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## Diary of George Folliot

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### **Diary of George Folliot :- 1765 -66 EHC /67/ HR**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 1765

Lieut. James Wilson Came to see me; went to Change, thence to N. Exa<sup>a</sup> C. House, and dined with Capt. McBride & Co. Mr Knox and I Ifet [ sic ] that about 9 , to see Lec<sup>te</sup> on heads (1) and home at 12 o'clock.

**On the 28<sup>th</sup>, the diarist, accompanied by Capt. McBride, took post chaise down to Dartford where he boarded the ship ` Jason`, 43 guns, slept on board, and on the day Following proceeded down to Sheerness,**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September 1765

Breakfasted at Sheerness, walked round the Garison, [ sic] and proceeded about 10 o'clock **in** Governors Yacht for Chatham, where arrived half past one, after severe weather, raining and blowing hard the very passage, Dined at the Sun, and Sett [ sic ] out on Tided coach half past six for Gravesend ; got there about 9 / Went on board Gravesend boat at 10 and arrived after one; got to my lodgings threequarters past one in y<sup>e</sup> Morning/ This stage boat a very shocking way of Travelling; however; had an opportunity of seeing that the lower kind of English are the most Brutal People I have ever met with, being rude beyond all measure and totally incapable of bearing any sort of Civil Treatment.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1765

Dined at Chophouse with Sir James Jay, and dressed my Teeth for which paid him and powders for the teeth £1.1. Paid my Washerwoman the three washings in full .  
Went to bed about one O`Clock.

**(1) A skit upon the reigning follies of the day, in a series of characterizations, delivered in monologue form by George Alexander Stevens, who is said to have amassed over £10,000 by his lectures here and in America; subsequently published in book form.**

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Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Mr Evory & Sir Jas. Breakfasted with me; packed up my Red Trunk, with the following Cloaths, viz.

1 Green Coat & Vest  
1 blew Embroidered Coat & Vest  
1 bloom Coat, vest and 2 pair breeches  
1 Green laced silk vest  
1 blew laced silk vest  
1 brown coat & vest  
10 pair white worsted hose  
6 pair blk ditto  
6 pairs brown thread hose  
4 pairs white silk ditto  
4 pair figured silk ditto  
4 pair spun white silk ditto  
9 pair blk silk ditto  
6 pair white under thread ditto  
1 pair white silk gloves  
5 pair worsted socks  
5 pair thread ditto  
3 silk handk<sup>s</sup>  
3 Camb<sup>k</sup> do.  
1 Cotton do.  
3 pairs silk breeches  
2 pair everlasting ditto  
5 pair worsted ditto  
18 Ruff<sup>d</sup> shirts  
8 Cravats & 8 stocks  
A whip and pair of silvered spurs

Packed also in my Black Trunk

1 blew coat and vest laced  
3 pairs flannel drawers  
1 Stript vest  
1 Nankeen vest  
4 Ruffled  
4 plain shirts  
2 pair laced ruffles  
8 stocks  
1 white coat & scarlet laced vest  
4 pairs of gloves, 4 pair of shoes

1 pair linen drawers  
1 pair velvet. 1 d<sup>o</sup> Everl<sup>G</sup> and 1 d<sup>o</sup> Worsted breeches  
2 Worsted breeches Patterns  
1 pair Pinchbeck & Sett Mourning Buckles  
All my books and pamphlets  
1 pair Pistols &c A pair of Sett Buckles  
2 pair white Ribed silk hose  
1 pair col<sup>d</sup> ditto  
2 pair boots

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Captain Chambers breakfasted with me; wrote Memorial for Mr. Evory to lay before Postm<sup>r</sup> General, then to Mr. Pugets who informed me it was my Lord Rockingham`s desire, that I should wait on his Lordship, who received very politely, talked over some of the American Affaires, the Stamp Act, late riots in Boston, &c, also the probability of Raising a Duty on Molosses if at 1d. p. Gall, that of 3d. being too high. (1)  
After about ½ an hours Chat, Mr. Dowdswell came in, whoalso asked some questions, but particularly about the Riots; is much more Reserved than his Lordship; both desirous of knowing the Quan<sup>y</sup> of Molosses which might be expected to be imported. Mr. also came in; the intention of the this meeting seemed to be owing to a desire of Intelligence concerning the disturbances in Boston.

**(1) Rockinham`s ministry succeeded Granville`s on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1765. and was in turn succeeded on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 1766 by the Grafton – Chatham ministry. The donoxious Stamp Act respecting the 13 colonies, was passed March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1765 and repeated March 11<sup>th</sup>, 1766. `Late Riots` of course, refers to the Boston Tea Party.**

His Lordship observed that the Colon<sup>s</sup> were,abused by their Agents and chiefly owing to their allowances as well as want of integrity.  
After staying about 2 hours, retired at ½ before 9 - drove to Antwerp [ Coffee House] and spent the evening at the Club, and home at one.

Saturday 12 October 1765

Mr. Evory breakfasted with me, thence to Mr. Puget and paid him for book Dignity of Hum: Nature. Dined with Mr. Macky at Beef Stakes , thence with Mr. Watson to C. Garden playhouse, and saw Maid of the Mill, with the Knights. (1)  
Major Roberts, who I saw at the Beef Stakes, (2) promises call on me on Tuesday 6 in the evening to pay £300. Thence to N.Cork Coffee House with Mr. Watson drank punch, home and to bed ½ after 12.

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Breakfasted at home. Mr. Evory came soon after, and made some Calculations with him about Contract for Supply of Men of War at New York, which find worth Notice.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Resolve to discharge my servant tomorrow.

Sunday [ sic ] 15<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Breakfasted at home. Settled with my servant Edward Cronon,  
viz

Wages from 3 <sup>rd</sup> September till this day 21/- per month	1. 7. 8.
Board wages from 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept/ till the 14 <sup>th</sup> Inst. @ 1/-	18. 0
Bread, milk butter etc.	2. 2
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	2. 7. 10
Gave said Cronon	10.6

**(1) The Maid of the Mill an opera by Isaac Bickerstaffe; was founded on Richanson`s Pamela, and was produced at Covent Garden in January 1763. The Knights was one of Foote`s comedies, Drury Lane 1754**

**(2) Then Beefsteak club was founded in the reign of Queen Anne. Greatmnames figure in the record of its members, including Hogarth & Garrick. Folllott patronised a number of coffee houses and clubs. Coffee houses were losing their popularity, but were still frequented for the newspapers which were available there, tending thereby to fall into line with the Clubs which were now all the rage**

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Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Dined with Mr. Knox and home at six to meet Major Rogers- waited till near or about ½ after seven, when he came, and brought a Mr.& Mrs. Culloch with him. I found by his discourse that he wanted to impose in making me believe he intends to pay part of his Bond here, wich I signified to him, and told him, that all Treaty should now cease, then he left me very Abruptly.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Captain Duval breakfasted with me. Mr,Evory called afterwards and I wrote a Petition for

him to the Lords Justices of Ireland, to grant him privileges to have 20 Tons of Copper Coined, for Ireland; made a calculation.

There follows an involved calculation at some length which reveals the interesting information that ` One pound Avordupois is to be Coined into 52 halfpence, or 2/2 `Irish money` and that a profit per ton of £17. 3s. `save `interest ` is possible on this exploitation of yet one more of Ireland`s grievances.

Calculation of Molosses Imported into the British Northern Colonies viz.

On a moderate Estimate Annually about 33000 hhds (hogshead) Molosses & in the following proportions nearly:

Masschts. M.Hamp: and to the Eastward	14000	
Rhode Island	7000	
N.York & Connecticut	6000	
Pensilva. & the Southern Colonies	6000	
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	hhds	33000
of which suppose Jam <sup>a</sup> with an inconsiderable number for Eng; Win <sup>d</sup> supplys		6,500
St. Domingo might produce 60,000 but supplys only about		17,000
Martinique Guadpe might yield 20,000 but supply via Statis & Danish Islands		2,500
Berbicuis, Demararie, Surinam, Desaquibo, Dutch Settlements near Oronoque		7000
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	hhds	33,000

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These Calculations are made supposing the Trade carried on, as before the late Acts of Parliament took place in America, since which Importation greatly lessened by the high Duty &c.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Breakfasted at home, thence to Mr. Pugets, thence to Mr. Thoresby, who thought he could not take attachment against Rogers that day , as the office was shut.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Breakfasted a home, went to Mr.Pugets who is still doing all in his power for me in certain affairs.

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Captain Chambers breakfasted with me; soon after received a Note from Major Rogers, desiring to see Mr.Allan & me. To give his Agent Security for his Debts. Went to Change, saw Mr.Allen, who told me, he had made another summons, then saw Mr.Kelly, who

indeavoured artfully to insinuate he was doing me Service, in Roger`s Affair, and informed me he had been Arrested, that the Party took Roger`s order on his Agent Mr. Hamit and recommended to come in Second. Concerted Artifice I immediately saw through, and put a surer shark upon Mr. K. Mr. Allen and I are to meet at his house Saturday morning and thence to Rogers.

Dined at Kings Arms with Mr. Macky, supped at Mr. Pugets who is in the Gout, and home ¾ past 11 – found a letter from Captain Duval, requesting certain matters – refused.

Saturday 26<sup>TH</sup> October 1765

Breakfasted with Mr. Allen. Thence with him to Major Rogers, who we find has given an irreverable Power of Att<sup>ty</sup> to Mr. Hamit to receive his money of the Treasury, and who he proposed shall pay his C<sup>ts</sup> when he shall receive the same. I have Rejected coming in upon such terms, not being thoroughly Acquainted with Mr. H<sup>s</sup> circumstances &c to enable him to get my money into his hands.

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Paid Sally the maid Sundrys she laid out for me, including 2/11<sup>1/2</sup> she paid the washwoman last 5s6<sup>1/2</sup>

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Dined at Mr Knoxes, where shaw [ sic] Mr. caffarini, who proposes his brother who lives at Dominique to doe[sic] some business with us at New York; am to think of this & c.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 1765

Breakfasted at N.York Coff: House, thence to Mr. Pugets, who sent for me about examining a person who forged Bills on him to am<sup>t</sup> £1900, who he expected about 11; Waited till near one; he did not come; thence home, where I found Mr.Evon had been and desired I would follow him to the Victualling Office. I did so, and waited with him there , till three when Com<sup>rs</sup> told him Security must be given to take the N.York Contract, at the prices given in, ere they could give Notice, which is to be done; thence with him to caviac`s and dined, thence to Mr. Pugets about 5, where learned the Above Forgerer had come about 4, and was then before Lord Mayor. Stayed until return of Clerks, who said he gave bad Account of himself, his name being John Wilson, and they did Suppose him the real Felon as he would not discover any accomplice; was sent to Newgate.

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1765

Breakfasted at home, Mr.Porter my Taylor called, and sold him my

Light blew coat vest @ £2.7.0.

Black gray Coat & Vest 2.7.0.

Said Porter is to make me a Frock Suite of Mourning compleat, of

dark Gray Cloth @

6.6.0.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 1765

To bed at 12- Slept very poorly

Thursday Breakfasted at home, dined with Mr. Knox and spent te Evening at Mr. Pugets; home at 12 to bed. Note that this morning was awakened by noise of Fire, which happened

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in Cornhill, broke out about 4 O`clock and burned very furiously, and seemed to Spread all around; packed up my Clothing to be moved in case of need, and then went to Mr. Puget`s about ½ after 6. Found him prepared ; staid some time with him. There were about houses consumed, and the fire did not abate until 11 O`clock.

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 1765

Breakfasted at home, thence to Cross Keys in Wood Street, where took a seat in post Coach for Bristol and paid ½ fare – 15.0 d., thence to Mr. Mackys and Mr. Knoxs and came home at 11 A.M.

Paid my Barber in full,	dress	10.0	
	Ribon & Soap	1.0	
	Present to boy	1.6	12.6
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Pd. Mrs. Houses, Bill, vizt			
13 weeks 3 ds. Lodg	@ 24/ pd	16. 1.0.	
40 Tubs of Coal	9d.	1. 10.0	
12lb. Candles	8d.	8.0	
Pd. Porter		1.0	
Captain Duval`s Lodging		1. 4.0	19. 4. 0

Left with Mrs. House

- 2 Trunks with cloathing
- 1 hatt Gold button and loop and hat case
- 1 laced hattand hatcase
- 2pair of boots
- my silver mounted sword, belt and sword knot
- a flannel nightgown

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 1765

Went to bed ½ after 2, and arose ¾ past 4<sup>th</sup>, dressed, paid



the Maid Sund<sup>s</sup> full

8.

Gave her a present

9.10.

10.6

Thence to the Bolt and Ton-Inn in Fleet Street, the Coach I gave earnest for having stopt there; gave the remainder of the Fare for my Carriage to Bristol 15s.0. and got into the coach ½ past six and proceeded to Staines 18 miles, breakfasted at Dowkers; thence to Bagshot 10 miles, changed horses, thence to Demerys, Hartford Bridge, 10 miles, blowed horses, thence to Basingstoke 10 miles, dined at Watt`s

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at the Crown, changed horses, thence to Overton 8 miles, blowed horses, thence to Andover 10 miles, where stopped and to bed at ½ past nine.

**The diarist duly arrived at Bristol at half past nine of the following evening, `supped alone the George in Castle Street, Bristol, and to bed there about 11 O`clock. Inserted loosely in the diary is a contemporary advertisement sheet, unfortunately incomplete, which runs as follows:**

**The BRISTOL and BATH;  
POST COACHES**

**In the newest & most genteel Taste  
With a Careful Coachman, a Postillion, and Four able Horses.**

**SET out from the George, in Castle Street, Bristol, and the Bolton and Tun-Inn, in Fleet Street, London, at half an Hour Past five O`clock in the morning, every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, and FRIDAY: returns to the above Inns every TUESDAY, THURSDAY, and SATURDAY in the evening. The fare to and from London, Three pence per mile each passenger; other parts of the Road in Proportion: Children in Lap half price. Half the Fare to be paid at booking the Places, the Remainder at entering the Coach. Long Passengers allowed 14lb. Luggage, all above from Bristol Two-pence per lb: from Bath Three Half Pence: small parcels 1s.  
Books kept, Places taken and parcels received at the George, in Castle Street, Bristol; the Globe Inn, in Bath; The Bolt and Tun-Inn, in Fleet Street, and the Yorkshire Grey, opposite Burlington Build.....(remainder of bill torn away.)**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November 1765

Breakfasted at Spans, walked with Mr. Hayesthrough the town and to church, now furnishing in the Gothick stile. Dined at Mr. Bonbonous`s, thence to the Assembly, price 3/- a Noble spacious room and good musick; the company made a genteel, pretty appearance. Saw Ald<sup>n</sup> La Roche there, who has engaged me for Dinner on Thursday next. Home ½ after 10.

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1765

Walked out in the morning to Clifton Hill; saw Coll Drapers Improvement, called on Mr. &

Mrs. Walkers, not at home : saw also Mr. Goldnays Improvements, which are elegant and striking; his grotto and all the other improvements would

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Require more Room for the Quan<sup>y</sup> of shells and works &c. Dined by invitation Of MR/ Wm. Jones at Club at the Nags Head. Supped with Mr. Hayes at Coz<sup>n</sup> Moores.

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 26<sup>th</sup> November 1765

Dined at Spans & sett out at 3 for Bath ; got to White Lyon there at 5; met Dr. Deball & Mr.Casmajor; we all went to the Ball, half after 6, where we saw a great number of Nobility and Gentry. Lounged about and saw Coz<sup>n</sup> Moore himselfe. Return at 11 to Lodgings.

**\*the usual round of visits were made, including the Pump Room and `the Lady Huntingdons Chapell, which is elegantly neat` (1) The diarist returnsd to Bristol on the 28<sup>th</sup> November and set forth thence for London on 2<sup>nd</sup> Deember, arriving there on the day following.**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 1765

Sett out from Bath in Post Coach from White Lion ½ after 7 in the morning.

\* ( The diarist remained overnight at Newbury, and arrived in London at ½ after 5 on the following day.)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1765

Went to Mrs. House`s; no rooms for me. Supped at Mr. Knoxes, lay at N.Y. Coff.House. Memorandum: forgot my bunch of Keys at Newbury.

4<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Nothing particular. Dined at Mr. Knoxes, Supped at the Antwerp Club; voted me president next Wednesday, and rec`d for the use of the Club 5/3d.

6<sup>th</sup> December 1765

To Mr. Macys – talked about the contract for supplying Ships at New York; dined with him at Boars Head.

N.B. have omitted in Acco`t of my Journey from Bath, a Receipt for Polishing Mahogany, therefore:

\*Edward Hall`s own note

(1) Selina Hastings, Countees of Huntingdon, (1707- 1791) was `converted during the early part of her married life by her sister-in –law, and identified herself for the rest of her life with the Methodists, forming her own connection and establishing chapels.

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A RECEIPT FOR POLISHING MAHOGONY.

Four pennyworth of Alkennet Root, Twopennyworth of Rose Pink, a Pint of Cold drawn Aniseed Oil, mixed in an Earthen Pan; let it stand all night, then rub some of it over your table, with a linnen rag, and when it hath laid some time, rub it off with a clean linen rag

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Breakfasted at home, went to Mr. Mackys, a wrote proposals to Com<sup>rs</sup> of the Victually Office, for N.Y Contract viz.

Bread	12/- p.c <sup>t</sup>
Beer	42/- P.ton
Rum	2/6 per gallon
Beef	9d pr 4lb. each
Pork	6 1/2d d <sup>o</sup> 2lb each
Pease )	2/4d per bush <sup>ll</sup>
Oatmeal )	
Butter	6d. per lb.
Cheese	3d. per lb.
Vinegar	6d. per lb

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Dined at Mr. Pugets where received my letters per Davis from N.York. giving account of Riots there (1) ; very distressing, and spent the evening at home alone. To bed at 12.

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Breakfasted at home and gave to be washed

7 shirts @ d.	1. 9.
6 stock	3.
1 pair white wors <sup>t</sup> hose )	3.
1 paiold silk do. )	
2 silk handk. )	1 1/2
1 Camb <sup>k</sup> do )	
1 Flannel vest	6.
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	2 10 1/2.

Thence to Victualling Office and found Mr.Riddell had Contracted for supplying sea provisions at New York; thence to Change, dined with Mr. Neave; thence to Mr. Pugets; got my letters and Packet, which relieves Anxiety about Friends in N.Y.

(1) In connection with the Stamp Act.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Breakfasted at home, went to Westminster to see the King goe to Parliament &c. &c. Home at 11.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Changed my Lodgings to Mrs.Houses, and home at 11 O`clock.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 1765

Rested very badly last night; lay till 11, breakfasted at home. Dined and staid at home all day, to bed at 12. Slept very indifferently.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

Brakfasted at home. Dined and spent evening at Mr. Pugets and home at 2 O`clock morning, a late hour, but the company very agreeable.

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Breakfasted at home; paid the Phis<sup>n</sup> who attended me in my illness - £5.5. Dined at Kings Arms with Mr. Macky, bought and paid for a pair of gloves – 5.0

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 1765

Sett out from the Swan and two Necks with Mr. Holinshead of Liverpool, at 12 o`clock, for Chester; got to Torchester that night at 9 o`clock. Supped there and to bed at 12.

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Deember 1765

Got into the chaise at 7 in the morning; pssed on without any Material Occurance to Litchfield, where we arrived at 3. Put up at the Swan; took a snack of cold meat. My gloves were stole from me here in the Kitchin, which detained us an hour, which has given me a dislike to that house, as well as their sending us too long a stage, viz, 17 miles to the Dog & Duck, whereas we should have stopped Oxlybridge 7 miles, which would have carried us by proper Short Stages, to Chester that night , but we got no further than Nantwich, and that at 12 O`clock.

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Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 1765

Sett out from N:Wich at 9, breakfasted at                      & got to Chester at 12; put up at Mrs. Kings, and settled the charges of our journey, which amounted to four and a half guineas each - £4.14.6. Dined with my Brother, supped at Mr Duvals, and home at 12.

Visits to friends, and evenings at `the Gang Club`, another at the `Card Assembly` and a day at home `not being very well` - agreeably diversified

The visit until:-

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Sett out with Mr. Harwood (1) and Jan.F.(his brother) ,to see Mr. Harrisona Scollm<sup>r</sup> for J.C.Prosser (2), got there at 11 to the Bear Paw, and good house, and sent for Mr.Harrison. Not at home; his wife sent for him, about 2 miles; he did not come. We dined and home again at 5 o`clock; paid chaise &c. 19s.0d.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted at home, gave to be washed

11 Ruffled )	Shirts	3.0d
1 Plain )		
6 new )	Stocks	6d
6 old )		
3 silk )	Hand <sup>ff</sup>	2 <sup>1/2</sup> d
1 Cam <sup>b</sup> )		
1 night )		
2 pairs )	Hose	3d
1 pair und <sup>r</sup> worsted )		
1 pair drawers		1d
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		4 <sup>s</sup> .o. <sup>1/2</sup>

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 1766U

Breakfasted at home, packed my trunk with same as bought. And own and some others out of the Cloaths Case, and Johnson`s Dictionary, Lucas on Happyness, and Sherlock on Deaths, &c. Corded and sent per Waggon, which puts up at the Blossam Inn, L: Lane. London.

(1) The Revd. Edward Harwood was instituted rector of Thornton-Le-Moors, September 1733. His daughter Katherine who became the wife of James Folliott, died in March 1764. James Folliott died in December 1790, at Eaton Hall, and his remains were deposited in the chancel of the church at Congleton.

(2) Nephew of James Folliott.

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Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted and dined at home. Spent the evening at the Pamphlet Club and home at 1/2 past 11 o`clock

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted at home, dined at Mrs. Duvals, drank Tea and played cards at the Assembly ( This day Jamy Prosser went to board and be schooled at Mr. Harrison`s at Frodsham, 14 g<sup>s</sup> p. Ann<sup>o.</sup>(1)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted and dined at home; drunk tea also and played cards there, with Mr. Robert and Mr. Thomas Henchmen. Supped also, were very cheerful, parted at 12.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted and dined at home; went to the Abby prayers in the evening; the service as observed before, is here Chaunted.

**\* During the course of the Diarist`s visit, he made many purchases of books at auctions, booksellers and through the agency of friends. These, along with others contributed by his brother, were despatched to New York a total of 120 volumes of very various matter, including sets of the classical authors, theological works, travels, collections of essays in the style of the Spectator, Adventurer. Etc. poetry, and such curious items as Carew`s History of Beggars and The Devil on Two Sticks.**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Left with Mr. Brother copy of my partnership Agreement, and Capt. Matthews`s Accounts, which I brought from New York.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Went to the Assembly and danced with Miss Lucy Townsend. Home after 12.

(1) See entry under 10<sup>th</sup> March 1766

\* Edward Hall`s note.

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Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Dined with the Book Club at Talbot. 20 in company, a Handsome dinner. Bill called at 5; Club 2/9 each (brother treated me) - This shows the Frugality as well as the Sociableness of these gentlemen, in whose company was very happy. The sale of their last years books, began at 6 o`clock, I bought and paid as follows:-

1 Vol. Hist. Rob.Hood Society	1.0.
1 do. Liverpool Form of Prayer	1.10.
3 “ Hist. Incinda Courtney	5. 7.
2 “ “ of Amusements at C:Spa	2. 2.
1 “ Dr Reids Eng. Hum . Understanding	3. 0.
2 “ Reverie	2. 6.
1 “ Pownals Regul <sup>n</sup> of y <sup>e</sup> Colonies	7.
1 “ “ Admin <sup>n</sup> “ “	1. 8.
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14 vols	£1 .0.10.
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Drank tea and supped there, club again, only 1/6. Home after one

Wednes day 29<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Breakfasted at home; paid the Barber	9.0.
Mattock, 1 pair Goloshoes	3.6.
“ Soling shoes	1.6.
My seat in Machine (1)	2,5.0.
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	£2.19.0

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 1766

Sett out in the Machine from Chester for London at two in the morning, breakfasted at Nantwich, dined at Eccles-hill, and got to Lichfield about six in the evening, supped and to bed at 9.

\* **The Diarist reached Stoney Stratford in the evening of the following day , where he purchased some yards of lace for his wife. He arrived at London 4 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> February, `my expenses on y<sup>e</sup> road being £1.2.0.**

**On the 7<sup>th</sup> of this month, he received of John Puget Esq. for my own particular account one hundred Guineas which is a fair indication of his business standing. He renewed his acquaintance, also, with Sir James Jay `dined with him at the Chop Ho; stalked over his Collidge Affairs`, and performed the usual round visits and business contacts.**

**(1) The coaches were styled `Flying Machines`**

**\* Edward Hall`s note**

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Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 1766

Breakfasted at home, thence to Mr.Pugit`s. and with him to Crespiguys about appeal for charming Polly – thence to Morson and Hevinson, Sold them Mr.Harwood`s Plate, and bought a Cheese Toaster for same, as will be mentioned hereafter; bought an ear Trumpet for Mrs.Harwood, 4.6d. Dined at Mr. Boyd`s, to N.York Coff. Ho. Home at 10. Wrote to S.Span Condol<sup>s</sup> loss of his Son.

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1766

Dined at Mr.Johnsons, with Mrs.Machy and Benson. Went afterwards with do. To the Oratorio of Alexanders Feast, (1) where saw King & Queen &c.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1766

Capt. Chambers breakfasted with me; Dined with Mr.Battersby Bought of a Hawker at N.Y.Coffee house six diaper night caps, for which paid 5.0. Drank tea and spent the evening at Mr.Knoxes; wrote to my brother at Chester p.post: and mentioned Division of the Ho. Commons on the repeal of the viz.

For repeal	275	
Against	<u>167</u>	109 Majority

**\*There follows records of more book purchases, including the sum of £23.5s. paid for `books of Accounts`. The Diarist seems to have been gien a roving commission on behalf of his New York connections. On the 4<sup>th</sup> of March he received a further sum of £10. 5 from Mr. Puget for his own use.**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Wrote to my brother and sent him above account and advised that the box goes off tomorrow`s Waggon from Laurence Lane, and has in it, Mr.Ned Harwood`s Arms, (2) and Ear Trumpet.

**(1) An Ode of Handel`s set to Dryden`s words. First performed at Covent Garden, Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1736**

**(2) The inscription in the Church at St. Helen, or St.Mary, Thornton-Le-Moors, to the memory of various members of the Harwood family, bears the Harwood arms above it: Crest: On an esquire`s helm, a lion rampant, per pale argent and Gules, (Folliott). Arms: Gules, a band Argent (Folliott) impaling, Or a chevron Gules between three stags` heads,cabossed sable (Harwood)**

**\*Edw Hall`s note**

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For Mrs.Harwood, both presents from me; desired he would get Wm.Prossor,out of the Army and cloath himat my expence, and engaged to pay him Schooling and cloathing for Jamy Geo. Prossor.

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Breakfasted at Mr. Puget`s, thence with him in his Post Chaise to Richmond; dined together at the Star and Garter: Went and returned to the Surry Side, a most pleasant Country. Returned at 8.

**About this time he must have been busily employed packing his various purchases for friends in New York. The first cask (marked G.F.no.1} contained kitchen utensils, including a water dish, fish plates a cullender, and 12 gross of corks. Another box contained a Jack complete with spits and a tinned basket Voider. Trunk No.4 held a very miscellaneous collection of household stuff, including bellows. Brushes (including one for the flesh), blacking balls, 12 cylinder lamps and several yards of painted Cloath. The three other trunks diaposd of the huge accumulation of books, some of the titles of which make rather curios reading – Pamela in high life. Prostitutes of Quality, School of Women, School of Wives, Accomplished woman, etc. Metriculous to a degree, he details the cost of the cordage and nailsfor the various trunks.**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 1766

Capt. Richards signed bills of lading for the foregoing goods and pair of venetian window blinds.

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March 1766

Mr.Anderson sent the venetian window blinds and over- charged me 4d per foot, viz 16d. whereas I agreed for 12d. therefore returned them and resolve to have no more dealings with him; he lives in Fenchurch Street.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1766

Breakfasted at Mr.Puget`s, with him to Mr.Doudswell, and conversed on the Am<sup>a</sup> Trade; find him attached to the Agreement made bvetwix West India and North American Merchants and making a Free Port.



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Went to N.Y.Coff. House, saw Geo. Campbell (Lieut.) distressed and lent him five guineas, which he promised to pay next week. £2.2.0

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Maidenhead After breakfast, walked to Bray, thence to the D,Marlbro<sup>s</sup> Island in the Thames, where is an elegant Summer House.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Maidenhead After breakfast went with Mr. Puget and Mr. Kensington to Windsor Forest; saw the Duke`s Lodge and improvements, the latter very grand and Expensive, having formed even rivers, as well as Obelisks &c. to add to the Grandeur of this Forest.

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1766

Wrote to James Clements, Sam Span, by Brother and to Robert Alexander under cover to latter about my lost Shirt and stock, which washerwoman says he has.

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 1766

Dined at King`s Arms with Mr. Macky. Bought a Sett of Instruments for cleansing Teeth 3s.0d.

Tuesday 22 April 1766

Bo<sup>t</sup> of James Bryant, corner St.Pauls Church yard, a nest of red trunks, and paid £1.7.s0.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Breakfasted with Mr. Haliday. Received of Mr.John Puget Two hundred and Sixty two pounds, 10/-sterling, my own particular Account £262.10s.0d.

Dined at Chop House

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Breakfasted at home, paid Jos. Hodgskin for 8 Setts of Pinchbeck Buck<sup>s</sup> 2/6 pr. £1.0.0

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Breakfasted at home; went on board the Hope, saw Capt. Davis, and engaged the Larb<sup>d</sup> State Room.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 1766

Breakfasted at home, dined at Mr.Porters, thence to Swan and 2 necks, met my brother, with whom I spent the evening at the King`s Arms Club and home at one, and to bed.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1766

Breakfasted at home, paid Briscoe and Morrison, Cheapside, for Plate per account

£93. 5.1

Pd James Ayscough Optician in Ludgate St.		
For a Telescope	2.5.0	
a Microscope	2.5.0	5.10.0
Pd Ab <sup>m</sup> Hensly, Cheapside, for a Glass and		
Japanned Hall Lantern and packing Case	1.5.0.	
A Ventilator	4.0	1. 9.0
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		£98. 4 .1

Dined and spent evening at Mr. Puget`s, home at 11 to bed having also paid Sally for Sundrys laid out for me since the last payment  
17.2

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£99. 1. 3

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Dined at Mr. Puget`s; spent evening at Dollys, where carried Mr. Dick of Dub : Home at 12.

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Breakfasted at home; went to Westminster Abbey with Mrs. & Miss Knox, where Spent three hours viewing the Monuments &c, walked in the Park, thence to dine at Mr. Knox`s . Spent evening at N.Y. Coff.Ho. Home at 11 and to bed.

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 1766

Breakfasted at home. went with my brother to Greenwich, saw Cox, Wm.Wallis, who dined with us at the Greyhound, walked through Park and Hospital, which is most Eloquent, saw the Painted Hall, which is Superb; returned by Water. Spent the evening at the club in k<sup>s</sup> Arms; home at 12 and to bed.

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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1766

Paid Briscoe and Morrison for 6 small spoons, sent to my	
Brother`s and Sister`s children at Ch <sup>r</sup>	£1.18.8
Sage & Turner ,for a bonnet to Davy	5.6
R <sup>d</sup> Clarke, for a Watch &c to Will	5.6
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	£2. 9.8.

Gave my brother my cane

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Paid George Kearsley for	
1000 book tickets with myname	12.0.
300 visiting tickets	4.6.
1 Vol, Curiosities of London & Westminster	2.6.
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19. 0.

James Timm, for

a Portuguese Cloak	1. 7. 0.	
a Sword,Belt	4. 6	1.11. 6
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		2. 10. 6

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Paid Thomas Sainsbury for

10lb. Oroonoka Tobacco	16d	13. 4	
3lb. Strab: Rappee (1)		<u>9. 0</u>	<u>1. 2. 4</u>

**\* Meanwhile the diarist made many additional purchases, preparatory to departing for New York, and he now set about the involved and business of packing. The English diary, ceases prior to the date of his departure, but there is evidence in the American diary of his being resident in New York in the following Feb. He certainly did not travel light.**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 1766

Breakfasted at home, where spent the whole day in packing up my cloths. &c viz. Packed in Red Trunk which I sent per Capt. Purchase to Falmouth:

- 1 Bloom coat & Vest & 2 pair breeches
- 1 Blew Coat & Vest Embroid.
- 1 Black do do plain
- 1 Gray do do Embroid.
- 1 Green do do Plain
- 1 Green silk vest laced
- 2 pair blk Everlg Breeches
- 2 “ silk do.

\* Edw. Hall`s note (1) Snuff

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- 1 pair do Cloth Breeches
- 1 pair do Manr. Velvet do
- 2 do do Worsted do
- 10 do White worsted Hose
- 3 Cott. & silk )
- 7 “ ) Hand.<sup>ffs</sup>
- 4 Cambrick & )
- 2 Linnen )
- 1 pair white silk gloves





2 do. Germ: Spa  
 1 do. Robin Hood Society  
 2 do. Reverie  
 1 do. Church Sermons  
 1 do. Gardners Calendar  
 2 do. Lucas on Happiness  
 1 do. Curios<sup>s</sup> of London  
 2 do. Hamptons Polybius  
 1 do. Lawsons Sermons  
 1 do. Philos Dictionary Voltaire  
 1 do. Watsons and Eng: Registry 1766  
 1 do. Quins Life and Jests  
 1 do. Oxford Guide  
 1 do. Regulation of Colon<sup>s</sup> by Pown  
 1 do. Repeal of St: Act  
 2 Mem<sup>m</sup> Books

Packed in a small box

- (1) A receptacle to contain the stakes
- (2) A low round stand for a decanter.
- (3) A curious novel, featuring the Monks of Medmenham,  
 of ill-fame. Its full title is Chyrstal, or the Adventures of a Guinea.

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1 Vol. Warners Hist: of Ireland  
 1 do. Dign<sup>y</sup> of Hum: Nature  
 2 do. Johnsons Dictionary Abridged  
 2 do. Derhams Phis<sup>o</sup> Theology  
 1 do. Dr Reeds Enquiry  
 1 do. Pownals Adm<sup>n</sup> Colon<sup>s</sup>  
 1 do. Sherlock on Death  
 1 do. Liverpool Prayer  
 1 do. Philo<sup>l</sup> Hist: by Voltaire  
 1 do. Freedom of Speech and Writing, by Dummer  
 1 pair Gloshoes  
 1 pair Sing: Chan<sup>d</sup> and 1 pair Turned Pumps  
 3 pair new and 1 pair old shoes  
 1 pair new and 1 pair old boots  
 6lb pins @ 2/4d. for Mrs. F.  
 3 pairs H<sup>s</sup> ribbon from Sage and Turner  
 A pair Lea<sup>f</sup> straps for Port: Manteau

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1766

Breakfasted at home; dined at Ks. Arms with Mr. Macky, Shipt on board the Duke of Cornwall, Capt. Purchase, for Falmo:

One Red Trunk with Sund<sup>s</sup> p. 29<sup>th</sup> ulto.  
 One Truss, 2 Matresses and 10 lb. Tobo. And 3lb. snuff  
 One Red Trunk with Books p. 30<sup>th</sup> May  
 One do do nest of seven  
 One box p. opposite side  
 One box, sealed with Laced and 2 plain hats  
 One Fusee and Cover  
 One Bund: fishing rods and ratt, cain

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1766

Signed and sealed a power of Att<sup>y</sup> this day to David Roberts of Antigua, to recover of Capt. Amos and all others his Suretys, my ¼ Brig<sup>a</sup> Neptune and her Cargoe, carried by said Amos into Tortole, Gave this day to Capt. Christopher Durn. Of the draper of Dub a silver Filigred Pool dish for Mrs. McBride, a present took no receipt/ Gave also to Capt. Benj Davis, of the Hope of N.York, a Round paper box, containing a Sarsnet Scarf, a Riched Laced Hatt, a Blk Silk Coat, and two hair bags – Mrs. Folliott.

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Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Breakfasted at home; dined with Mr. German, paid Mr. Robert Knox for

1 ½ doz. Claret	@ 42/ per	3. 3.0
1 doz Mad <sup>a</sup>	36/	1.16.0
½ doz Port	20/	<u>10.0</u>
		<u>5. 9. 0</u>

Paid Deshons & Perry for a Hatt & Dressing  
my Old one, per account

19.6

Shipt on Board the Hope, Capt. Benj. Davis,

G.F. No.1 Viz. Glass of Wm. Smith, High Holbourne

12 half pint Tumblers 6lb. @ 9d	4. 6.
24 finger glasses 131/¼ @ do.	9.11 ¼
24 Qu <sup>t</sup> Decanters 30	1. 2 6.
Cuttg and engraving do.	18. 0
6 Large Decanters 16 ¼	9.12.2 ¼
Cutting and engraving do.	7. 8.
12 doz. Wormed & engraved wine glasses	4.10. 0
1 doz. Long Ale glasses	10. 0.
6 doz Plain wines	1. 1. 0.
2 setts, 3 jars & 2 bakens each white Enamel, and 4 flowed horns	14. 8.
12 white bottles	2. 6.

2 flint mustard potts and spoons	2. 0.
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	10.14.11 ½
Packing & Case &c	6. 0.
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	£11, 0.11 ½

G.F. No. 2. China of Hodshon & Donaldson

16 Enam. Dishes )	
72 do. Flat plates )	
30 soup do )	
2 turennes )	
2 do dishes )	
4 sauce boats )	
4 sits )	22. 9. 0.
Chest )	6. 6.
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	22.15. 6

G.F. No. 3 from Ab<sup>m</sup> Hensley

1 glass lanthron 7 box	1. 5. 0.
1 ventilator	4. 9.
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	1. 9. 9

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G.f. No. 4 Plate &c. viz. of Thomas Gardner in Holbourn

1 Copper fish kettle 20 ¾ lb. @ 15d	1. 6. 0.
1 pair brass desk candle sticks of Thomas Swanson, Cateaton Str <sup>t</sup> 6 6lb.	4. 0.
4 4 Candlemolds 10 ½ lbs. @ 13d	11. 4 ½
2 Taper Molds of Ayscough, Ludgate Street	1. 4.
1 30 inch Telescope in a case Of Richard Clark, Cheapside	2. 5. 0.
1 doz. Pair leather coasters	1.10. 0.
2 lead tobo potts	5. 0.
2 candle shades	6. 0.
2 tea kitchens with heaters	2.18. 0.



2 boxes of ivory counters	5. 0.
6 jap <sup>d</sup> candle sticks with snuffers &c.	8. 0.
2 steel snuff stands	6. 6.
2 pairs steel snuffers	7. 6.
1 pair plated pillar candle sticks	4. 0 0.
1 Jap <sup>d</sup> . Tobo pott	2. 0.
1 gross Ivory fish	5. 0.
6 large silvered decanter corks	13. 0.
2 larger corks do	6. 8.
do do	7. 6.
1 sett, strong silver knives & forks	2. 5. 0.
1 sett deserts do	1. 6. 0.
1 pair stag handled do	16. 6.
2 pair stag and silvered carving do	18. 0.
1 Large shag <sup>n</sup> ( 1) knife case	1. 0. 0.
1 small do	19. 0.
1 doz. table ) Silver spoons 44: 16 @ 5/8	12.13.10 ½.
1 doz. dessert )	
1 Marr )	
Fash: of Tab.	14. 0.
do. Of desert	10, 0.
Do Marrow do	2. 0.
25 Crests on do (2)	6. 3.
5 Jap <sup>d</sup> . Counter Pools	8. 6.
8 diced do	5. 6.
6 Jap <sup>d</sup> . smoaking basons	10. 6.
2 shaving equipages complete	1.15. 0.
1 pair B: Gammon Tables &c.	17. 3.
6 tooth pick cases	10. 0.
2 leather powder flasks	4. 8.
6 Ivory combs	4. 6.
6 horn toupes (3) do	.1. 6.
6 box comb brushes	1. 6.
6 pair fine scissors	4. 6.
6 pair do	8. 0.
3 pair silver do	9. 0.
1 doz. fine penknives	12. 0.
1 doz. ivory knives and forks	18. 0.
1 doz. do dessert do	8. 0.
2 pair do carvers	7. 0.
1 Ebony ink stand	7. 6.
2 pair nut crackers	2. 4.
1 pair gun rings	1. 6.
1 Coff: Mill	2. 0.
2pair battle doars	3. 8.

- (1) A species of untanned, rough surfaced leather, frequently dyed green  
 (2) See note on page 20  
 93) A toupee per 25 either 2 curl or in artificial lock of hair on the top of the head:  
 sometimes the natural hair was dressed in this way.

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1 doz. Shuttle Cocks		2. 3.
1 new fashioned extinguisher		2. 9
1 plated snuff <sup>rs</sup> dish		18. 0.
1 silver instrument case		2. 0. 6.
6 do. Punch ladles		1.17. 0.
1 pin cushion box		1. 6.
6 fine hair paste pins		3. 0
1 funn do		10.
1cluster do		3. 3.
2 cucumber cutters		3. 6.

A small box in s<sup>d</sup>No. 4 contains Plate &c. viz. of Briscoe & Morrison

	Ozs		
1 chased cup & cover	71.8	@ 6/6	23. 4. 2.
2 sauce boats	39.5		12.15. 2.
1 silver funnel F.96	2.4	5/8	1. 2. 0.
1 Bread basket F.63/	24.12	“	10. 2. 6.
3 waiters	34.16	6/9	11.14.10.
1 coffee pot F. 1/3	37.4	7/6	14. 0. 3.
1 fish trowel	3.23		1. 9. 6.
Graving 5 Arms 7 Crests			9. 6.
2 sauce ladles F.6 /	3.0	5/8	1. 3. 0.
2 Baking dishes	35.9	6/6	11.10. 6.
1 dish cross F.40/	13.0	5/8	6.13. 2.
1 wax taper	4.2		1. 6. 0.
of Theed & Pigot			
3 pairs salts ff8/6	19.0	5/8	7.18. 8.
2 pair cand:St.ff100	40.18	“	16.11. 0.
1 fluted tankard	30.11	6/1	9. 5.10..
1 pair mugs	14.10	6/	4. 7. 0.
1 cruet frame	14.13	5/8	8. 0. 0.
Graving 1 coat & 13 crests			6. 4.

Morson & Stephenson

a snuffer pan	F.9/	5.15	5/8	2. 1. 6.	
2 skewers	ff 9/	5.18	! / 2	“	2. 2. 8.
2 gravy spoons	ff 9/	5.14	“	2. 1. 4.	
Engraving 3 crests				1. 0.	

of Mess: Higginbotham, Holborn

1 Reel with Fishing tackle				6. 6.
1 Cand: Screen				6. 0.
1 powder horn				4. 6.
1 shotbag				4. 0.
8 6 yd. strong lines				4. 0.
4 doz. hooks tyed to hair				4. 0.
1 Gentle box				6.
2 rulers				3. 3
1 shoing horn				4
10 gross corks	10d.			8. 4
Cases and cords	15/			15. 0.
Cartage	5/6	Prim <sup>ge</sup>	2/6	8. 0.
Cust. Ho & shipping	10/6			10. 6.

£239. 3. 0 ½

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Went to Crespigny`s and desired proceedings immediately against Suckling, concerning the charm<sup>s</sup> Polly, Lithgow, taken by him. Spent the evening at Dolly`s; home at 12,

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 1766

Wrote to Jon Moore, N.Y. : p. Hope, Davis and a letter to Mrs. Folliott, advised of my sending the round paper case, mentioned the 3d. inst. p. Davis, for which took no receipt, also of my setting out tomorrow, for Falmouth. Wrote to Mrl Dunn & Geo Dunn, in answer to both theirs 12 Ulto., & requested their Interest with friends for G.F. and Co. Wrote Capt. Bolderson (1) at Falmouth . Desired he`d pay charges and put them (the various trunks) on board his ship for me and would be with him the 17<sup>th</sup>. Left with Mr. Puget, to be sent to my Brother by Issac Curry Esq. a pack directed to James Folliott, containing my Will and Testament.

Pd. For Musick & Fid: String	15.10.
Mrs. House her Bill in full	15.17. 4.
Sally, in full for Sund <sup>s</sup> laid out	1. 0.10 ½
Present to ditto	9.15. 6.
Paid Barber in full and present	2. 2. 0.

	4. 0.
Clark for 1 pair stone knee buck <sup>s</sup>	10. 6.
do for 7 Lad <sup>s</sup> Breast stone do.	1.11. 6.
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	£22.17. 6. ½

**Here the diary ends, but not so the list of impedimenta, shown in the memoranda in remaining blank pages.**

Account of shirts belonging to George Folliott in New York, taken 16<sup>th</sup> February 1767.

**(1) In the later diary, under date 28<sup>th</sup> July 177, occurs the following reference to Capt. Bolderson N.B. The Hallifax packet Capt. Bolderson arrived this morning.**

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12 fine Ruffed shirts, made by Mess Rooe  
 12 ditto made in Dublin  
 8 ditto made in New York

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32 shirts, laid by in blk trunk  
 These following are for constant use, viz.

5 Ruffled shirts, made in Derry  
 7 ditto made in Chester

Note two of these are plain

8 course ruffled shirts, Vendue(Auction sale )  
 6 ditto plain “

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12 new Camb<sup>k</sup> stocks  
 14 old Holl<sup>d</sup> ditto  
 8 muslin cravats (new)  
 2 pair laced ruffles and frills ‘  
 2 pair muslin fringed ditto

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**Edw. Hall's note :- There are no diaries extant between the years 1766 and 1771, and though it is possible that Folliott maintained the habit during these years, a decided falling off is indicated in his New York Diary; it is intermittent throughout, commencing with lapses involving days of no entries, then weeks and months, the final entry closing the diary with one third of the pocket book left blank. A further**

**indication of failing interest is the nature of the latter entries, which comprise mostly memorands of business commitments, the effort is not without interest in the diary way, and is valuable as providing glimpses of life in the thinly populated districts beyond New York, with hints of some of the causes of unrest which eventually culminated in the break with mother- country. Curiously enough, the diary is destitute of political allusion.**

**The firm of Geo. Folliott & Co. was still flourishing, but a rift is apparent towards the close of the diary, with an entry under date 15 August 1774, on which date the diarist has `given my partners M Jun<sup>o</sup> Moore and James Stewart notice that I should quit partnership with them as quick as may be and in three months at farthest from**

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**this day`. He paid annual visits to `my lands in Jersey`, and to Dutchess County `to look after the rents of the mortgaged lands there`. Indeed, his principle source of income seems to have been derived from interest due upon bonds and mortgages, and his tabulated accounts reflect much misery in the back lands.**

**His continued interest in shipping and cargoes is indicated in the taking up of a quarter share in a ship upon the stocks, and he also mentions `our ship the Hopewell from Cork`.**

**During the hot months, between July and September, the diarist and his wife closed their New York home, and took up lodgings near Amboy Ferry, New York Narrows, from which place the couple set forth upon `Jaunts`, and paid visits to other temporary sojourners.**

**An entry of peculiar interest is that under date Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 1772. The morning young Cornall `Brought the Negro boy named Cato, which Daniel Thorne and Henry Woolley put up at Vendue agreeable to the `Will of said Jo. Cornall they being his Exrs. And I bought him for fifty five pounds and paid them for him`. On the following day he made a further purchase of the `Negro wench Dolly` for whom he paid fifty seven pounds. He already had another slave Polydore, in his service.**

**Under date 11<sup>th</sup> May 1772, he records the death in England of his mother. ` The Harriot Packet arrived the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. and brought me the melancholic account of the death of my dear mother which happened on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February last by an inflam<sup>n</sup> in her bowells and in a few days illness. This has been a very severe shock to and grieved me much not only for the loss of so excellent a mother, but for my remote situation from her and my dear father at so critical**

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**a time, which deprived me of administering help and comfort to them, and I am the more afflicted as my coming abroad was sp disagreeable to them, but which however at last they gave full consent to seeing me so much bent upon it Atatis 77&`**

**Other bereavements were to follow; his grandmother Nicholls died in July 1772, and his father-in-law in April 1773, a death which he apparently keenly felt.**

**In addition to his diaries, Folliott maintained copy books of his letters, as also books of accounts, no specimens of which are available. The New York diary.**

**Covering the period 6<sup>th</sup> July 1771- 24 March 1775, is now in the possession of John J.Enders, at present serving officer in the U.S. Army. It is possible that the diary will be edited for publication in America in fue course.**

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