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Tour through Ireland

July 15. M. S. S. M.

set sail from Rock Ryan  
in the James Cap. M.  
Kinzie cousin to the Rev.  
Mr. M. Kinzie of Port. N.

I thought the vessel to  
be Belfast for three Guineas  
— fine smart breeze from  
S. to 10 at 10 got out  
of the lock distance 6  
miles — wind at first  
south east veered about  
to the south, afterwards  
to S. S. W. — fell calm about

The middle of the channel  
at 12. Took a vessel from  
Droghda for Clyde - saw  
a sail S.W. which we  
took for a cutter - She was  
to windw. of us and beating  
down the channel -

Entered Belfast or Carrick-  
fergus lock at 5 P.M. -

At 7 P.M. was put ashore  
in the long boat as it  
was low water - a little  
below Holywood - walked  
about four miles to Belfast  
where we arrived at 9  
P.M. Donegal arms -

Sheep in case for carrying  
to land a boat with 3 or  
four hundred. Gosh it all  
around around us - being  
sunday the sea clear and  
most in their drifts. -

Sheep on the shore seem  
different in shape from  
the scotch sheep, longer  
in proportion to their  
thickness.

were ushered into a room  
with two beds in it -  
where we supped and  
slept - The first thing  
called for was Porter - none  
in the house - Ale or  
beer of any kind - none -  
Cyder none - At length  
we got a bottle of Port  
and some fresh water not  
very good, to quench our  
thirst - Supped on  
bread & butter, a bit of wild  
rice &c. Drank half a pint  
of rum punch - only  
two beds for three persons

This evening was stormy as  
we learned afterwards to  
our annoyance to  
on foot - what a pity that  
such an easy and simple  
mode of travelling should  
be so much despised -

Monday 19 July -

Rose & I got dressed  
by an indifferent barber  
- shoes shined - learned  
that Doctor Molladay  
was in town but just  
going into the country  
- waiting on him before  
breakfast - Delivered Doctor

wrote a letter which he  
glanced at telling me  
with a Doctor at law  
and shake of the hand  
that he was very glad  
to see me in Ireland  
- that he had heard of  
my coming and was of  
opinion my lectures  
would succeed <sup>in this country</sup> agreeable  
to my wishes in fact  
- asked me to breakfast  
with him and Mrs. Wall  
but I could not as J. B.  
and M. Pender were  
waiting for me at the

win. - After Breakfast  
went to the Custom House  
to report the refusal - could  
get nothing done as the  
new custom collector was  
absent in the house - we  
would not before eleven.  
In winding up abouts we  
met Doctor Halliday who  
introduced me to Mr. Crowder.  
The Doctor left us and  
Mr. Crowder became our guide &  
we returned to the custom.  
could get nothing done. The  
Irish officers are above their  
business - this was the case

without exception. he called  
on Mr. Boyle the surveyor  
who gave an order for bringing  
the app<sup>t</sup> on shore a while  
was sent down along with  
the boatmen. The app<sup>t</sup> was  
landed and lodged in the  
custom house - Then it must  
be till next day at eleven  
when Mr. Price very politely  
gave orders to have them  
carried off after it had  
been refused by his colleague  
Mr. Cunningham. —

The app<sup>t</sup> was lodged  
at Mr. Crowther's where  
we dined both on Monday



and Tuesday. On Wednesday  
forenoon we met at the  
end of the bridge with Mr. Pe-  
ter who walked with the Duke  
with him into the country  
about two miles from the  
Park - There were 5 Ladies  
and the same nr. of Gentlemen  
Mrs. Parks, 2 Miss Waltham  
Miss Mathias and - The  
Ladies come all bounding  
when he was almost at  
one - One of them asked  
me if grouse was not a  
scotch word - it was meant  
as a stroke at our language

through John's ~~own~~ recognition  
my great coat is lost

Mr. Porter checked the count  
on this subject on my account.  
I told him there was no  
occasion for apologies for  
I was very fond of every thing  
belonging to northern and  
the language. — The conver-  
sation various on literary sub-  
ject. Had tea and sherry.

Thursday 22 was employed  
in search of a room for  
lecturing in, saw the market  
house, this was offered by  
the sovereign, many objections  
to it. At length purchased  
the ball room of the Infirmary  
and sent an advertisement to

The Belfast paper<sup>x</sup> - This  
day dined with Mr Campbell  
Mack to whom I was intro-  
duced by Colletts Campbell  
of Post-Office - There at  
dinner Colletts Campbell of  
the regiment Capt. Campbell  
of the same, Mr Sovereign Mr.  
Black - Mr Brown Mack -  
with other two young Gentlemen  
After dinner the conversation  
turned on gunnery, on the  
course of the recoil on the  
length of pieces &c. - A Gun  
of 28 Inches with Mow a  
bullet as far as one of any  
length whatever

Worshipment  
x Mr. Owen: begs leave to  
inform the Ladies and Gent.  
of Belfast that he will begin  
his course of Lectures on the  
Mysteries of ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
~~the~~ ~~the~~ in the Hall  
of the Infirmary on Monday  
the 26 Inst. at 12 o'clock  
Gentlemen tickets for  
the whole course consisting  
of 18 Lectures - a Gentleman  
Ladies tickets half a Guinea  
- At the first lecture which  
is gratis. The next lecture  
and others of the course will  
be more fully explained.  
Tickets will be given  
out at the commencement of the  
Lectures

Friday 23. Went to visit  
Mr Bruce & Newton and  
Mr Bruce and the Miss<sup>es</sup>  
Stewarts were all abroad -  
- Dined with Miss Bruce  
an agreeable sensible woman  
and a Mr. Hoop an old lady  
- after dinner went to see the  
Market house - this is a  
fine building, erected at  
Mr Stewart's expense -  
From the Market house  
we went to the church -  
the chapel is an old fashioned  
building waded with  
carvments -  
returned to Belfast in the evening

Frid Day the app<sup>r</sup> was transf<sup>d</sup>  
from Mr. Crombie to the  
infirmary.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup>

Waked the app<sup>r</sup> found  
the Diagonal Machine, its  
speculum and the receiver  
for the barometer cap<sup>t</sup>.  
broken. — Frid Day a

committee of the infirmary<sup>met</sup>  
Dined with Mr. Crombie

Sunday. 25<sup>th</sup> at one o'clock  
heard Mr. Crombie preach  
from these words "canst thou  
"by searching find out God"

He folly the weakness the  
impety of murmuring against

The Dispositions of Providence  
were urged from the limited  
sphere of our knowledge in  
natural things. — Conspic-  
uous neat and accurate &  
well pronounced. —

Dined with Doctor Mat-  
hew —

Company — M<sup>r</sup>. Krombie  
and son, W<sup>m</sup>. Krombie —

W<sup>m</sup>. Krombie and another  
young gentleman —

Conversation — The right  
of the Parliament of Great  
Britain to alter any article  
of the union, denied by M<sup>r</sup>.  
Krombie and Doctor Mathew

The interference of the  
Civil Magistrate in regu-  
lating the prices of grain  
and other articles proved  
to me what is reprobated by  
the Irish part of the com-  
pany - Irish are divided  
the same way as the scots  
and english - Irish bush  
is 7 yards the scots 6  
square, so the proportion of  
the one to the other is as  
49 yards to 36 Ells or as  
nearly -

Monday. July 24  
Wednesday at 12 o'clock  
began my course - Comp<sup>d</sup>  
about 10 - received 17  
Guineas - Dined with  
Mr. Hay, bookseller -  
At 7 went to see the 3  
Volunteers companies for  
parade exercise - In  
the evening drank a glass  
of punch with Doctor Holt.  
Mr. Crombie Sr. in the  
new inn. - It was offered  
by a gentleman, in uniform  
that had just purchased property  
from his own place was



much preferable to former  
one - Some spray etc  
scattered casting - there  
are some no teeth. -

Tuesday 27 July -

Lecture at 12. Received  
14 Guineas - a second  
class was this day prob.  
at 5 in the evening to  
be taken next week -

Wednesday 28  
- Received 14 Guineas  
- finished the history except  
the experiments in the dark  
room as to some wearing  
them as the windows have  
no shutters or curtains -

Thursday proposed Monday  
the 2 Aug. for beginning  
our second course at 5 o'clock  
also gave up the lectures  
in the first course till  
Monday -

Dined with Doctor Wall.  
A student of Physic from  
Edin. a cousin of Mrs P. M.  
informed me that Mr. Rob.  
had a strong class. -

Thursday 29.

This morning sent the  
following advertisement  
to the Belfast paper -  
"Mr. Penn - begs leave to  
inform the public that

" in order to accommodate  
" such Ladies and Gentles  
" as cannot conveniently  
" attend the present course  
" of lectures at 12 o'clock  
" he will begin a second  
" course in the hall- room  
" of the Infirmary on  
" Monday the 2<sup>d</sup> August  
" at 5 in the afternoon  
" these two courses are both  
" that Mr. O. proposes  
" to give at this time in  
" the hall -  
" Gentlemen tickets a g.  
" Ladies tickets half a g.

" I shall lecture 2. 17. 18.  
" Other particulars will  
" be mentioned at the  
" first lecture which  
" is given —

*[Faint handwritten text, possibly a signature or date]*

Owned in the form —

This Day extremely wet  
in the evening several  
flashes of lightning with  
thunder from 1 to 3 miles  
distance — There was  
also a great deal of thunder  
and lightning on Tuesday  
the 20<sup>th</sup> distance about  
a mile —

Called at the coffee-room  
found the Syllabus formerly  
left there with the following  
line wrote on its back.

"Hercules Cooper and an invaluable  
acquisition —

Friday received for Mr.  
Ray Gibbons history with  
few memorandums books  
read his account — Dined  
with Mr. Crombie — Accompanied  
Mr. Crombie Mr. Clements and  
several other ladies to the concert  
in the old market house this  
evening of the band belonging  
to the present Regiment and  
some young gentlemen of the  
town who join them — there  
was a dance after the concert  
with dance with life and spirit  
much like the Scotch — I did  
not dance being not properly  
equipped for it —

Saturday - 31 July 1779

Began a new introductory  
lecture - Dined at home -

In the evening took a walk  
with Doctor Maturton -

was invited to dine with him  
on Monday - I have had

out since my arrival  
retail about £5 -

Sunday - 1<sup>st</sup> August

This day being the anniversary of the accession of George the first - The Volunteers companies about 300 dressed in their uniforms drew up in the mall, from thence they marched to the Old Meeting house where they heard sermons from M. Crombie - from these words "

The sermon is to be published

Monday 2 August -

This day began my second  
course at 5 in the evening  
only 5 additional & what

Tuesday - Wednesday &  
Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>. The gentleman  
who voted for our winning  
hour almost all attended  
to 12 o'clock stop -

Inconvenience and impos-  
sibility of carrying on two  
courses at once -

Friday proposed the  
forming the two classes

together - no objections -  
Saturday? The second  
course was brought up,  
to the first - and they  
agreed to meet on Monday  
together at 12 o'clock -

Sunday I heard Mr.  
Crombie preach a chari-  
ty sermon - Collection  
for a poor school about  
30 \$ - In the evening  
drank a glass of whiskey  
taddy with Doctor Hamlin -  
He has my marble though  
black at first turned after  
ten or fifteen years white



and exhibits figures of shells  
further down &c. This seems to  
confirm Doctor Black's opinion  
that Marble lime is made  
entirely from shells - Amount  
mortar was made thin and  
poured among the stones - query  
what comes of the great quantity  
of water which this mortar  
must contain? - Usual propor-  
tion of sand and lime in bulk  
is 2 sand to 1 lime -  
Powers here are all built -

Sunday 9 August - 1779 -

Two classes met at 12 together  
They make one general class  
have received upon the shot.

Dr Garrison -

Tuesday and Wednesday

gave the lectures on Pneumonia  
Put new valves on the air-pumps  
of them. white glove leather  
which answers very well -

- Old air gun acts well -

Gave one of the other Guns  
to W. M. Cornick. to clean

Thursday - This day no lecture  
being a great fair. Lammets  
fair - Struts fell with  
horns, black with the struts

Lambs and ewes - In the  
morning they asked 18 Shillings  
for a pair of lambs which  
they offered about one hour after  
for the and I suppose would  
sell them before night for  
15/-, - This pair would  
be much better than usual  
on account of the lowest and  
the best - Some boxing  
was done in the evening -  
Drove out with Mr. Brown  
took a walk in the  
evening which we concluded  
with a glass of Remy -

Monday 21 August  
a dreadful storm of thunder  
began at 6 in the morning  
and continued a full  
hour, flashes of lightning  
very strong some extremely  
near the mill - at a distance  
they frequently appeared  
forked on the street they  
continually appeared & doubt  
sometimes terrible - follow-  
ing each other rapidly  
quick - A man was killed  
in the neighborhood  
about a mile <sup>from</sup> out of town  
it broke also on the str-  
and on the new glass

on Sunday evening there  
appeared a number of  
steamers - French Primi-  
vo made their escape -  
met them about ~~the~~  
a mile from town -  
gave the first direction  
to the soldier who pro-  
sued and took most  
of the first night  
- sat on a large tree  
lying on the key, with  
Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell  
above on horse -

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... with a report  
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There was no marks of joint  
on the body - bones were not  
softened -

Saturday 3 Aug. 1744  
a can expedition to  
Mr Allan's about 3 miles  
- the can is disagreeable  
jobbing matter - this  
was partly conducted by  
the com<sup>d</sup> of Mr Cro - ie  
and Mr El - is -

N. B. Mr Allan has  
an uncle <sup>a Mr Allan</sup> in London  
very rich and who pro-  
vides places for most of  
the young gentlemen  
from this country - he  
is a Government con-  
tractor -

If I should go to London  
I will perhaps see Mr. [unclear]  
to Mr. [unclear] or my  
brother [unclear]