



1844
Wm. D. ...

Calcutta 1797

Monday 15 May

Employed in preparing
the Chemicals

- Capt. Clarke called with a
Chr. for me to examine —
- with W. Fairlie —

— Given what is the greatest
number and weight of Niter
tains in one Shakh? —

— Among the deaths in the
Genl. Magazine for Jun 1796
a woman is mentioned who used
took for Niter and Glass.
only two in this business in
India

No 1795

Tuesday 16 May
at 7th hour. — 75

Wind n. S. easterly - cold -
cloudy 3 —

— Report says that the Natives
is returned to his senses, having
been drunk for a week after the
Gov. G. left him —

— It is also reported that
Macartney comes out to the
Cape as Gov. Gen. of all the
provinces captured from the
Dutch —

— A very extraordinary affair hap-
pened at Choumgher this Morn.

a Native called at Mr. Speke's
asked the Dorwan for his Master.
The Dorwan refusing to admit him
he instantly killed him with his
Dutwak he then entered the house
killed a bear who had just
left Mr. Speke, he then met a bear
of whom he asked for Mr. Speke
The bear answered on the terrace.
The man run up stairs got on the
terrace in front of Mr. Speke, when the
bear instantly bolted the door be-
hind him — By this fortunate address
of the bear, Mr. Speke, who was in
the next room, was saved —
An attempt was made to get
on the terrace by bamboo, but
this was defeated by the murderer.

He told the sea boys, who
were now brought to the home, that
he would not come down, for as he
had killed two men he knew he
would be hanged, this was determined
should never happen. He was then
shot from the terrace of a neigh-
boring house by order of General
Clarke - Various causes have been
assigned for this act - It is ~~alleged~~
said by some that several petitions
had been sent to Mr. Spoke for re-
dress of some particular grievances
none of which Mr. Spoke would con-
sider - He is an when conversing
with the people from the terrace said
that there were 5 men of them who

would avenge his death -
When would it not be wise in Mr.
Spoke to receive some petitions? he comes
nearer so far on the contrary side
that it is extremely difficult to get
even a letter into his hands -
A good politician will always ef-
fect to listen to complaints tho he
may not always think it proper
to grant ^{relief} redress -
+ wrote to Mr. James and Mr.
Robert Tomlinson at Madras -
+ with Mr. Faulkner -
+ Received from the Lord Macartney
India from two checks for Mr.
Robert Tomlinson - one a tool
check the other containing only
rubber -

1797

Wednesday 17 May

- Saw put up in proper
plates Christophorus and Samuel
Camelion and Caygenah (Munisik
of Petach -
- Took to Mr. Spence and Robert
Smithing at Madras -
- With Mr. Foreman -

Thursday 18th May 1797

- With Mr. F. in the eve
at Mr. Deane's -
- A most violent N. Wester -
- On my return home I
found much water in all
the rooms -
- + An American Ship arrived
last from Salem -
- Invaluable from Mr. F. to
see to morning and to bring
of Moor - last work -

Friday 19 May 1797
Employed in packing
up a chest of ~~documents~~
Subscribers due for Mr. Fawcett
The box contains 190 Lib
175 Lib of my own and 15 Lib for
Mr. Beaumont

With Mr. Foley - Capt. Brown
and Mr. Beaumont - Mr.
W. took his wife of the same
rank for Mr. Foley's private
brother on the on just up at
Iwami to dem "Dipapat
Ovin eras edais" —
Mr. F's translation: "more gray
and red - I to ye" —

1797
Saturday 20 May
After breakfast walked on
Mr. and Mrs. Maclean -
Shewed Mr. M. a letter I
received yesterday from Dr. Scott
who calls Mr. M's theory "ingenious
and his practice surprisingly
bold" - Dr. S. says there may
possibly be 60 or 70 Subscribers
to a course of Lectures at
Bombay, but the subscribers
for Govt. should not exceed
50 Mr. and Mrs. for Ladies
from this it is hardly worth
while to think of giving
Lectures there —

+ Yesterday morning at 6th
1/2 m. the Therm. stood at 72
instead of 80 its usual temperature
so much was the air cooled by
the N.W. the preceding night
+ when a heavy rain falls
at a distance the cold produced
is said to be greater than when
the rain falls in the face of
the observer - I dare will not
this happen, only when the
wind blows from the place of the
rain? -

Friday 21st May 1847
B. at 8 P.M. too late
This morning sent four bottles
of Nitric acid to Mr. Beaumont
measure his marked jar -
- remarked on his ground
stoppers
- Emannel called - wished to
be recommended to an officer
going on the Manilla Exp-
dition
- with Mr. Thibault -
Gust of wind, southerly an
astonishing quantity of dust
shown, Thunder and lightning,
not violent, passed to the South

Colchester 7 1799
Tuesday 23 May

D. with D. Dick -
arrivals of J. A. - his
courtship -

- A chit from W. Lamb
respecting the apparatus
for W. Colebrook -

- with W. Cruise -

Admiral Lucas it is wanted
on, is a tractor -

W. Mason is nephew to M. A.
Best engraver Windsor - the latter
is engaged at present ^{on} a large
Anatomical work -

1799
Wednesday 24 May

at home all day - undressed
W. Macnaghtan called - he
wants to erect a rope pump
for his bath - requests me to
give instructions to Mr. Act-
head, to Mr. Myers -

- This morning received thro'
the Sheriff's summons for the
grand jury -

- Mr. Myers called for me to
make out the dimensions
for the pump -

Dined at home -

- Club in the Evening -

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Thursday 25 - May.

Don't the air pump to Mibault
to be repaired -

+ with (Doctor Dick -
- an American ^{in ship} arrived which

brings news to the end of Jan's
- report. The french attempted to

land in Ireland - repulsed with
great loss -

- Adams is elected president and
Jefferson vice president of the Amer-
ican Congress -

- Dread full fire in the Burch
Bazaar -

th
Friday 26 May 1797

B' with Th - & he had several
fainting fits this morning -

+ Clean part of the New
aid

- The fire in the Bazaar is said
to have destroyed property to
the amt. of several Lacs -

+ with Mr. Foreman -
Strong wind southerly -
Several anchors lost -

Saturday 27th May 1797

- Cloudy for three two days past
- The pressure of the rain -
- Philbrick at work on the pumps
- + with Mr. Fairlie
- After dinner went to see the Triton, purchased by Messrs. F. & G. Capt. Wright commander. She is taken up as a transport on the expedition now on the coast
- + Mr. Demerit in the evening
- Mr. Taylor miniature painter -
- recd.
- Cloudy - no. 3 - prognostics of the rainy season -

Sunday 28th May 1797

- Sent an Epitaphy to Sir Wm. Dromm with whom I was to have dined -
- with Mr. Fairlie - he absent -
- walk on the Esplanade -
- cloudy all day - rain near -
- wind southerly for several weeks past as usual at this season, continued till the rain set in -
- Overland packet received -
- copies to the Commodore -
- report - Austrians have taken Zell -
- Misunderstanding between the French and Prussians -
- Capture of seventy vessels belonging to the latter -

1797

Monday 29 May

B^d at W. F. - Judge Gay's
 not deland at eight o'clock
 - Saw the picture and showed
 on Friday last - very good -
 - prepared some picture of silver
 + with W. F. -
 - Sir C. Blount -
 A Mr. Mallet came out with
 Machinery in the Agricultural
 line, talks of ploughing with
 an iron tub plough with two
 horns - Deep furrows -
 he does not consider the price
 of the plough. - A native plough

cost but a few Annas -
 the plough man can carry it
 on his shoulder to, and from
 the field - Deep ploughing
 would be an injury to the
 Soil of this country.
 The soil for rice is best just
 scratched

- At 7^{p.m.} a storm - wind
 Easterly - very strong - some
 rain - Thunder -
 - Some of their most famous
 for Cydon - gone to what
 use are the apples applied
 after the juice is pressed
 out of them -

Apr 1797

Tuesday 30 May
B. at Dr. Dick's, he about
+ with Mr. Spalding
at Mr. D. Cortis in
the Evening —

Wednesday 31 May
I packed the Air pump
and apparatus
with Mr. Taylor
Club in the Evening

Thursday 1st June 1797
Indisposed - weather ex-
tremely sultry -
+ with Mr. Mackay -
+ Comparison between farming
at rye and hull -
See and weather gauge -
- Visit Mrs. Pine in the
Evening -

Friday 2nd June 1797
Indisposed all the more:
Stomach complaint -
- Nearly finished preparing
the Chemicals -
+ with Mr. Davosta -
Dance in the Evening
- Think of taking Davosta
home -
- To send Nelson out his letters
of Miss - J -

2 1797
Saturday 3 June

B' at W.F. - The Cheeky ship last night - had
the gun London is covered in - The former
at Madras - a sugar, or
extra ship last year from
Royal - left London in
Dec, consequently the news
I asked the Indians are
apparently -

- Letter from Mr. Lambert -
+ with Mr. Foster

- Lieut. Dalrymple - orange for
and also of the Captain of
Lucas' Squadron - Since no
treason - Mr. D. in the East

Hy
Sunday 4 June 1797

at 2 p.m. very dark to
the S. E. - Heavy shower
moved round to the N. W
3. Wind high - Cloud
gathering round the bridge
Thunder - low -

4. Very dark - began to
rain - E. 4th the clouds moving
north, on the west, southerly
from 4 to 5. Very heavy rain

+ with W. Taylor —

Hospitality of Dr. W. M.
at Naples — A scotch note
of the name of Clarke acts
as a currency at Naples —
M. T. travelled with his wife
and two sons and two daughters
the part of the merchants
in 93 —

In Holland the carriage
must be paid for at the
time of hiring. — Bills
expensive —

Evening coat. — a telegraph
card — contains nothing of any
great importance —

— M. T. — opinion of M. T. — painting

Monday 5 June 1794

B. at M. T. —

a packet from England —
some of the letters arrived —
finished packing the
apparatus for Benares
Correspondance respecting
with M. Faulk — he also
called at D. D. — in the
evening —
Thunder and rain at a
distance —

Friday 6 June 1797

B at 8.0 - he absent
at 12 Cloudy - Thunder -
Heavy Showers at 2

+ with M. Mackintosh -

M.S. - 2, Capt. Down

Disputes in politics -

Observation at Benares

sent by Capt. D. G. - to

be an ancient building

Duke of B. - D. -

Folly of Political Disputes

+ sent the two chests to M. D.
to Benares

1797
Wednesday 7 June

Two Dutch Schooners
taken in Ballycon road

by a French Privateer -

The Non such has been

lying at anchor in Diamond

Harbour for some months

She had just sailed for

the Straits of Malacca -

The one pt. Cent additions

only - Goods exp. and imp.

I am afraid the French

will think not to have

incurred a suspicious protest

In trade - Gun. has in
some been diminished?

Thi God. promised -

+ with Mr. Brown - a
Mr. B - proposed partnership
ship between Mr. B -
and Mabon -

+ Club in the Evening
went early to bed -

Thursday 8 June 1796

with Mr. Mackie - Mr
P - Mr. J - Mr. R -

Mr. M - and I -

On my way home
called ~~on~~ at Mr. Dunne

Wet all day -

- A lot of Schooners are
said to be safe -

- The attempt of the French
on Ireland is confined -

Friday June 9th 1797

At 3 o'clock -
- A very dark - began
to rain - Thunder fell sud-
denly from 9 4 to 9 6 -
rained gently for two hours
+ with General Clarke -

+ Sent to Mr. Faulk. on
Chert Cont. but not 190^{lbs}
at 2 1/2^{cts} p. - 300
4 bottles at 6^{cts} - 36
416

N.B. 15^{lbs} of this and was had
of Mr. B. - The rest as well as the
Chert and bottles in box -

1797
Saturday June 10th

This morning attended
at the Court house agreed
to summon - Was chosen
one of the 23 members of
the Grand Jury -
- Charge by Sir R. Chamber
no business - 12 o'clock
sit for business -
+ with Dr. Duke -
Mr. and Mrs. Johnson -
- So prepare a list of my
apparatus - Mr. Cooper
brought some of the articles

- Si E - B - , vindica-
tory pamphlet - seems
in some parts to prove
the Guilt -
- called at Mr D - 's
the Evening -

Sunday 11 June 1797

- with Mr Brown -
Terms agreed on between
Brown and Mabe - / suggests
as subjects for engraving -
a European and Bengellie Dinner
Dessert with fruit Nookahis -
A Cocoa Nut tree - with
nuts at bottom -

th^o 1797

Monday 12 June
attended the Grand Jury
at half past ten -

- Two indictments -
- a rape on a girl of 10 years
of age - and a
murder - both bills were
found -

+ Deind with our Foreman was
Mr Lambert -

- Plantain and Bananas
are the same, only the latter
smaller - The Distinction takes
place in the West, not the
East Indies -

+ Nimbley party - Mango tree

Lord Dundonald's method
of purifying salt -

- Roots thrive in a great
variety of soils than fruits -

+ The Grand jury adjourned
till Thursday -

Calcutta 1797
Tuesday 13 June

M. C. has not attended
since Thursday last

+ with M. Kennedy

- a letter from M. Spence
at Madras

1797
Wednesday 14 June

- with G. Puck

Even? Club - only

Subault

+ G. M. - whether want
of sleep is any proof
be a proof of want of
health

Calcutta 1797
Thursday 15 June

— Grand Jury —
Two indictments
in an assault —
a burglary found
both bills —

+ Mr. Hunt the Assessor's
brother in Law — presented
himself —

+ more witnesses examined
then ^{was} necessary — Sir Wm
Dunke was of the opinion

— with Mr. Faulkner —
Mr. D. in the Court —

Calcutta 1797
Friday 16 June 1797

— D. with Mr. Foley —
— Heavy Showers at an early
breakfast — lower clouds
move with great rapidity
+ yesterday at 5 o'clock
clouds to the N. West
very grand and picturesque
wind and rain followed
but moderate —

+ Sent a bill for the
return and to Mr. Campbell
Exp^{ts} — 3 = 12 @ 12/ 45
3 bottles 2/0 12.00

+ with Mr. Foley
Gazette extraordinary
containing the concordat
between Lord Malmsbury
and Charles De la Croix -

1793
Saturday 17th June
attended the Grand Jury
Two indictments - one
connected with the Burgley
for which a bill was found
last Thursday - The other
~~an attempt to a forgery~~
for 24000 l. Rusp. -
- two persons -
- after which the Grand
Jury was discharged by
Sir W. Dunkin who told
us that we had made

at 3¹/₂ p.m. My vantage
began to rain - Thunder
3³/₄ to 4 very loud claps
6 or 8 within an English
mile - one within half
a mile - very heavy rain
- Southwark -

4¹/₂ Thunder very loud
+ most of the flashes are
triple - triple
- with W. Brown - temp
Mrs. Shipman - Drury
Robin Bray - Capt. Storey -

- very heavy rain all the
afternoon -
- question is it possible for the
small of the bunch, at to
perchance - corked and sealed
bottle of wine? - Has not
the small been previously
given to the cooks, or to the
Empty bottles? -

- Mr. M. desired two bears
belonging to one of the other
Jant^m to move my palanquin
which had been left in the
rain, under the shade, Mr. Brown
replied "I am not your slave"
The same disobeying manners
prevails among all the natives of India

1797
Sunday 10th June
This morn my news arriv'd
of Lord Admiral Jervis
with 15 Sail of the line
having engaged the Spanish
fleet of 27 Sail of the line
and 20th 4 Ships of the
line - Lord Cornwallis
is appointed Gov. General
of India - Austrian have
suffer'd a terrible defeat in
Italy - Sir John Jervis's fleet
was at anchor in Lagos bay
north of Portugal -

- with Mr Fairlie -
+ of the difference of the two
fleets he considered the late
action between the English &
Spanish is the most gallant
during the war -

- That - Allum the present
Emperor of Delhi it is said
applied to the English for pro-
tection against the Rohilla Chief
who ~~was~~ treated him so bar-
barously, and was refused at
least more of the night bearing
contentments ~~and~~ ^{sent} any assistance

Calcutta 1794

Monday 19 June

- Sent the lottery ticket to the Bank - said to be a blank
- nos 2193, 2197 in the Prades System Lottery Blanks
- nos 2109, & 2190 undrawn
- This days paper contains the Spanish Declaration one of the best state papers I have ever read
- with Mr. Fairlie

By 1792

Tuesday 20 June

- This morning the Company's Barge went down to receive Lord Cornwallis
- The report from the Bank respecting my lottery ticket yesterday turns out out to be false, the ticket is after all a prize of 150 £ Rupees
- with Mr. Fairlie
- Mr. Holland has found his blank a prize also

1797

Wednesday 21 June

- B. with Mr. F.

+ Mr. Fox's speech on the
King's Message, the most
violent and I think the most
ill timed of any ever deliver'd
in that house -

- with Mr. Faulkner

- The fish fish are now in
great abundance, they make
their appearance a few days
before the rains -

1797

Thursday 22 June

B. with Mr. F.

+ It is said that the forging
of the indorsement of a bill
is not felony, tho' that of the
bill itself is -

+ with Mr. Taylor - Mr. D. -
Pickney -

- Mr. Duncanson in the evening -

Calcutta
Friday 23 June 1797

B. at Mr. Faulkner -

looked at some Indigo which
has been refined by Mr. Birch -
said to have been dissolved without
pounding the cakes -

Mr. Birch thinks the plan
will succeed -

- with Mr. Faulkner.

- a report of Admiral
Colpoys having captured

French ships of the line
with a great number of
transports on their return
to Pondicherry -

- 1797 -
Saturday 24 June

Report concerning Colpoys
victory seems to loose ground
- with Mr. Dick -

+ In search of the Ladies Magazine

+ It is said that Mr. G. of
has made by his salt agency
eight or nine Lacs of Rupees
and this is as many years
- gone how can this be possible

without depending the Company
+ Notedays - Mr. John the

Baptist - His works chiefly
bad rockets sent up for almost
every Portuguese house of note
in town, also for two or three
days past -

th 1797

Sunday 25 June

After breakfast went with
 Mr. F. to see Mr. Taylor's
 mineral pictures -
 - This morning the Indra taken
 up by Government dropped
 down the river -
 - Lord Cornwallis a bad
 rider - anecdote of his Lord^{ship}
 and Mr. Barlow -
 - returned Mr. Mabini sub-
 scription book -

Monday 26 June

Returned to Mr. Lambert
 the Agent Acting - A
 letter from Robt. Armstrong
 Madras - He remains here
 - with Mr. Deane -
 - Gr. who resided
 many years at Aleppo -

1797

Tuesday 27 June

B. with Mr. Foley

The lower class of Bengalis
very seldom refer any disputes
to arbitration, quite want
of confidence. — The higher
orders frequently choose referees
— Referees not to be chosen
in the Custom house at
Calcutta, so Mr. F. Shanks
— Henry has got all the
skills to make for Govt
might not I have had
the contract

1797

Wednesday 28 June

B. with Th. F. after
break in Mr. F. respecting
the books — Buy