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Land log book

Calcutta 16th Dec. 1797

Saturday

B. with M. F.

+ a paper of Gold dust
value 600 Rupees stolen
of M. Gilmore's Desk -
Rupees 5000 heavy on
one man - M. F.

wishes to buy Electricity

settled with the Surgeon
for last month -

Pat. in my favor 209 J. M.

0th Decline - very well

subject free - Light the 20th
Prospect match - needed 14 years

Sunday 17th
B with and sat to Mr
Taylor -

- Been frequently in play
their idle hours in showing
you what use do they ap-
ply the yarn? - Spindle
+ with Mr. Baillie
Mr. Shonk - Mr. Baillie

Monday 10th Dec 1797

Prepared apparatus for the
first lecture on ancient war

- with Mr. Burch -

+ How the Stage can be lighted
with life heat -

+ B with Mr. F. - looked into
the Church - after words

called at Dr. Dick's - showed
two pictures of Taylor - Mr. C -
and M - Pierce -

+ Recd 72 Spanish Dollars
from Capt. Carrigy being
the balance of Hernandez
and Reid's account -

Monday 19th Oct. 1797

- Ninth Lecture - An account
was - small company - pretty
well -

+ Dined with Mr. Th. -

Mr. King -

- The French Gang belonging to
the Archbishop went up to
Parliament with an intention
to press, but was ordered by
the Government to desist and
threatened if they made any
attempt - Given what might
have the English to press
in a place under another
Gov.??

- News from Lucknow said to be
not of the most agreeable nature

Wednesday 26th Dec 1797

My card of invitation from the
Deputy Gov^r, was mailed at
W. Fairlie. It was handed to
me yesterday by

Und. M^r. Dehn & Balth

— Plan of a new Theatre for
Mark Loworth — square
of Drury Lane — six boxes
convex instead of straight
in corners near the Stage

— with W. Fairlie — He w^l.

— Ball at the Theatre in
honour of the King's birth

Day — Crown took fire
and had nearly fired the house

Company not very nu-
merous - few had in (danc
- wine very bad - numerous
complained of -

+ Mr. Cherry the late resident
at Lusknow wrote frequently
to the Gov. General ~~for~~ in Council
for instructions how to act
towards the Nabob, who had
become very troublesome. He
could obtain none. He was
obliged to act according to his
own judgement, the Nabob
complained, and Mr. Cherry was
removed - Sir John Moore
found afterwards that Mr. Cherry
was right, and went first to
Lusknow & apologized to him -

Thursday 21st Oct 1799

My ticket in the Lottery
a Blank. —

Went to see the Lanch
for the good of Messrs. Gips
and Co. went off very well —
This belongs to yesterday —

+ with Mr. Burney at
Tiddespool — Messrs. Taylor
Maackintosh — Medway —
Goodall &c —

+ Whether a jury man ought
to put a question which
may make against the
prisoners —

The punishments this term

will very probably have
a proper effect - The matters
are becoming more unstable
every day thro' the leniency
of the Court -

- Denying the fact -

† Sir John Murray uttered
all the Macgregors at the
Cape and after making
a long speech on the score
of propriety of conduct and
fidelity, he informed his
audience that he was the
head of the Macgregors -

Lady M. seconded Sir John
with her speech and next
morning with a number of
Doctors - In the evening she had

was surrounded ^{by} with a num-
ber of Men - On inquiring
who they were - from some
Maquoy ^{Monsieur} - He was
Swiss - Dutch or German, &c -
This from a letter to a friend
now written by a respectable
correspondent at the Cape -
The homeward bound fleet
is conveyed by 4 line of
battle ships in consequence
of certain intelligence having
been received at the Cape
a fleet of privateers being conveyed
to the south of St Helena.

Friday 22 Oct 1797

At 10 a.m. a native brought
for the murder of his wife
he was not attended by any
Prisoner, he addressed the audience
for about a quarter of an hour
and seemed perfectly collected
The Spectators seemed but
little affected - During the
first two or three minutes
of suspension, his breast heaved
and his eyes passed three
different times - He being
three quarters of an hour - he
was blindfolded but had no
Cape

At 2 p.m. cloudy, 3 to all the
morning -

with Mr. Fairlie - he almost
alleged that the Ryots
(peasants) in Bengal are less
happy under the English
Gov. than the native Gov -
That they are always in Debt
to individuals, manufacturers
&c - But that Gov. papers
are to have its judgments
regularly made - Some of the
difficulty of getting in pri-
vate debts and the many
sales of land by the Sheriffs
The natives are much dis-
pleas'd at the execution of
the criminal yesterday, al-
leging that as the wife was
guilty of many crimes, among

others of implicity to the
marriage bed, that the hus-
band had a sufficient provo-
cation to kill her. That she
deserved it. This the effect
of that tyranny which exists in
this country, respects the word
in Slavery -
+ Mrs. Duncans bell in
the Evening - Did not
wait supper -

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Saturday 23 Oct

2 Letters from Dampier's
John Anderson and cousin
Peggy —

— Saw the 10th Lecture
attack and defence with
the line of battle of the
ancients —

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Sunday 24th Dec
Wrote on Mr. M's report
The -'s affair -

+ with Mr. Taylor - Mess^{rs}
Rob^t. Andrus and Croese
all present -

+ Why should angels be
painted with organs of Gen-
erals, since they do not
propagate the species? -
Nemaphrodite!!

- There is in this country a
Jumby or resinous Sub-
stance which it is said will not
dissolve either in spirits or
oils - M.C. supposes that
it must therefore be a good
Varnish -

1797
Monday 25 - Dec^r

Christmas!! —

On this day were born
two persons of noble name
Jesus Christ and Sir J. Newton
The former begot by the Holy
Ghost his descendant
on Mary a carpenter's wife
in Judaea — Jesus was at the
same time the Son of God, &
begotten from all Eternity
and equal ^{to the Father} in all respects. —
The Holy Ghost proceed from
the Father and the Son — and
was also equal in every
respect both to the Father and
the Son —

Consequently

~~That~~ The son is both younger
and of the same age with the
father. who begot, ^{him} and both
older and younger than the
mother who bore him. - and

~~That~~ The Holy Ghost is
both younger and of the same
age with the father, and both
older younger and of the
same age with the son!!!

Such are my reflections
on Christmas Day -

+ with J. Dick - 30 in
company -

+ a letter from my Nephew
James Pinward's date.
March 3 1797 -

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Tuesday 26 Dec^r

R^d & letter from W. Munn

Date 17th April 1797

The Cat. in his hands is

in my favor £19 10 0 1/2

with Mr. Thibault

Conversation with Mr. G.

respecting a Settlement

she informs me that she

goes to live with Mr. Crispin

and consequently that the

connection proposed with Mr. T.

is broke off

The 11th Lecture Mrs. Munn

went well off - Concluding

remarks extremely well received

+ A letter from Crispin telling me
that he does not seem to expect much

Wednesday 27th

- Dine with Mr. Fayh
- went to look for a house
- tried some Elixirs & Expectorant in a few Stalks
- + with Dr. Numbler - Capt. Willard M. Clark
- Men in caps always light their fire with two pieces of wood which they carry about with them
- No word in the Sanscrit for Gun Powder - nor Cannon or Ball - A composition is mentioned which explodes, in the Sanscrit -
- Had the lowest Standard the

Is there any matter of
a magnifying lens in
the Transit writing - either
of Crystal - or other materials?
Would not a revolution
in England prove very
disadvantageous to France?
The national Debt would
be wiped off, taxes would
of consequence be nearly
abolished, and the English
manufactures would be
brought to market cheaper
than those of any other coun-
try -

+ Eloge on Friction
Thomas Aquinas - lost by
the fall - burn
with salt peter & Gunpowder

The flame of a Candle?

+ The sun's rays acting on
the Rubber of the Electrical
machines always diminish
its power at least in this coun-
try - The shifting of the
wind, to the South, of the
east or West prevents instant
diminution, and soon restores
the power of the Electrical
machines -

1794
Thursday 20 Dec
Employed in preparing
the Abstract Expenses etc
Received a Letter from
D. Tennant Chumra -
intimating that Minsit
Ally Khan had returned
his artillery to Lucknow
and was returning himself
with only one Battalion
also that the Nabob had
agreed to the propositions
of the Gov. General - and
consequently that all would
soon be quiet in the Upper
Provinces -

+ with W. Faria -

- It is remarkable that
neither crows nor sparrows
were ever seen at
Malacca, and that at Malacca
prison they are so num-
erous, particularly of course
as to become a nuisance.

- Capt. John Gilman offered
a bet ^{of 100 Rs} which I took that
the words "They shall eat
their own dung and drink
their own piss with you"
were not in the bible.

- It seems doubtful whether
Duplepat Musier will continue
Firmly to the Nabob -

1799
Friday 29th Dec
D^r with Mr. Thibault —
— ^{copy} found the words mentioned
in the 36th Ch. of Isaiah and
12th Vers. — Sent them to
Mr. Faurie —

— with Mr. Taylor. at 4th.
— went in the Evening to
Mr. Cross's Exhibition —
+ Great thick fog all the
evening — It is however a
dry fog lies low and
affects the eyes — Eust. Ma.
acts tolerably well —

Calcutta - 14th 91

Saturday 30 Dec
prepared the Electrical
experiments for the Evn
+ with M. Thibault -

+ I presented exhibiting
the Electrical experiments
- proceeded with the 2 Lect.
of Astronomy - Primary
Lectis - Astrology -
apophysis on Astrology
well received -

+ a visit from M. Carthens
a Greek padre here accom^{pl}
by a Countryman of his in
Native of Athens who wishes
to get some instruction in
English, Arith. and Mathematics
I gave tickets to both to the Lecture

Sunday 31st Dec^r 1797

Put the optical apparatus
on the table

B. with Mr. Mackay

with Mr. Thibault

Mr. Taylor

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Monday 1st Jan. 1790

The new year was ushered in
by a royal salute at seven
o'clock, from the ramparts of
the fort.

Resolutions

1. To go to bed and rise
early
2. To eat ^{nothing} till after 10 o'clock, when
I am to dine late
3. Smoke less -
4. To visit the coffee house
with good friends
5. To prepare the Annual
Charter for Sale -
6. To pay the utmost at-
tention to every matter
as - 14. V -

with Mr. Spalding
Mr. Taylor -

A Bengallee woman in
purses, it is said, a country
born young man to an
European -

Mr. S. keeps his horses
pays twenty three Rupees
In Bengal European
articles are sold at times
more than one half of
their price twenty years
ago - ~~Some~~ articles
Bazaar & are dearer -
Insects water also dear

Monday 2^d Dec^r 1799

B^d with Mr. Duck - resolved

The matter under sentence
of death, has been repeated
for a week, he received the

news with little emotion

- He wrote a letter to Mr.

Macnabbs requesting him

to make his will - It

began thus

I, as I am to be hanged

to morrow, &c. -

- Mr. M. Th. - 1

- Gave my 13th Lecture

Optics - Shewed the lac-
corn at microscope &

transparence -

Calcutta
W. J. 3 Jan^r 1799

- with M. Fairlie -

+ three men with their wives

+ about ^{four} these cottages at
equal distances from each
other -

- 10 fathom divided into two
by a 5 fath and 3 fath mea-
sure

- W. Marmell - called in the
evening - I shall attend
him on Tuesday next either
to the Jail with a reference
to the ^{the} place of execution with
the command under sentence
of death -

Thursday 4 Jan^{ry} 1790
— with Dr Dick —

— meeting of the Astric Socy
Society — could not attend
— Report — suggested Messrs
resigned the office of Secretaries
to the Socy —

— I should believe to have
— right after all —

Friday 5th Jan^y 1797
preparing by Capt. L
tomorrow's Lecture - Jansen
- with Mr Taylor -
+ sold Portsmouth and
punch - O. would not
speak -
+ Faquin and Berger men
- Zimmerman Thaw with
soon be here and cut off
your throat -
- Judas was once shown
- brick bats thrown at
them when in the common
house - It happened at
a British Festival -

- 1790 -
Saturday 6th Dec -
Employed the whole day
in preparing Experiments
- 14th Lecture - Subject Gases
Madders too small for the
fire works -

- Genl. Martin has made
of every Engine with in
France or England!! -
Had out a Steam Engine
and put it up himself

Monday 7 Jan^y 1790

B^o with Mr. Farli

- Visit from Mr. Birch
and Col Green -

- Rope pump - Blakey's
Steam Engine - Camera
obscura -

- Refining of Indigo -

Burning the Sulphur
in the Vit: works -

a Bellows like an Organ
chest to receive the ~~the~~
Vapour and throw it down
on the water - Give what
Leather can resist the action
of the Vit: acid -

— with Mr Baillie
+ It was asserted and insisted
on that Mr Ait was not
a man of reading or of
science including Mathe-
matics, Philosophy, &c.
That he got his station by
accident, and has been
maintained in it by the
prejudice of the people of
Great Britain!! —

+ Noz me na Derwed
— from Nominus est ne
— Froh lot la — that is
trois rois la — according
to the wise men of the
East — ~~quon~~
how is this reconcilable
to new year's Day?

+ Mr. B. says the acetum
acid has been used for
skiving and that it makes
fines & shows impurities
than the Nitron —

Monday 8th July. — 7990

Electric Machine this
morning powerful. —

— with Mr. Crane — Mr. Andrew

+ (obtained) soon it is alleged
to form a ^{very} permanent
while than any other of the
kinds in use —

— Mr. C.'s picture by J. —
is said to want warmth —

— But he seldom speaks well of
one another.

Tuesday 9th Jan 1798
- Jan the 15th and last
lecture - concluding re-
marks - off well

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Wednesday 10 Jan.

Is at Mr F - about
+ The Ryots in Bengal are

much happier now than
formerly - the Zemindars
oppressed and plundered
them so much that they
could call nothing their

own - There was no re-
cess. for there was only
one company's servant

in the District who was
both collector and judge

Lord Cornwallis appointed
both a judge and collector

in every District. The Zem-
indars now complain

That the Nyoos are no
longer Subject to Strain

The Law prohibiting Eu-
ropeans from purchasing
Land in India is wise and
Salutary in its operation
It seems extraordinary

That the Court of Directors
should permit Foreigners
to trade with India and
yet persist in refusing
that privilege to the British
— London might be made
the Emporium of India
Commodities — The number

of foreign Ships now trading
to India supply foreign

in articles with those articles
which she would be obliged
to have procured thro' the
medium of British Naviga-
tion — The impolicy ap-
pear conduct — I am. What
reason do the Court of Directors
give for their conduct in
this matter? —

Monday 11th Jan 1797

Went to see the
Panorama - Point of
view is nearly opposite
the west corner of Som-
mers place in a boat
on the river taken by
Mr. Malton senior -

I think Mr. Barton's view
preferable -

- Collected the oz of Salt put
from the walls of Mr. Nibb's
shop - Effluence -

+ with Mr. Birch

- three things it is said

on the forte piano grow
a louder sound than the
- union louder than any
other concord -

- A and C[#] are the same
on the Harpsichord, but
differ from each other by
 $\frac{1}{5}$ of a note -

- A very flat note is
more agreeable than a
very sharp one

- The Jackson given new
music to Sappho's ode? -

- Mr. B. proposes to condemn
the Brit: and U.S. arm by
a battery so constructed
to throw down the steam on

The water below — will
not answer — Steam will cor-
rode the leather — &c —
+ Muri ferok on a Lath
Instrument with Iron
pins —
— Clagget's Metallic organ
+ Theobald — The Critic
— Entertainment out of seeing
Tom of Coventry —
Did not stay for the force

The water below — will
not answer — Steam will cor-
rode the leather — &c —
+ Muri fork on a Lath
Instrument with Iron
pins —
— Claggi metallic organ
+ Theater — The Critic
— Entertainment and Freeping
Tom of Coventry —
Did not stay for the scene

Friday 12th Jan^y 1790

Mr. Galanos called to let
me know that this being
new year day he could not
attend me - The Greeks me
the same congratulation
as in the best of Europe
- happy new year &c -
obscure the old Julian
style - a glass of wine -
+ with Mr. Worington -
Mr. Nelson son of Mr. B. of
Miminy Lane. -
- account of the death of Mr.
Jas. Bell and Jas. Ewart -

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Saturday 13 / any
- Lesson to Mr. Gatamos
- He gave me the promem-
oirs of the Greek - modern
- I propose to put his
remarks in a separate
book -

- At 11^h a.m. a grand
procession - Elephants in front
a great number of flags -
- Two carriages, with two
young women, motions of
eyes and hands - Religious
procession - It is the
marriage of Crisnah's
brother -
+ with Mr. Theobald - new born

Aug 1797

Sunday 14 Jan -

- B. with Mr. F. Carter

- Report of two outward
bound Indian men being
taken by two French

Frigates of Ceylon -

What account will

Admiral Boscawen give to
the Admiralty at home.

- Long walk with Mr.
Ochme to look out
for a house -

+ with Mr. Ochme -

+ The accounts probably
contain their plates for
writing with a compass
like our engravers -

Monday 15th Jan 1799

The post on Saturday of late
Indians being taken is
unfounded. They were both
in the inner harbor of
Alumb. at anchor where they
intended to remain till
they could proceed with
safety—

— Hearse have frequent
squabbles about hiring
their palankins to Bimbar
Saiten — much noise
but seldom blows —
+ with Mr Taylor —
Mr. Wells and Mr. King

1790
Thursday 16 Jan,

- Mould the two Camina
to chat for Mr. Home, he
will call to morrow at three
o'clock -

+ with Mr. Belli

Mr. Sp - Mr. Capitulo

Dr. Wilson -

Calcutta 1790 The
Wednesday 17 Jan'y
Visit for Mr. Bent -
- Long conversation with the
Judge Sumner - Requested him
with to have me to make
experiments - Judge -
- Mr. Horn called and took
along with him the best
Camera -
+ With Mr. Young -
Mr. G - Mr. Humphreys
and Mr. Taylor
+ Alligators is numerous in
the country even in small
rivers that the natives
are obliged to enclose in
pens for bathing in -
- When an Alligator seizes
any animal on the bank, it

eventually (Dives with it to
the bottom of the river, then
scraping a hole in the sand
it burys it till a full
measure of hunger -

It is dangerous even to
put the hand from any
opening in the budgerow
into the water - The
skin of an alligator it is
said will burn a pin's head
ball -

+ Tyger hunting - Pits of
sand about the thickness
of the finger - several be-
hind each other -

+ a flock of birds always
is said follow the Tyger
over him. He may be traced
by the birds -

The only difficulty with
respect to depths of water in
the river is at Northampton
where the Hooghly separates
from the Ganges — During
the Dry Season there is not
sufficient depth for a common
sized barge.

+ Mr. B. will think that
the quantity of colouring mat-
ter is the same in the
course as in the fine Indigo
at S^o and O that I let —

