

*Transcription of
Rev Leckie's Diary – 1718*

Book Two

1 October 1718 - 23 November 1718



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Oct. 1 Wed. 1718. This morning I read some on
V. 1 of Rom. Hist. & wrote my sermon/pracht July 27
before noon, then I went forth to see Captain
Buchanan (brother to Spittal elder) & Lady who
now did live in Spittal with Spittal younger.

In my way thither I went by Hillhead of
Mid Catter & received my money from Jo.
⁴³ Mitchell lent on Saturday last & then I
went to Cattermill where I did rest & discourse
some by me. From thence I went to Spittal where
I discoursed some by me with Spittal elder &
wife & then went in to their other house
& saw Captain Buchanan & Lady & having
discoursed some by me with them they came in
Craigievan, younger & Wm. Ewan of Buchaple
& then I left them & came to Mid Catter
where I found my wife. Here I did eat &
drink some. We came home about 7 & after
supper & worship went to bed about 10 & read
on V. 1 of Rom. Hist.

Oct. 2 Th. This day being stormy with wind & rain I kept at home all day & I wrote up all my sermons preacht on 2 Tim. 1:9 After supper & worship went to bed at 10 & read on V. 1 of Rom. Hist. & v. 1. of Bapt's. Life.

Oct. 3 Frid. This day being like the former I kept at home all day & read on the foresaid books & wrote my sermons preacht on Sept. 21 & 28 before noon. After supper & worship went to bed at 12.

Oct. 4 Sat. This morning I read some on V. 1 of Bapt's. Life & then prepared for the ensuing day. This night Marron Mcalister dined with me. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Oct. 5 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church at half 12 & lectured on Rev. 3-7 & preacht on Jo. 16-8 & again on Math. 25-19 without dismissing the people & had much of divine assistance. After sermon my father in law came into my house & did rest a little. After which I did

read on Deut. on Rev. I aupt at 6 & then went
about worship & was long therein & then
catechized my family. I went to my room &
read on v. 13 of Tilletson's Sermons & went to bed at 10.
Oct. 6 Mon. This day I designed to have gone to
Glasgow to attend the Synod there but the day
being so rainy there was no stirring out of
a door. I kept at home all day & finished
v. 13 of Tilletson's Sermons & read some on
Bepts. Life v. 1 & then prepared against the next
Lord's Day. After supper & worship went to bed
about 12 & read on the fozsaid book.

Oct. 7 Tues. This morning I mounted my horse
to go to Glasgow & Tho. Leckie behind me. I
arrived there at 1 a clock & went straight to my
quartering. Stephen Crawford's. Here I dined. After
dinner Mr. Arch. Hamilton, minister of Cambuslang
came in & discoursed with my brother in law
& told us Mr. Jo. Currie, minister of Monkland
was chosen Moderator to the Synod. After which

I did attend the Synod. The Minutes this night were read through. After which I went this night to Mrs. Kirkwood who told me her daughter was to be married on Thursday. After sitting here above one hour I went to my quarters & after worship went to bed after 11.

Oct. 8 Wed. This morning I went forth to wait on Shawfield about 9 a clock with whom I discoursed a little about the parish of Rosebank who invited me to dine with him. From there I went to the Synod. This day I did depose Mr. Ja. Stewart who was formerly suspended from the Ministry. About 2 a clock I dined with Shawfield & his Lady. There were at dinner one Mr. Stewart a son of Culterness & Mr. Jo. Grant, minister of Affleck. After dinner I did attend the synod who had nothing very material before them. At night we met in P. M. to confer on the Oath of Abjuration but did nothing. After

which I went to my quarters & after supper & worship went to bed about 11 & read on a Pamphlet entitled "Mr. Taylor's Case Stated."

Oct. 9th. This morning I arose pretty early & went to Mrs. Kirkwood & married her daughter to Ja. Wylie, from there I went to Church & heard Mr. Valt. Menzies preach on 1 Jo. 3:16 & was refreshed, they brother in law having a child baptized & called Robert.

Mr. Menzies & I went to the banquet after which we did attend the Synod. This afternoon they went through all the business & arose about 2 a clock. From there I went to Mr. Anderson & dined. There were here present Mr. Rob. Johnston, Mr. Will. Love.

Mr. Rob. McFarlane & Mr. Ja. Semple. After ⁴⁵ that I went to Mrs. Kirkwood's & her friends met & we had a marriage feast. There was here at the feast Ja. Peadie of Rough Hill, Jo. Luke of Claythorn, Baylie Brown

Mr. Jo. Stewart & wife & son, Alexr. Rowand
& wife, Baylie Ritchie, Rob. Wylie, Jo. Wylie
& family, & some other young women. This day
I had a violent colick in my stomach
which was very sore upon me towards night.
I came home about 11 & being much pained
in my stomach I sat up till one & then
went to bed.

Oct. 10 Frid. This morning I went to Thasfield
& discoursed him some considerable time
about the affair of Rosewith. Mr. Jo. Grant
came in upon us. After I had left him
I went to Rob. Crawford's shop & discoursed
some time with his wife & then met with
Richard Scadlock & provided my self in
new horse furniture & drank some with him.
I walked a little about the Crosse & then
went to Mr. Ja. Stirling's & dined with him
& prayd. After dinner I met with Pat.
Walker & Mr. McFarlane & Will, Thomson

o drank with them. Then Mr. McFarlane o I
walkt in the Green a little. After that I sat
a little in Mr. Kirkwoods o then in my uncle
Jo. Brodie's o then went to Rob. Scott's o supt
then we present my brother in law, Baylie
Crawford o wife, Ja. Maxwell o wife, Rob. Crawford's
wife o my brother Will. We came home against
10. After worship went to bed after 11.

Oct. 11 Sat. This day I was firmly resolved to
go home o put by some of my affairs for
this time o made myself ready but at 11 a clock
there came on a violent rain so that there was
no going over a door. Mr. McFarlane being
to go with me he inclined to tarry o I was
detained by Hugh Crawford o my sister. The
rain continued all day. Toward night I
went o saw Mrs. Campbell, relict of Mr. Duncan
Campbell. Here I did rest o talk some time
with her o Mr. David Turnour who was in her
house o from thence I went to the Buchanans

o here I did rest some tyme o then came to my quarters when I found Mr. McFarlane. Here we suppt, he did stay till after after 9 a clock. o then went home. After supper o worship went to my room o read on Mr. Taylour's Case Stated o went to my bed after 11.

Oct. 12 Sab. Being prepar'd for my publick work I arose after 5 to ride home. I put on my boots, caus'd saddle my horse o at 6 came on a great shower of rain o fearing it would continue so through the day I caus'd put up my horse again o resolv'd to abide in the place. After breakfast o worship I went to the Laigh Church o heard Mr. Jo. Anderson lecture on Act 2. 27 - close o Mr. Ja. Clark preach before noon on Job 4. 2. 5 o afternoon Mr. Anderson on Math. 18. 26 o was refresh'd. After sermon I went to David Pagan's wife's buriall o after I return'd to my quarters I read on V. 2 of Psal o went about worship.

A little before supper Rob. Crawford my nephew,
came in to his father's, who had been at
London & came from Lesmahagow that morning
He had no news. We sup't after 6 after which
severall neighbours gathering in to the house
I lectured on 2 Tim. 3: 1-6 & was assisted &
Having dis court a little went to my room
& read on 1. 2 of Psal & went to bed about 11.

Oct. 13 Mon. This day after worship & shaving
I went forth & mett Mr. McFarlane. We went soth
to Rob. Scot's & rested a little & then to Will. Gow's
& rested some tyme & here I was invited to
dine. Before dinner I went to Rob. Smith's & did
rest some tyme & then dined with Will Gow
& did rest a long tyme with him & borrowed
4 volumes of the Athenian Oracle. After which
I mett with Mr. McFarlane & did walk to
the bridge. After which we mett with Pat.
Walker & drank with him & then I went to
my sister Rebecca's & did rest in her house

untill it was pretty late. After supper & worship
went to bed after 11.

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Oct. 14 Tues. This day Mr. McFarlane & I resolved
to go home together & made ready for our
journey. Before I went of I bought a new
callico gown to my wife from Rob. Crawford
as also a valise from Rich. Scadlock to
put my cloaths in which kept me long
in town untill it was ready. Mr. McFarlane
& I went of near to 1 a clock. We rode
together to Kains & dind. Here I mett with
my brother in law, Jo. Buchanan & then we
called at Balire but the Lady was not
at home. We rode together to Catter Bridge
& here we parted. I came home against 7
& found my family all well (blessed be God)
& did chatt with them till near 10. After
supper & worship went to bed.

Oct. 15 Wed. This morning I read some on
V. 1 of the Athenian Oracle & being called I went

to see Will Garner in Hains & saw him
dying. With him I conversed & prayed thrice
untill he breathed his last. I think he dyed
a good man, beloved by all that knew him.
As I was coming away to McKimlay in N.
Baturick entreated me to baptize a child
to him to morrow he which I consented to do.
My wife being with me we went from this to
To. Mcgoun's & did rest some tyme & eat &
drink & then we called at Downie & then we
walkt to Mid Cather & tarried but a little
my father in law not being at home. We
came home by To. Leckie's & did rest some
tyme with To. Millar in Dumbarton. After
we came home, which was after 7, I read
some on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle & after supper
& worship went to bed near to 12 & read on
the foresaid book.

Oct. 16 Th. This morning I read some on
'Mr. Taylor's Case Stated' & then I rode to

M. Baturich o baptized Jo. McKinlay's child
who was called Marion. I lectured on
Ps. 16. 1-4 Then were present Wm. McEchie
¹⁸⁸ Pat. McKinlay, o Elizall Connell o son,
Jonet Buchanan at Hill of Bellough. I
returned by High Knockour o saw blind
Kath. Garner. With her I conversed o prayed.
I called at Will. Govan's, Jo. McAulay's. o
Arch. Govan's o at Rosse but Drumakill
o Lady were not at home. I came home
near to 7 o read on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle.
After supper o worship went to bed near 12
o read on the foresaid book.

Oct. 17 Frid. This morning I caused kill a cow
I had grazing with Jo. Kathie in Isert. As
I was at breakfast Mr. Parlame came o took
a share. After which we went both to Wm.
Garner's buriall in Hains. Then I was
informed that Eliz. Craig, daughter to
Mr. Ja. Craig, had brought forth a child

in fornication to one Andrew Hillar, her father's servant. It was never known she was with child untill she was travelling (travailing) She was of good repute & about 44 years of age. After the buriall Arch. Govan dined with me. At night I read on V. 1 of the Athenian Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed after 11

Oct. 18 Sat. This fore noon I enquired into my worldly state what I was owing & what was owing to me. After mid day I walkt to the Main & saw Wm. Gamers relict & discourst some tyme with her & son. As I returned I mett with my father in law & Jo. Mitchell my late servant who walkt home with me & dined & then prepar'd for the work of the following day. At night I caus'd salt the cows I killed yesterday. After supper & worship went to bed after 12

Oct. 19 Sab. This morning I endeavour'd to

preparation for the work of the day. I went to Church
about half 12 & lectured on Rev. 3. 7-12 & preached
on Jo. 16, 8 & again on Math. 25. 19 & had much
of divine assistance. After sermon my mother &
sister in law did rest some time in my house
& the night being pleasant did walk some
⁴⁹ in my yard. I slept about 6 after which I went
about worship & was long therein & then
catechized my family & went to my room &
read on Josh. on Rev. I went to bed about 10.
Oct. 20 Mon. This day I kept at home all day
& wrote up all my sermons on Jo. 16. 8. Wm.
Garners relict Anne Mc Echrie dind with me.
At night I read some on V. 1 of the Athenian
Oracle & after supper & worship went to bed after 11
& read on the foresaid book.

Oct. 21 Tues. This morning I wrote up my sermon
preacht Sep. 14 afternoon & saw some loading
pleats to me & then went to visit family
according to my Intimation & did visit

Drumglass, Meire, M. Finnie & Dumcrein
came home at 6 & dined. Then was with me
Will. Garner in Mains to whom I lent 18 lb. Scots
At night read some on V. 1 of the Athenian Oracle.
After supper & worship went to bed about 12.
Oct. 22 Wed. This morning I wrote my afternoon's
sermon preached Sept. 21 & then went to visit
families & did visit Camsmoun, Blarlock,
Shinegles. As I came home I saw Jo. Bryce,
younger, weaver, with whom I discoursed & prayed.
As also Jo. Bilstrand, younger, in Gartoham
with whom I discoursed & prayed. I came home
near to 7 & dined & did chat with my family.
After supper & worship went to bed near to 12
& read on V. 1 of Ather. Oracle.

Oct. 23 Th. This morning I went forth to visit
family & did visit Coldarvane, Blarnisle,
Fullichen, I came home after 8 a clock
& supd. This night I feed my servant for
5 lb. Scots & a peck of meal or half a merk

After worship which was after 10 I went to bed
& read some on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle.

Oct. 24 Frid. This morning I wrote my sermons
preacht on Sept. 28 & then went forth to visit
family & did visit Ledwithmore, Baturick,
& Knockour. I came home near 10 & after
supper & worship went to bed about 12 & read
some on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle.

⁵⁰ Oct. 25. Sat. This day I was at home & prepared
for the following day & saw Geo. Mitchell finish
the thatching my house. About 4 a clock
Doctor Campbell & my father in law came &
discourst with me. After supper & worship
I went to bed near 1.

Oct. 26 Seb. This morning I endeavoured to
prepare for the work of the day. As I was going
to the Church, which was near 12, Doctor
Campbell, Craigton & my brother in law did
alight at my house. I lectured on Rev. 3. 12-18
& preacht but once on Mark. 25-19 & had

much of divine assistance. After sermon the Doctor & Gentlemen came in to my house & sat a little. Craigtoun went to Rosse & the rest with my father in law slept with me & sat till near 8 after which I went about worship & was long herein & then catechized my family & went to my room & read some on Durk. on Rev. & went to bed near to 12.

Oct. 27 Mon. This morning I wrote some of my notes preacht on Oct. 5 forenoon. After which the session met & did distribute some money for the poor. I was informed on Saturday last that my father in law had 6 cows stolen out of Gardohorran which had been grazing with Jo. Dougall. After dinner & reading some on the Athenian Oracle I walked to Jo. Mcgown's & discoursed with him till after 9 & after supper & worship went to bed near to 12.

Oct. 28 Tues. This morning I went & saw Wm. Bryce with whom I conversed & prayed & then according

to appointment did visit Ardoch, Portnellan's.
I bought a cow from Arch. Govane for 17 lb. I
went to Rosse against night & did chat to
Drunakill & Lady. I found them both in
great wrath at Lady Balire & my brother in law
for an extravagant count given in to them.

After supper & worship I did visit the family
& pray with them. I went to bed about 12 &
read some on Corneld's Plepa? in English.

⁵¹ Oct. 29 Wed. This morning I did chat with
Mr. Parlane & after breakfast near to 12 I went
to visit the Aiber & went through the same
against 8 a clock & then rode home & sup't.
Drunakill & Lady rode to Killpatrick this day
to see friends. I went to bed being weary about 11.

Oct. 30th. This morning I wrote up my sermon
preacht Oct. 5 & 12 afternoon & then I with my wife
did walk to Mid Calthar where we did rest &
~~and~~ chat some hours. We heard no news.
My father in law had no account of his

6 Cows stolen from him the last week. We came home about night falling. I did chat some in Walt. Galloways hour. After supper & worship went to my room & wrote a letter to Cray. Leckie craving money. I went to bed at 12. Oct. 31 Frid. This morning I read some on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle in my bed. After I arose I wrote up my sermon preacht on Sabbath last & being sent for I rode to see Wm. Bryce with whom I discoursed a long tyme & prayd. Here I mett with Mr. Parlane. After I came home I dind & then read on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Nov. 1 Sat. 1718 This morning I began to wryt my sermon preacht July 12 Sat. at Cardrossie Communion. At breakfast Co. Bryce, shoemaker in Glasgow informd me there was a rabble in Gorbells of Glasgow about stolen brandy & that the soldiers being calld did fire on the rabble & killd one man, a skinker

who was standing by. While I was at dinner Mr. Parlane (who was to preach to-morrow) came to me & took a share. After which he & I discoursed till supper & after this & worship went to my room & read in Durk. on Rev. I went to bed about 12.

Nov. 2 Sat. This morning I endeavoured to prepare my lecture. I went to Church near to 12 & lectured on Rev. 3, 17 - close. Mr. Parlane preacht after me on Acts 3, 17. We were both very well assisted of God. After sermon my father & sister in law sat some tyme. Mr. Parlane stayd not to sup but went to Rosse. I suppt ⁵⁻² about 5 & then went about worship & was long herein & then catechized my family. After which I went to my room & wrote some. I went to bed after 11.

Nov. 3 Mon. This day I kept at home all day & wrote up my sermon preacht July 13 on Jo. 6: 35 At night did chalt some in Will. Galloways

I read some on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle. I went to bed after 11 a clock.

Nov. 4 Tues. This morning I went of to the Pley. & put a shoe on my horse at Bent & saw Jo. Belstrand & Wm. Bryce in my way thither. & with them I discoursed & prayd. When I came then I heard Mr. Divines[?] have a Presbyteriall - - - in the Church on Luke 16. 31 which was approv'd. Mr. Logan was chosen Moderator. This day two Elders from Tussee desired a Minister to moderate in a call to Mr. Jo. McLaurin, the which was granted. As also the Magistrates & Session of Dumbarton desired the same favours with reference to the foresaid person the which was refus'd, upon which there was ane appeal to the next Synod as also two from Rose naith desired a Minister to moderate in a call the which was granted. These things took up long tyme. One Doctor Hamilton in Dumbarton was

pursued by the Pby. for some blasphemous
speeches against the son of God & speaking
lightly of the Holy Sacraments, the last he
confest but denyd the first. Sentence delayd
to another day. We dind about 9 a clock
& then dismount till after 2. In my way to
Dumbarton I was informed that Alexr. Graham
in Mainis of Buchanan had bought from
Wm. Buchanan of Ardoch the Town of
Coldarvan. This night I lay with Mr. Logan.
Nov. 5th Wed. This morning I went forth & saw
Wm. Graham & wife & conversed some tyme
with them & one Wm. Garner, shoemaker, & then
went & saw Mr. Jo. McCaurin & then went & saw
^{5³} Mr. Arch. Wallace. I mounted my horse about 1
& calld at Levensyde where Mr. Anderson & I
discount Lady Grizall arent our schoolmaster's
salary who promist to wyke to Edinburgh
to Messan? arent the same. In my way home
I was desired to go & see Tho. Buchanan

soon to Walt. in Shingles, accordingly I went
& discoursed some tyme & prayd. I likewise
called & saw Wm. Bryce & discoursed with him &
prayd. At Aibert I mett with brother in law
going to the Rosse when I talkt a litte with
him. I came home after sunset, & a litte tyme
after Mr. Dorrimer our present probatorie &
Jo. Mcgoun came & sat some tyme with me.
I made them to eat & drink; having business
with Jo. Mcgoun he went to Jo. Mcgoun's all
night. After supper & worship went to bed about 11.
Nov. 6th. This morning Pat. Mcalpine came &
gave me 12 lb. 14 sh. Scots & then I went to
Court of Killmaronock at sunrising. Here I
got complet payment from Jo. McKinlay
in Bellough for 1717. David Colquhoun was
Baylie. I heard severall claims given in
before him at the time. One Donald
Buchanan, a Minor, did choose his curators
viz. my father in law & brother in law,

+ To, Buchanan of Blairvies. After which we
dined, there were many present viz. Spittal, elder,
Baylie Colquhoun + Clark Cameron, my
father + brother in law, Pat. Strathern, Arch. Govan
+ I came home about 8. A little after my
father + brother in law came + stayd till after 10.
After they had gone home + worship went to bed about 12
Nov. 7 This morning I could kill the cow I
got from Arch. Govan after which as I was
going forth to visit according to appointment
I was informed by my late servant Kath.
McFarlane that the Mistress of the Spittal had
dyed this morning about 5 a clock Upon which
I did alter my resolution + thought it most
convenient to go to Spittal. Accordingly
I went + in my way calld at Mid Cattan
^{5th} where I did rest with father + brother in law. When
I came to Spittal I discourt long with Captain
Buchanan + some other company in the room
+ then went + saw Spittal, elder, who was in

another room. With him I discount a considerable
tyme. I came home again by Mid Catter when
I did rest a little. When I came home I did chaff
with my family & Jo. Mitchell my late servant.
After supper & worship I went to bed about 12.
Nov. 8 Sat. This day I endeavoured to prepare for
the work of the following day. Wm. Garner in
Mains payd 30 sh. ster. he had borrowed from me
as also Mr. Mcfarlane payd me some money
he had borrowed. Wm. Buchanan, son to
Cattermiller did rest a long tyme & dine with
me, at which tyme the Ladys Drumakill,
elder & younger came & sat some tyme in
my house having come from the Spittall.
At night I causd cut & salt the cows I
killed yesterday. After supper & worship went to
bed after 12.

Nov. 9 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to
prepare for the work of the day. I went to Church
near to 12 & lectured on Rev. H. 1-7 & preacht

a Math. 25.19 & had divine assistance. After
sermon my father in law came into my house
& rest some tyme & told me that the soldiers
that had lain in Drymen, of Sharens regiment
this long tyme had marcht to Glasgow early
this morning & that those in Invernessait
were to march to. morrow. I slept after 5 after
which I went about worship & was long
herin & then catechized my family & then
went to my room & read on Deuch. on Rev. I
went to bed after 10.

Nov. 10 Mon. This morning I wrote up some of
my sermons preacht yesterday & then my wife
& I rode to Spittal's wife's buriall. There were
at it all the Gentlemen on the water. She
was interred at Buchanan. Here Coy Leckie
payd me 20 sh. ster. he was owing me more
than 6 years by gone. I came home by the
boat of Colomuh & sent my horse for my
wife. At night I read some on V. 1 of Athen.

Oracle. At night Ja. Lcker sent me a guinea he had borrowed from me about 14 days ago.

After supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Nov. 11 Tues. This morning I sent my servant to Glasgow with 205 merks I was owing to Helen Craig. This is the last of my debt except some very small counts. It was proven by witnesses that Marion Howat, servant to Jo.

Gamer in Balfouring was found in naked bed with him. After which we dined in Mr.

Andersons viz. Mr. Park, Mr. Mcfarlane. & I. I rode home after 6. It was one of the darkest nights that ever I saw, my horse led me home.

At night read some on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle.

After supper & worship went to bed about 12.

Nov. 12 Wed. This morning (being calld) I rode to Shingles & saw Walt. Buchanan's child who was lying with a fever with whom I conversed & prayd. After I came home I designd to visit family, but the day being

Continued of Mr. Pky. at Drymen.

so rainy I could not go forth. I caused
winnow a boll of bear & wrote up all my
sermon preacht Sabbath last & also part of
that preacht at Dumbarton Aug. 9 on 1st Cor. 2:19
At night read on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle. After
supper & worship went to bed after 11.

Nov. 13th. This day according to appointment
I went forth to visit family's & did visit
Kirkhouse, Badshelloch, Ibert & almost the
West Catter. I came home near to 6 & dined.

My servant delivered me a letter from
Baylie Crawford bearing the payment of the
money I sent to Glasgow & also sent me the
bond. I had no news very remarkable.

Rob. Crawford had a son baptized about 14
days ago called Hugh. I read some on V. 1.
of Athen. Oracle. After supper & worship went to bed
about 12.

Nov. 14th Frid. I went forth this day to visit
family's & did visit the remaining part of

East Callar. I was conveyed near home by
⁵⁶Barth. Millar, weaver. After dinner I wrote up
my sermon on Hos. 2.19 & read on V.1 of Q. R. Cr.

After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Nov. 15 Sat. This morning I wrote a part of my sermon
on Song 1.4 & then prepared for the following day
& wrote up the same in my book. At night
I did talk some with Jo. Garner, weaver.

Jo. McKimley in Aiber was socht? with

Magt. McFarlane & Jo. Garner there come with
him. After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Nov. 16 Sab. This morning I prepared for the work
of the day. I went to Church near to 12 & lectured
on Rev. 4.6 - close & preached on Math. 25.19 I had
divine assistance. After sermon my father in law
did rest some time in my house & then I read
on V.2 of Flavell. I slept after 5 & then went
about worship & was long herein & then went
to my room & read on Durk. on Rev. I went
to my bed after 11.

Nov. 17 Mon. This morning as I went forth to visit family viz. all that I had left, I met with Cameron, Jo. Mcgoun & Ja. Dougall & talkt a little with them. I finisht my visiting against 8 a clock. Jo. Keaulay informd me of a fire in Glasgow on Thursday last which was beyond the Gallorgate bridge & had burnt severall houses. I rested long in Spittal & discourst with Captain Buchanan & Lady Spittalls & Lady Buchaple. I rested long also in Mid Calbar. I came home near 9 & discourst with the Taylours. After supper & worship went to bed after 110 read some on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle.

Nov. 18 Tues. This morning Wm. Govan in K. Portnellan & my father in law came to me. Wm. Govan having talkt some tyme went away after which Walt. Buchanan's wife in Shingles came, to whom I lent 46-13-04 that with 20 lb. lent in Deer. last make up

lb. 13-04 for which I am to have a bond next
week. Ja. Dougall & wife also came & cleared
counts of kinds for 1716 & proceedings. After
all which my father in law did rest some
⁵¹ hyme. The day being very rainy I kept at home
& wrote some on Song 14. This night my
sister in law Janet Buchanan was with us.
After supper & worship went to bed after 12.

Nov. 19 Wed. This morning I went forth to see
some sick persons & particularly Kath.

McLellan's daughter in Muirend of Camsmoun,
Ja. Bryce's wife in Hole of Ardoch, Jo. Galbraith's
child in Townfoot of Aiber, Ja. Watson's
daughter there, Donald Ke hutchison's daughter
there, with all these I conversed & prayd.

As also I did visit Jo. Flemings family
in Scrogs & then I rode to the Rosse &
conversed there some hyme with Doumakill,
Lady & Mr. Parlane. This day William went
to Edinburgh. After I came home I

married Walt. Drummond & Agnes McAdam
& then dined; there was with Jo. Mcgoun &
Ja. Leckie's wife. After that did chat with
my family & read on V. 1 of Athenian Oracle.
After supper & worship went to bed about 12 a clock.
Nov. 20 Th. This morning there came a party
from Bonill to me to be married & brought
a testimonial with them viz. Wm. McKinlay
& Janet Ewing, the which I did, Mr. Bain
being at the Commission. Then I entered on
the examination of my paroch & did
examine Mainis, Murrie, & Gargouns. After
which I did marry Jo. Mclean & Eliz. Wright.
After that I dined & read on V. 1 of Athen. Oracle.
At night I went in to Walt. Galloway &
did chat with Jo. Morrie in Glasgow who also
came into my house a little. After supper
& worship went to bed near to 12 a clock &
read on the fonsaid book.

Nov. 21 Frid. This day I rode to Dumercain

& examined that town, the Fineries, Merie,
& Drumglass. After which I dined in Alexr.
Garner's, younger. There were at dinner with us
Janet McFarlane, spouse to Jo. McAdam in
Buchanan. After which I got some money
from him & Alexr. Garner, elder. I came home
about 6 o'rad on V.1 of Athol. Orack. After
supper & worship went to bed after 12 a clock.
⁵⁸ Nov. 22 Sat. This morning my father in law
came to me & did breakfast with me at
which tyme Bark. McLean in Raves came
& gave me some little money. After which
I prepared to go to Dumbarton being to
preach there to. morrow. In my way I payd
Ja. Cunningham in Bent a cow, that is now
with Jo. Mathie, that I had bought from him.
Then I saw Kath. Mc Lilland's daughter in
Merind, with her I conversed & prayd.
After which I rode to L. Portnellan to pay
Arch. Govan for another cow but he was not

at home. I called at Jo. Heaulay's, Will.

Govan's, Jo. Heaulay's & enquired a rent
their welfare. As also at Bellough & crowd
Rob. Ewing some money who promised to pay
me that day month. I called at Mr. Bains
but he was not come home from the Commission
However I mett him betwixt a Levensyde
who informed me they had no very
momentous news before the Commission;
as also that the Parliament sat down the
11 of the month & that there was much
harmony betwixt the King & them. I
arrived at Dumbarton about 5. There came
to me Baylie Weir, Mr. Mc^{alpine}farlane & Mr. Love,
Ply. Clark, who did rest some little tyme.
I suppt after 8 & then prepar'd for the following
day. After worship went to bed about 12.
Nov. 23 Sab. This morning I endeavoured to
preparan for the work of the day. I went to
Church at 10 & lecturd on 1 Pet. 2. 1-7 &

preached both before & afternoon on Col. 3. 11
& had much of divine assistance. After
sermon Mr. Love discoursed with me. I
slept about 6 at which tyme Mr. He alpine
& Mr. Love came to me & discoursed with me.
We had all the publick prints for 3 fast
days, the Kings speech to the Parliament
& the address of the Lords & Commons thereon,
which were full of duty & loyalty to his
Majesty promising all encouragement
to carry on the war with Spain. I was
⁵⁹informed that there was a great struggle
in both Houses of Parliament. It was
carried only by 40 in the House of Lords
& by 60 in the House of Commons. I saw
in the prints that they had seen a battle
betwixt the Imperialists & Spaniards at
Melago in Sicily, the Spaniards have lost
about 2000 & the Imperialists 1700 men
& prisoners taken on both sides. The Spaniards

are making all preparations to carry on
the war & have ordered as many as please
to put out privateers & make what prizes
they can of the English. I was informed
also that the old Lady Colgrain dyed
yesternight at 10 a clock. Mr. Love sat
with me till after 9. After worship &
reading some of my own wrythe sermons
went to bed after 11.