rest some tyme & then I did read a little
on Durd. on Rev. I slept about 6 & did rest
a little & then went about worship & was long
herin. After which I catechized my family.
I went to bed about 10 & read on v. 1 of Bapts. Life.

⁷⁶Jan. 12 Sun. This morning my father in law did
breakfast with me, after which Co. McKinlay in
Blawhornie brought me some meal & gave me
some money. Then I went to Co. Smith's in
Bullanan & agreed to send my bear to him
to make malt to me. After I came home
Catherine, younger, dined with me, to whom

I lent Calderwood's Church History. Then I went to Ja. Leckie's & did not come by me but he was not come from Edinburgh. I did rest a little with Pat. Kealpine in his barn.

After supper & worship went to bed about 12.

Jan. 13 Tues. This morning Jo. Mcgoun did breakfast with me & gave me 2 bank notes 20 sh. sterling apiece & then I made ready to go to Glasgow. I went off about 11. I gave to Mrs. Burns a letter & some money from Drumakill to give her. I came to Glasgow about 5. In the way thither I got a letter from Baylie Crawford bearing that the Duke of Argyll had kiss'd the King's Land & was made master of household. After I had taken some meat in my quarters I went & saw my sister's child, Rebecca Maxwell, who seem'd to be dying. With her I pray'd & then I went & saw Mr. Anderson with whom I convers'd till after 9. Mr. Jo. Grant, Minister of Affleck came

in upon us. After supper & worship went to bed about 12.

Jan. 14 Wed. This morning Ja. Maxwell & Pat. Walker took their morning drink with me.

After shaving went forth & bought shoes to my daughter Anne & shoes to my horse & saw Rebecca Maxwell as also did tarry some tyme in Rob. Scot's shop. I dined in my quarters after which I mett with Baylie Steding with whom I walked long till near ⁷ to the Brimplan & then did rest in Rob.

Crawford's shop. About 5 mett with Hugh Campbell, Mr. Duncan Campbell's son & drank & discoursed a little with him & then with Rob. Crawford. I went & saw Rebecca Maxwell, here I tarried till 9 at which tyme she dyed. I prayd this day with her 7 tymes. After I came home I supd & after worship went to bed about 12 a clock.

Jan. 15 Th. This morning at 9 I went to Church

I heard Mr. Jo. Hamilton preach on Ec. 9. 10
& was refreshed therewith. After which I
discourst a long tyme with Baylie Alexander
who told me that the Regents of the Colledge
had wrytten 13 sheets in complaint against
the Principall. I dind in my quarters & then
did walk to Rob. Crawford's chop. Here I
mett with Provost Aird who showed me
Sharfield's last letter to him in which he
shows the good conduct of the Duke of
Argyle & the Earl of Ila & how much the
dissidenters did resort to them. Being read
a 2nd. tyme the repealing of the House of
Commons had carryed by a plurality
of 91. After 3 I mett with my father in law
& brought him to the Magistrate, who was
made burgesse & Gildbrother of Glasgow.
We went with Provost Aird, Baylie Miller
Baylie Lithell & Baylie Crawford to Geo.
Buchanan's & drank wine & ale. About 7

Baylie Crawford & I went to Ja. Maxwell's
to the light. wake when I sat till about 8
& then went to one Will. Inglis in

Gallowgate & baptized a daughter to him
called Kathrine. I lectured on Ps. 16. 1. 2. 3.

There was a great many. Baylie King & wife,
Rob. Reid & wife, Will. Blair & wife & several
others. I came away before 10 & went again
^{to} the Magistrates. We dismissed after 10.

I took my father in law with me who got a
share of my bed. After supper & worship
& discourse we went to bed after 12.

Jan. 16th Fr. I went forth in the morning to
Ja. Maxwell's & did rest some time with my
sister & then met with Pat. Walker, Rob. Scott
& Jo. Campbell in my quarters & drank with
them & then provided several things I was
to take with me. I went to Mr. Clark's &
did rest a little with his wife who seemed
to be very indifferent of my company & then

I went to Mrs. Dougald's & rest with her & child who were all melancholly on the death of her son. With her I prayd. I dined with Ja. Peadie of Rough Hill & at 3 went to Rebecca Maxwell's buriall & returned to the De regie. After which I sat in Rob. Scot's shop a little & bought a sad cloathed cloak for my son. After which I went to Pat. Walkers where we were very well intertaind. There were severall others with me viz. Baylie Craford & my sister, Will. Thomsone & wife & Mrs. Buchanan. We came home near to 10. After supper & worship went to bed near to 12.

Jan. 17 Sat. This morning I prepard for my journey having provided severall things I was to take with me. About 10 I went to Mr. Anderson's & tarred a little & then went to the Coffee House & read all the news. The King of Spain is recoverd; the schism bill is read a 3rd. tyme before the House of Commons

& voted repeal the same, it carryd by 58,
then were 215 against 157. I mounted my
horse after 12 & came to Balvie against 3.
Here I met ^{with} my father in law & after I had
dined & discoursed together he & I rode home
against 8. I discoursed with my wife & family
till after 9 o then prepared for the following
day. After supper & worship went to bed about 12.
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Jan. 13 Sab. This morning I arose pretty
early & prepared for the work of the day. I
went to Church at 12 & lectured on Rev. 7
13 - close & preacht on Ps. 119. 104 & had
divine assistance. This day the Church was
very throng. After sermon Dr. Mackill & Lady
& my father in law did rest some tyme in
my house but had no news distinct from
what I had heard. I rested some tyme &
then slept near to 6 after which I read on
Mather against Atheism. I went about
worship near to 8 & was long herein & being

weary went to bed near to 11 & read on the
foresaid book.

Jan. 19 Mon. This morning I lent to Jo. Mitchell
in Gaderow one hundred merks & then caused
carry to Jo. Smith's in Buchanan 15 furlots
of bear. It was troublesome at the boat. I
did land it in the park of Buchanan &
was assisted by the boatman, Will. Garner
in Hains, the Gardner of Buchanan's son. In
my return did rest some tyme with Chris.
Boyer & then dind at 4. After which did
rest & chat with Jo. Mitchell my late servant
till after 9. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Jan. 20 Tues. This day about 11 my wife & I went
to see the familys in Spittell. In our way
thither I calld at Jo. Megoun's & gave his wife
a receipt of 2000 merks from the Laird of
Gleneagles which he had payd him of his
rent & I had got at Glasgow from Jo. Garner,
Merchant there. As also I gave her 18 lb. Scots

which my servant got from Pat. Arrol's wife
being the price of a cow. We tarried a short
tyme at Mid Catter & then went to Spittell
& were very civily entertained in both
familyys. After which we came to Cattermilln
& did rest some tyme there. Here we were
inform'd that upon this day 3 days, being
the 13 of the instant, there was ane
earthquake in Spittal's house & after in
W. Main's of Buchanan which was senseable
to severalls but could hear no more of it
up & down the country. We came home about
6 & did chate this night with my family
& went to bed after 11.

Jan. 21 Wed. This day I went to examine
according to appointment in S. Portnellan
& did examine the 2 Portnellans, Rose &
Ardoch. In my way thither I saw Ja. Mclean
& Eliz. Kes & did discourse & pray with them.
After the examine I dined in Arch. Govan's

Then we present Magt. Buchanan, Wm.
Buchanan's wife in Ledrismore, Jo. Mcadam's
wife in Gartferm & Anaple Kathie & then
discourt some tyme. After 6 I went to the
Rosae & discourt all night with Drumakill
& Lady, Achinmar, younger & Dugald Buchanan's
daughter, Helen. After supper & worship did walk
long in the fields with Mr. Parlave & went to
bed near to 1.

Jan. 22th. This morning I read some on
the present state of Germany & after breakfast
& worship went to examine in K. Baturrich.
In my way I calld at So. McAulay's &
Wm. Fovans & was conveyd by Wm. Mcgoun
in L. Knockour. I began after 10 did examine
Baturrichs, Knockours, & Ledrismore & then
dind. Then we present Wm. Buchanan's wife
of Ledrismore & Wm. Mcgoun. In my way
home I saw Jo. Cunningham in Tullich
& Jo. Belsland in Gartferm with whom I

convent & prayd. I came home after 7 & did chatt with my family. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Jan. 23. Frid. This day after breakfast Wm. Buchanan of Ardoch came & sat above an hour with me & wife & did eat & drink. Then I did walk to Kains & did chat some tyme with Jo. McGoun, then came home ^{8 1/2} & did & read on v. 3 of Athenian Oracle. About 9 a clock Ja. Leckie sent his servant to me with the publick prints, having come from Edinburgh yesterday. I found nothing in them very material. I went over & discourt some tyme with him. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Jan. 24 Sat. This day about 12 I went of to supply Rosewith according to the Pby's appointment. I went through the Meir of Dalreith & had rain all the tyme I was there. I mett with Keppoch at his own Keln & enquired

ment his welfare but could not alight. Having met with a load of Mr. Jo. Campbell's of Hammon we ferried over after sunset in all safety & rode straight to Cambsail where I discoursed with Sir John & Lady's daughter a considerable tyme & went to my room. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Jan. 25 Feb. This morning I prepared for the work of the day. I rode to Church being raining. We began at 12. I lectured on Ps. 12 & was assisted & preached on Luke 232 but was not so well assisted. After which I kept session & there were 2 Elders appointed to attend the next Pby. & gave in a presentation to Mr. Dan. McCaurin, Minister of Killyman to be Minister there & to desire to moderate in a call to him. We sup'd at 6 & discoursed till after 8 & then went about worship & went to my room after 9 & discoursed with Mr. Ferguson, Schoolmaster, & read on Burgesse Sp. Repenings & went to bed after 11.

Jan. 26 Mon. This day about 10 I went to Church
to examine a part of the paroch according to
appointment yesterday. I began at 12 & ended
at 3 after which I went to see Madam Campbell
who lived in the Ministers Manse, with her &
Alexr. Gordon of Greenock I talkt some time
& then went to Cambrail with Sir John, his oej.
Colin & dined viz. after 4. After which we
discourst. At night Mr. Ferguson playd on
the Vial to us & we were good company. After
supper Alexr. Gordon came to us & discourst
& after worship he & I talkt long. In my room
I went to bed near to 1.

Jan. 27 Tues. This day I was designd to go
home but the day was so stormy with wind
& rain ther was no ferrying over the lough &
therefore we sat all together & discourst all day
at night about 7 I read long to myself on a
Romance called the Devil on 2 Sticks. After
supper & worship we went to our rooms Alexr.

Gordon & I discoursed long. I went to bed after 12.
Jan. 28 Wed. This morning being calm & fair
I made ready to get away. I left Camsail after
8. Alexr. Gordon went with me to the ferry &
sat a little there & was ferryd ~~across~~ over in
all safety against 10. I went to see Mrs. Gurie
& did not some tyme with her & then rode
straight to Cardross. Mr. Wallace was examining
for the Church. I heard him about a tyme
after which I dined with him & Mrs. Gilchrist
with us & then mounted my horse & came
home near to 8 & my lad with me & found
my family all well & Ja. Mcelquearn, elder,
with my wife. We discoursed long together.
After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Jan. 29 Thurs. This morning my father in law
came & discoursed some tyme with Ja. Mcelwhern
& me. About mid day the deitors mett for
concerning measures for settling our vacant
stipend. Spittal, younger, reported that

My Lady Orjall was for making the bond to Killmaronock & he to have the solo nomination of a schoolmaster, to which Drumakill in his own name & the name of others against, if she stood to that they could not go into it, but proposed that it might be employed for building an additional part to the Church because of its littleness, the which Spittall promised to lay before My Lady & Curators & to give an answer very soon. About 6 Drumakill, Blairlyst, younger, Jo. McGoun, Arch. Govan & Walt. Graham, drovers, came & drank in my house about 8 bottles of ale & sat till 8. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Jan. 30 Fri. This morning while at breakfast Will. Buchanan of Ardoch came & took a share & told me that the Highlanders had taken from Drunkie's & Devents about 40 cows of late on Sabbath last there were many sheep

taken of the Muir of Dumbarton. After which
I prepared some of my sermon. About 1 a clock
Mr. Smith, Minister of Gintrie did call & alight
in his way to supply the Row & took dinner &
told me that he was informed that the Duke of
Argyle was Master of the King's Household.
After his departure I went over to Mel. Callan
& there asked my father & mother & sister in law
to dine with me to-morrow. In my way thither
I did rest some tyme in Drymen. I came
home & dined after which I did rest a while.
I slept some after 8. After supper & worship
went to bed at 12. Read on V. 3 of Allen. Oracle.
Jan. 31 Sat. This morning I prepared for the
following day. About 12 my father & mother in law
came over to dine with me. He informed me
that he heard Mr. Duncan Forbes was made
the King's Advocate & Sir David Dalrymple
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Jesseon Clark as also that he had got some
small notice of his stolen cows, that some

of them were killed for Craigroyston by one
McGregor & that they were helped away by
D. McGregor in this parish. We dined about 3
& were good company. This day I was 40 years
of age. My father in law went home & she
tarried all night. I finished my preparation
against 9. After supper & worship went to bed
near to 12.

Feb. 1, Sat. 1719 This morning I prepared for the
work of the day. I went to Church near to 12 &
lectured on Rev. 8-16 & preached on Ps. 119. 104 & had
divine assistance. This day we had a collection
for the Protestants in Lithuania & though the day
was snowy & the Church not very full there was
collected £23-6/- Scots. After sermon Lady
Drumakill, Mr. Parlane, my father & mother in law
did rest some tyme. I was now informed that
there was a souldier & countryman killed
in pursuing Drunkie's kine. I did rest till
supper. I suppt at 6 & went about worship & was

long herein & then catechized my family & went to my room & read on Deut. on Rev. & went to bed near to 11.

Feb. 2 Mon. This day there was a blowing of snow all day. I kept at home & wrote up my sermon praecht on Jany. 18 East. Alexr. Garner, younger, in Dumcraan came & talkt long to me & gave me an account of the distress of Walt. Cwing & family. Near to 3 Mr. Flockfield came & tarred all night with me. He & I did talk till near 1 but had no news but what I heard formerly. After supper & worship went to bed about 1.

Feb. 3. Tues. This morning Mr. Flockfield & I mounted our horses to attend the Pby. In ⁸⁵our way we alighted at Blarnisle. Here I saw Pat. Robinson, Tomat Campbell & Rob. Buchanan with whom I conversed & prayed. And then we got drink & came in Wm. Mcallister. This day was both windy & snowy.