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Tuesday ye 5th of/ August 1806. Commenced/ a tour with my bro/ ther, went the first/day as far as Henley/ upon Thames, Jenny/ and Michael Belmont/ arrived with in these, / we took a boat in/ the evening and went/ up the river, landed/ at the Druids Temple.

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in Parks Place Rd/ Marlmsbury walked/ over the ground/ and returned to Henley/ on foot, The ground/ hilly and well broken/ a remarkable, pretty/ Arch very the eff/ect of a ruin over which/ is a road for Public/ Carriages several/ artificial ruins &/ temples interspersed/ in the grounds & a/

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long subterranean/ passage, which is/ terminated by a/ beautiful clump of/ trees, forming a deep/ gloom; thro' which/ at intervals you/ catch a view of the/ Thames. [Park Place)/ is famous for Laven/ der grounds, & in this/ season when they/

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are in full bloom/ the rich purple color(sic)/ makes a beautiful/ effect./ 35 miles from/ the (inn) Town----/

Wednesday ye 6th/ arrived at Oxford,/ the rain [much]? &/ terrible accommod/ ations. Went first evening / to see; the college of/ All Souls, the chapel /

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is not large, but/ the windows are/ painted upon gro/ und glass with one/ single colour of a/ purple cast, in a fo which gives/ it a sombre, but in/ my opinion a pleasing/ gloom, the roof is/ worked in fret work/ there are no monum/ents or armaments/ of any kind.- The

Page 6.

Library is 2 hundred/ feet in length, and/ has a noble collection/ of Books. – The towers/ forming the gate way/ of all souls, are trem/endously ancient and/ beautiful, and the/ spiral [armaments]?/ with which the surface/ of the building is/ finish(sic) is I think/ particularly worthy/

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of remark, / (several words here are scribbled out) The Sand/ cliffs Library, beauty^{founded} / by Dct. Sandcliffe has/ proved to be the most/ correct and beautifly(sic)/ (dense) in England, The height 80,/ with a stone brought/ from Germany/ of a greyish cast,/ from the (I)eads/you have a fine/

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view & command/the whole town of/ Oxford and its envi/ ron, the collection of/ books is very in/ complete, at this library/ New College (Chapple)sic/ the windows designed/ by Sir Joshua Rey/ nolds, represents the/ four Cardinal virtues/ & faith hope and chari/ ty, also the nativity/

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of our Lord supposed/ to be the best specimen/ of modern painted/glass but in my opinion/ far inferior to the/ [ancient]? of which there/ is some very fine/ in this Chapple(sic), the/ communion table here/ is (××××) a very fine piece/ of marble. In here you are shown William/of Wykeham's Crosier/

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Bishop of Winchester/ and founder of new/ College, it is a messy/ & curious piece of/ workmanship and/ beautiful from its/ antiquity. The pub-/ lick(sic) s^chool and pic/ ture gallery are/ not very well /worth seeing but to the/ curious in Portraits/ of which there are/

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some very ancient/ and good ones., &/ a statue of the saint/ of pawnbrokers done/ by the same mason/ who made the one/ of Charles 1st in Charring/ Cross several paintings/ by hans holbein/ & Sir Peter Selby. _/

The library at/

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Christ church con/ tains about 30000/ volums(sic), the length/ a hundred and fifty/ foot. There are some/ beautiful and val/ uable pictures, particu/ larly the representation/ of a Butchers shop/ by Annibale Carracci/ or St. John's head by/ Cavregio(sic)/ and Embeleny's/ mistress by himself/

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some heads of Cortez/ by Raphael, & a fine/ Medusa's head by/ Rubens. The form of/ this picture room/ is pretty, you enter/ by a sqr' vestibule/ & two circular rooms/ with pillars from the/ ends.- The quadrangle/ is also worthy of no/ - twice, also the Halls/

Page 14.

The dimensions of/ which are, 30 feet/ in height, 115 in leng/ -th, the gothic fret/ work in the windows/ particularly atracts(sic)/ my notice, it is/ adorned with the/ pictures of the (word scribbled out)/ renowned men/ who have been/

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educated there./- Magdalen College/ is a beautiful build/ ing, and stands. In/ a pretty paddock// which contains deer./ The chapel is well/ worth seeing The/ principal window/ is a representation/ of the last Judgement/ and the other four/

Page 16.

in the transept 11/ years old only, pain/ ted by Eglintown/ There are fascinating/ windows in the/ choir xxxxx remark/ ably old fine painted/ glass & have been/ placed in that aperture/ with the principle/ windows 300 years/ The altar piece of fine (xxxxxxxxx)/ conveying the/ Cavregio(sic)

Page 17.

The Gardens and/ situation of this coll/ ege are remarkably/ beautiful and the/ cloisters very spa/ =cious and venerable/ from their antiquity/-University College/ The oldest at Oxford/ first founded by/ King Alfred, and/ considerably added to/

Page 18.

in the reigns of George,/ Mary and Ann,/ the painted glass/ in this chapel is/ curious, and very/ ancient representing/ the destruction of/ Sodom and Gomor/ rah, & so in the same stile(sic)/ & of the same/ date as Christ church/

Page 19.

There is also here/ a beautiful mar=/ ble memorial of/ Sir Win-Jones gover/ nor of Bengal who/ was a fellow of uni/ versity college, this/ monument was giv/ en by his widow,/ & represents him/ dying and supported/ by weeping Indians/

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Oriel college is very/ Aintent(sic) & the chapel/ has one fine painted/ window,-

Thursday the 7th/ left Oxford, went/ by Woodstock and/ visited, Blenheim,/ Ditchley and Heythrop,/ Blenheim far sur/

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passed in magni/licence the idea/I had formed of it/at least the outward/view, the Hall is/extremely beautiful/The rest of the rooms/I think small for/the size of the (Man/sion) and they geome/tricularly(sic) well furnished

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except in pictures/ & of these there are/ some of the best/ masters, and very/ beautiful, The Libra/ ry is a magnificent/ gallery, containing/ 15000 volumes, with/a fine marble sta/ tue of Queen Anne/ sits one end, & a bust/

Page 23.

of Alexander, dug / out of the ruins of/ Herculaneum at/ the other, The cen=/ ter doorway is/ a beautiful piece/ of marble, in [xxillery] and amber The chapel contains/ a magnificent mo/ nument of John

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the famous Duke/ of Marlboure(sic) in the/ porch is a pillar/ to the memory of/ the same. The bridge/ and the Lake/ are handsome/ & as you enter the/ lodge, the viewing/ the grounds are/ strikingly beautiful/ in the Park is the/ remains of [xxxx]/

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miands [xxxxxx] & as you enter, a house/ the remains of/ [chxxs's]—We went/ thro' Blenheim Park to/ Ditchley Rd [distance]?/ - the roads hard and/ a frightful country/ The Hall of Ditch/ ley, is light and ele/ gant the rooms/ well furnished/

Page 26.

& containing some/ good pictures of/ the best xxxxsters/ particularly a fine/ pictures of Henry ye/ eigth(sic) by hans Hol/ bens. The Angel/ Gabriel by Raphael/ & Charles ye 1st and/ the duchess of Cleve/ land by Vandyke(sic)/ The drawing room/

Page 27.

is handsomely fur/ nished but too/ much gilding for/ my taste. The Park/ and plantations/ hilly, and extensive/ from Ditchley to/ Hythrop Rd Shrews/ bury? Is five miles/ The roads terrible/ & no other entrance

Page 28.

than a simple/ gate The Park/ is however extensive/ but flatter and greener/ than either Ditch/ ley or Hythrope-^{Blenheim}, there/ is a (Champ'd)? Ave/ nue before the House/ The finest I ever/ saw and of many/ lengths, The House/ is a handsome/ sqr' Building of/

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white stone with/ wings, The principle/ rooms are the gallery/ which forms the/ entrance from the/ garden side, up a/ handsome flight/ of stone steps, and/ drawing room which/ is hung with fine/ tapestry. There/ are no pictures what/

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ever, and the entire/ upon the whole is/ I'll furnished. The/ conservatory is per/ haps one of the finest/ in England & the/ walks and pleasure/ grounds as far as I/ am a judge seem/ well laid out, from/ thence we went/ to Chapel House/

Page 31.

a very good Inn/ where we slept the/ night, very good bed/ and civil people, This/ part of Oxfordshire/ I think extremely/ ugly a chalky hard/ soil, III wooded and/ enclosures of stone/ works.

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Friday the 8th /

Left Chapel House/ loited(sic) three hours/ at Broadway a/ village seventeen/ miles from thence/ The road bad and/extremely hilly/ from the top of/ Broadway hill/ you have a very/

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extensive view of/ Malvern Hills, & of/ parts of Warwickshire/ also, of the vale(sic) of Evesham supposed/ to be one of the fin/ est valleys in Eng/ land, on the left/ of Broadway hill/ is Mr Welsh Parkers & amsham(sic) Abbey/

Page 34.

The soil & nature of/ these roads the same/ as in Oxfordshire but/ more hilly, the loose/ stone walls still/ continuing, and leaves/ off trees. Arrived at/ Worcester at 6 o'clock/ The Inn, The Hop/ pole quite full/ & met with terri/ ble accommodation/

Page 35.

& the people unci/vil. After dinner/walked to the Cathe/dral, a most beau/pitiful high Gothick(sic)/building containing/many ancient mo/ numents in good/presentation, parti/cularly one of King/John who is buried/in this church

Page 36.

there are also tombs/ of St Oswald and / Wulstan & also they/ tell you they have/ the remains of/ a beautiful light/ Gothic Shrine con/ taining the body &/ tomb of Prince (word obliterated) Ar/ thur amongst / the modern mon/ uments I have/

Page 37.

scarcely ever seen/ a more beautiful/ one. Their one to the/ memory of Mr/ (Ashby) erected by his/ widow, representing/ her with three young/ children weeping/ across his tomb,/ he died at [Modena]?/ after a few days/

Page 38.

illness whilst on/ a tour of pleasure/ with his family/ There is no ancient/ painted glass in/ this church, but some/ modern stained/ windows. The Organ/ is a particularly fine/ one but the choir/ indifferent for so/ fine a Cathedral/

Page 39.

The town of Worcester/ is neat, & the situation/ & entrance pretty./ on Saturday morning/ we went to see(Taime) Hall a hand/ some old building,/ [assisted]? at the Ant/ hem at the Cathe/ dral, I went to view/ the Royal china / works of / [Slieght]?

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& Barr the whole/ process of this set/ is curious the com/ position of the clay/ is a secret known/ only to the partners/ who prepare it them/ selves before they/ give it to the wor/ kmen. The principle/ ingredient is a sort/ of rock, but which/

Page 41.

Is grits, soft sand you can crumble with/ your fingers it comes/ from Cornwall & the/ whole of it is pros/ sesed by Slieght and/ Barr for the use of/ their factory. They/ are now making/ a beautiful service/ for the King. Their/ factory is set on/

Page 42.

The severn(sic) as well/ for the convenience/ of the water nearby/ as the shipping of/ their goods; from/ their quay you have a view of the Ma/ lvern Hills which/ prospect forms/ one of principal / beau/ties of Worcester/

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Saturday, set out from/ Worcester for Hereford/ thro Malvern, nothing/ can be more grand/ or extensive than/ the view of Malvern/ Hills, both as they/ form an object/ as you approach/ them and the view/ of the adjacent/

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Counties when you/ reach them, at Mal/ vern we stopped/ to see the church / which stands in a/ vale and forms a/ beautiful object/ amongst the surround/ ing hills the outside/ architecture is a/ pretty Gothic build/ ing, the inside, great/

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ly Saxon and/ partly gothick(sic), there/ is a curious old [xxxxxx]/ senie [xxxxxxent],/ & some fine old pain/ ted glass. This chur/ ch is terribly neg/ lected and sadly/ out of repair, it/ is the largest paris/ h country church/ I ever saw, & must/

Page 46.

from its [amxxxxering]/ have been one of/ great endowments/ & riches in former/ times. At little Malvern/ is [xxx] & [xxxxx] [xxxxx]/ a charming spot/ for seven or eight/ miles over Malvern/ Hills you have/ a most extensive/ and beautiful scene/

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which you catch/ in different directions/ from the meandering/ of the hills but never/ lose sight of. These/ Hills are well covered/ & where there are spaces,/ numerous scots pine/ planted. The country/ too is here rich and/ well cultivated. Ledbury/ is a pretty village/ between Ledbury Hay/

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across Hereford. The orchards here/ form a conspicuous/ feature in the county/ and in between the apple trees rich/ crops of corn, barl/ ey, & in fact not/ one inch of ground/ is lost in this pretty/ Herefordshire. We/ arrived at Hereford/

Page 49.

at 7 Oclock(sic). The New/ Inn, were well acco/ mmodated and met/ with civil people./ The town of Hereford/ has a broad entrance./ The streets narrow & shockingly paved/ & from what I could/ observe, nothing in/ it to arrest the/ attention of the tra/ veller but the Ca/

Page 50.

thedral, & this is/ so far inferior to/ Worcester you do not/ feel inclined to in/ vestigate its merits./ The Architecture is / partly Saxon, &/ partly Gothick(sic) it/ has four monuments / [afxxxny] [xxxty], & no/ painted glass. The/ walks of the castle/ Green adjoining/

Page 51.

the Cathedral is a fine gravel surface/ & Green plants on the/ banks of the laye/ (which here is very/ inconsiderable) & from/ which you have a / pretty view, they/ are erecting a pillar/ here to the memo/ ry of L^{rd} Nelson, who was a freeman/

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Of this Town,--

Sunday Morning/ we breakfasted/ at Hereford, and/ went to Gethesary(?)/ for prayers, where/ we met with a/ most hospitable re/ ception from ^{Mr} & Mrs La/

Schuschern, & remained/ there Sunday &/ Monday, on the

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latter day I rode/ with Mrs Badherm/ to Achembury hill/ & holmer Park, nothing/ can be more beau/ tiful, than some/ views in this county/ where the greenest/ scenery is joined/ to the highest/ cultivation. Holme/ Lacey appeared to/

Page 54.

have become a/ a fine old place/ & the Porch is hand/ some, the whole is/ terribly out of re/ pair it is the pro/ perty of the unfortunate/ Duchess of Norfolk/[Betherous]? is signed/ House but stands/ rather too low, the/

Page 55.

river Wye runs/ thro' the grounds/ but you have no/ view of it from/ the House.

Monday morning/ Went to Ross for break/ fast, and took a boat/ there, with cold pro/ visions for our dinner/ & began an excursion/ down the Wye passed/

Page 56.

the fine old Garrison/ of Goodrich castle/ being in the possession/ of the Earles of Shrew/ sbury, it stands upon/ an eminence on the/ right hand side, is/ such wooded and forms/ a grand and beautiful/ object, about half doz./ miles after you leave/ it the river widens/ & you give a sudden/

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turn which immedi/ ately brings you under/ a bold chain of gardens/ to the left, which have/ the appearance in/ parts of a fine old/ ruin, the (oposite)sic/ banks are well/ cultivated and the/ whole of this roman/ tic and beautiful/ scenery continues/ with little inter/

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ruption nearly till/ you reach Monmmo/uth, We dined at/ a nicest little parish/ church, called [Whitebury]?/ on the branch of the/ river & walked after/ dinner to call on Mr/ and Mrs Vaughan,/ we reached Mon/ mouth about eight/ O'clock and meeting/ very good accommodation/

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& civil people

Wednesday morning/left Monmouth at/ twelve O'clock, as another/ proceeding day from/ Monmouth till you/ get beyond Tintern/ Abbey, the scenery/ has nothing to at/ tract the attention/ but that of the/ highest cultivation./

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There is much corn / grown in this county/ and as a great deal/ of it goes down the/ river to Bristol, the/ groupes of workmen/ and children, who/ assist in bringing it/ down to the bank, form/ a cheerful and friendly/ scene, & a good subject/ for the pencil, There/ is nothing strik/

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ing , as you go from/ Monmouth, to Cheps/ tow, in the appearance/ of the famous ruins/ of Tintern Abbey it/ is indeed so encompes/ sed with houses,/ you can hardly per/ ceive it, as it stands/ very low. But when/ you ^{are} arrived & the/ door is opened, you/

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are more than grat/ ified, for the want/ of its exterior beau/ ties, by the striking/ ly grand, and solemn/ appearance, its inte/ rior immediately pre/ sents, I know not/ whether it was ow/ ing to my never/ having seen a ruin/ of this description/

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before but I could / not express what/ were my sensations/ on entering it, they/ were more than those/of surprise and adm/ iration. There is some/ thing so religious/ ly solemn & gloomy/ in this venerable/ old Pile, that I am/ convinced, even the/

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atheist & free-thin/ ker could not divert/ themselves in these/ ruins, of sentiments of religion which/ they would contend/ to own as being a/ degredation of their/ reason. The convent/ & Abbey attached to/ these ruins must / have been (sincere)/ as the ^{ruins of their} foundation/

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still show, what goes/ by the name of Tin/ tern Abbey is only/ the Cathedral church/ it now be^{lon}gs to the/ Duke of Beaufort/ who keeps it in good/ repair one aisle/ remains perfect the/ aposite(sic) one , the Pillars/ are entirely destroyed/

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There is in my opini/on rather too large/ a mass of Ivy on/ some of the side/ windows, & the walls/ so it entirely cho^ckes / them up. There is a/ generous staircase/ left, which I went/ up, to stand upon/ the walls. These form/ the remains of a/

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very ancient mo/nument of one of/ the Lords of Pembroke/ who made considera/ ble donations to the Abbey, it was found/ ed in Henry 3rd &/ destroyed in Henry/ 8th We conveyed/our provisions with/ in the ruins and/ were detained there/

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for hours waiting the/ return of the tide/ which begins a/ little below Tintern/ & of which you can/ perceive the influ/ ence of from the/ color(sic) of the water &/ strength of the cur/ rent. The water here/ becomes extremely/ deep and at Cheps/

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tow sometimes rises/ 50 feet ^{which is} higher than/ any river in England,/ when you get within/ 6 or 7 miles of Chep/ stow, the river widens/ considerably and the/ rocks are higher here on/ each side and bolder/ than anything one/ has yet seen, about/ 3 miles before you/

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reach Chepstow begins/ the grounds & walks/ of Persfield belong/ ing to Mrs Wells,/ of which you can see/ little from the wat/ er, owing to the/ immense heights/ of the rocks----/ We reached Cheps/ tow about eight O'clock, not with/

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very good accomo(sic)/ dations at the Beau/ fort Arms & weary/ with people---/ Thursday Morning/ Mr & Mrs and Miss/ Gerrard called in for/ us We accompanied/ them back to Mr/Gerrards house/

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A much littler place/just out of Cheps/tow called The Mount/House, commanding/a most extensive/and romantick(sic) view/ of the Wye, with/the rocks, Chepstow/Bridge and castle-/& to the right the/Severn. Chepstow is/a neat little town/

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They have a par/ticular manner of/rough casting Their/houses have, which/^{gives} this neat & cleanly/appearance most/the houses being/done in this man/ner. The pavement/is very rugged &/ the ascent to the/Town very steep/

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The Gerrards took/ us to Persfield where/ we received much/ civility from Mr/ & Mrs Wells who/ accompanied us/ about the grounds/ & house themselves./ The walks and / grounds of Persfield/ are beautiful & ex/ tend the length/

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of three miles on/ the top of the rocks/ The views are much/ the same as from/ the mount house/ with the exception/ of having so extensive/ a view of the severn(sic)/ The views are well/ broken & the effect / of walking upon/ the edge of these/

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immense rocks/ is at once grand/ and terrific, in the/ evening we went/ to (Wind) Cliff, the/ highest of them from you have / as fine a view as/ you can imagine/ both of the Wye &/ Severn, it being the/ highest point for/ many miles round/

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We here took a/pistol which Mr/ Gerrard fired. The/ vibration of sound/ amongst these rocks/ is wonderful, and they/ of a single Pistol/ is like a charge of / musketry, diminishing/ in sound for the space/ of a minute or two/ We returned and/

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supped with the/ Gerrards & slept at/ Chepstow.---/ Friday Morning I heard/ prayers at Chepstow./ Went with the Gerrards/ to see Chepstow Castle/ a very fine remain/ situated on a rock,/ the Wye running/ at the bottom, & commanding the/

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entrance of the town. It must/ formerly have been/ a place of great im/ portance, as guard/ ing both the Town/ and river it is/ very extensive &/ part of it very per/ fect, It stood seve/ ral sieges in the/

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reign of Charles ye/ 1st and finally fell/ into the hands of/ Cromwell who assigned/ it and its demesnes/ to his own possession/, it is now the prop/ erty of the Duke of/ Boforth Beaufort./ We left Chepstow/ at two Oclock(sic) and/embarked at the/

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New passage, where/arriving to a rough sea/ & going at the half/ebb tide, we were/in some danger from/the numerous rocks/ & shoals with which/this coast abounds/Who ever crosses this / passage should await/the return of the/tide, our horses &/

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carriage not being/ able to follow that/ day, we slept at/ the ferry house/opposite to Chepstow/ where we met with/ excellent accommo/ dation & very civil/ people, you have/ when full tides, a/ charming sea view/ from this place/ with the gen rocks/

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of the Wye & Wind/ Cliffe on one side/ & the Welch(sic) Hills to/ the right but from/the distance they/ seem lost in the/ clouds. You can also/ from hence decern/ where the Avon/ runs into the Bris/ tol Channel----/

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Saturday morning/ The curricle & horses/ being ferried over/ about ten at 11 we/ proceeded to Bri/stol & in our werry/ took things [xxxxxx]/ L^d de Cliffords, to/ see a view in his/ Park called the/ points which indeed/ were extensive/

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both of land and/ water than any where/ here, it is close at/ the mouth of the/ Avon, again hence/ immediately below/ you, the little fishing/ town of Peel. Bristol to the left at dis/ tance a fine view/ of the channel & / Lord Clifford's/

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House. Is also a/ pretty object & the/ Park is well laid out./ The roads here, the/ whole way from/ the ferry house is/ excellent, as you get/ nearer Clifton rather/ hilly, but ^{ye} numerous pretty gentlemens/ seats and the country/ about Clifton it/

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makes this a charm/ ing drive. We walked/ down to Bristol to/ see Mr Parker, he came/ to Clifton to us in/ the evening.----/

Sunday Morning/ Went to prayers at/ Bristol made our/ aquaintence(sic) with/ my uncle Plainder/ whom I had never seen, returned to/

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Clifton with Mr Parker,/ dined with Mrs Par/ ker and dress for tea/ with Lady Ringall./ On a Sunday evening/ here, the Bands of the/ different regiments/ play at Clifton, and/ which attracts an/ immense crowd, both/ from Bristol and / Clifton. The situation/ of the upper part/ of Clifton I think here/ beautiful and the/

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rocks, which soar/ on each side the severn(sic)/ equal to the scenery/ of the Wye, there are/ several unfinished / buildings which if/ completed would add/ much to the beauties/ of the place, the housing/ being only built of xxing/ stone, the climate at/ the tops of the Hills/ and what they call/ the hot wells, which/

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are considerably below/ are quite different./The lower ones being/ so much finer & handsome/ ones, it is a melancholy/ sight near these hot/ wellsto be continually/ meeting the unfortunate/ objects that resort here/ for their health & certain/ is seldom restored when/ they are so bad as to live/ below the Hill. The pump/ room appears a grand/

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building, we were too/ late to see it, as it shuts/ up early in the evening./ Monday Morning/ Breakfast with Mrs/ Parker and uncle/ met us. – Mrs Parker/ went with us to see/ the town. Transcript produced by Arthur Jones, Archives Volunteer and Alex Miller, Archivist At Bristol/ went to see a fleece/ cloth manufactuary, the process of which/ is very curious/ the house and man/

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ufactuary belong to/ Mrs ----- this house/ formerly belonged to/ a Mrs Commings from/ whom the Commings/ of [Jaxcourt]? are linearly/ descended, he six/ times mayor of Bris/ tol, and entertained/ king Edward the 3rd/ in this very house,/ After his wife's death and when his services/ to the Town were/ no longer required/

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he made himself/ a priest, but still/ retained his house/ & possessions & gave wherewith to found/ the church of/ which is the longest/ & handsomest parish/ church in England/ and which he is/ buried. The chapel in what was his own/ house has been very carefully preserved./

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or rather rescued by/ its present possessor,/ who has taken consid/ erable pains to restore/ it to its original state/ Mr Comming used to/ say mass here after/ he became a priest/ in it as his court, & / his xxxxnoser, the whole/ is neat, but carried/ out with the same/ Architecture of the times/ it was formerly a very/ inificient(sic) building/

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& is now ^^{one} of the largest/ manufactury of Bristol/ We next visited the/ {blank space} church, in which/ Mr Comming was also/ the founder and where/ there are two monuments,/ one of himself and his/ wife, another in his/ ecclesiastical dress, here/ also is a curious erec/ tion of a stone grave/ stone of a cooper who/ lived with him and is/

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buried in the same/ aisle , of the church with/ him, on the grave/ stone is cut the/ frying pans solinger/ & other implements/ of cookery but which/are non much affected/ by time. In this church/ are three famous pic/ tures by Hogarth rem/ arkable from being/ the only serious & sacred/ pictures he ever painted./ There is also, a display/

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representing an Eagle/ on a handsome pedes/ tal, made of the filing/ of pins, and given to/ the church by the pari/ shioners. This building/ is Gothic & very bright/ and beautiful, has/ several very fine old/ monuments & is gener/ ally supposed to be/ the handsomest and/ longest parochial/

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Church in England./ Bristol is a large/ & immensely popu/lous city, has a fine/harbour for shipping/ & ^{is} the receptacle of/ all the West Indies/ Traders. The shops are/ excellent & the public / buildings grand, the/ principal street is in/ the entrance from Clif/ ton which is regular/ ly built of white/

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stone, on a steep/ descent down into the/ Town, & is the only clean/ part of Bristol, Queen/ Elizabeth , thought the/ inhabitants so dirty/ that she granted a/ charter to the town, upon/ condition , that it would/ only remain so long/ as, or they should re/ frain from building/ in a field, in which she/

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appropriated for ye/ sole purpose of the/ washer women as/ a drying place, &/ which it remains/ to this day, as they/ would have the providing/ of the charter. After/ seeing Bristol we/ crossed at [Manersham]?/ Town and returned to / Clifton, Mr [Parsherlys]?/[uncle]? & Mrs G. [Plum/ lets]? Dined with us/

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Walked after dinner/ with Anthony to/ Richmond Terrace &/ heard the Band play/ joined Miss Gould &/ Miss O'Callaghan, &/ returned to the Hotel/ at half past nine/Tuesday Morning/ Went to Bath/ the road from Bris/ tol to bath is hard/ & appalling, but from/

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the immense tra/ fic(sic) between these/ places, in dirty / weather you are/ almost suffocated/ which happened to/us, the entrance/ to Bath is very/ fine, & the view/ of the Crescents &/ Buildings are very/ strikingly beautiful/ & particularly so after/

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the dirty town of/ Bristol. The regularity / of the Buildings at Bath/ and all being of white/ stone, gives this Town/ a most singular apper/ ance and it is impo/ ssible strangers should/ not be on the first sight/ much delighted with it./ The new rooms are/ a magnificent building/ containing publick(sic) rooms/ of every description &/ the ball room is the/

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best ornamented one/I have seen, The old rooms/ are not so large, but they/ are improving them/ considerablly(sic). The Pump/ room is also a hand/ some room. I tasted the/ water which was quite/ warm with something/ of a[callilyes]?t taste but/ very little, behind the/ Pump are the baths/ [xxxx] of the same degree/ of heat, of an Octaga/ nal form with an/ iron rail way in/

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the middle, & when/ full 4 foot and/ a half deep, there are / drying rooms all round/ & ladies and gentlemen/ all frequent and going/ in the same bath together/ from the Baths we/ went to the Crescents/ and circus. The shops/ in Bath are excellent/ & before some are hand/ some Piazzers to keep you/ from the wet. The Town/ is well paved and the/

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widest flagging in En/gland, great [Pultney]?/ street is also well wor/ th seeing. We drank/ tea at the terraces/ intending to visit Lyd/ ney gardens in the even/ ing but were prevented/ by a most tremendous/ Thunder storm, & returned/ to the hotel at 11 O'clock/ Our accommodations at/ the York Hotel were/ magnificent, & you/are as well served &/

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as elegantly as at a/ Noblemans House./ Wednesday. Left Bath/ loitered three hours at/ Wells, a very neat Town, has a handsome/ Cathedral & a Bishops/ Pallace(sic), we went to/ see the cathedral which/ is small but remark/ ably pretty, there are/ several very old mo/ numents and a very/ curious clock, represen/

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ted by a figure of/ an old man in a/ nich with two monkeys/ in his hand with which/ he strikes the hours/ and, with his [heels]?/ ye quarters. The Pallace(sic)/ is a fine old building/ and near it is a well/ which is unfathomable/ & which gives its name/ to the Town.---After/ waiting two hours/ we continued our/ route passing thro'/

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Glastonbury, where/ we stopped to see/ the ruins of the Abbey/ They occupy an immense/ space of ground, the/ Kitchen built in the/ reign of Henry ye 8th is/ the only thing which they/ seem to think worth no/tice, the form is round/ but too perfect & of too/ late a date to have/ excited any admira/tion/ or curiosity. I think/ there is a remarkably/ fine window at/

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Glastonbury in the/ part which from its/ shape I conclude must/ have been the chapel/ as you leave Glaston/ bury you ascend a hill from which you/ have a beautiful vi/ ew of Glastonbury, about/ two miles beyond Glas/ tonbury, is a private/ house, called Strich Inn/ where we slept and/ met with tolerable/ considerations.

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Thursday Morning/

Left Stritch Inn, the/ country a few miles/ from this place is/ very ugly, & the turnpi/ ke road very indiffe/ rent, we reached Taun/ ton early, it is a very remar/ kably neat little Town/ with a good market place/ & a handsome Mall and/ broad Pavements up/ to the Town Hall, here/ the Military Parade/ & we waited with the/

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the(sic) rest of the world/ to a late hour to hear/ the band which seems/ to be the fashion able/[bxxnge]? of this place/ I do not think we have/ any thing in this days/ journey to particularly/ arrest our attention./ There is a good Inn/ at Taunton and the peo/ ple were tolerably civil./ On Sunday morning/ we left Taunton, &/ xxisted at Cullompton/ the country as you/ approach Exeter is/

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Extremely Hilly but/ very fine and hold/ the town of Exeter hands/ omely, and seems quite/ protected from a fine/ range of Hills. The view/ of it from the top of/ one of them is very/ beautiful/ The Cathed/ ral is a fine building/ and has many ancien/ t monuments, the organ/ is supposed to be the/ finest in England, We/ went to the top of the/ Tower from which we/ have a most beaut/

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ful view of the Town/ and the river Ex with/ the surrounding Hills/ Exeter is a large Town,/ very ancient and has/ been strongly fortified round/ the remains of the castle/ and Town walls is a/ handsome publick(sic) gard/ en & more extensive/ than any I have ever/ seen belonging to a Town. The jail and Town hall/ are also very handsome/ buildings, Exeter is an/ ill flagged Town, the/ principal street is very/

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long and a steep hill/ over the Ex is a hand/ some Stone Bridge, We/ met with good accom/ modations & with treat/ ments at the New London/ Inn--/ On Saturday we left/ Exeter & slept in the/ small Town of Chudleigh/ between Exeter and Chud/ leigh there are immense/ Hills but the road is/ excellent and the coun/ try very fine and bold./ at Chudleigh are some/ fine Arches ye/

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property of Lord Clifford/ as is also Chudleigh which/ gives him the title of Bar/on.- On Saturday we had / prayers at Ingbrook & / spent the remainder/ of the day there & met/ with much kindness/ and Hospitality from/ Lord & Lady Clifford, I/ went all over the Park/ Transcript produced by Arthur Jones, Archives Volunteer and Alex Miller, Archivist with Miss Clifford, which/ in point of variety &/ situation very certain/ ly be reckoned one of/ the finest in England.

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The House is a large/ square building rather/ ancient, The drawing/ and dining rooms are/ handsome rooms and/ well furnished, they/ have some good pictures/ and a few original/ of the best masters,/ upon the whole Ingbrook / is one of the finest/ places we have seen/ The roads immediate/ ly about it are bad/ and extremely hilly/

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& nervsome/ On Monday we left/ Ingbrook & went then on tolerably flat country/ for Devonshire to Ash/ burton, where we diver/ ted to Ivy Bridge, a/ most romantic little/ village where we slept/ It is so called from the im/ mense mops of Ivy with wh/ ich the bridge is covered, it/ is a branch of the river Plym/ which runs runs up here, and/ fact but a very in/ considerable stream but/ the immense stones/

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or rather rock stones which/ here forms its bottom/ constitutes its beauties/ as it runs for the space./ I dare say of two miles/ over these stones which/ impeding its progress/ gives it the charming/ effect of a cascade its/ banks are delightfully/ cultivated, one side there/ is a flower garden, and/ on the other for some/ distance a wood with/ a walk, on the banks/ of the river, in this part/ is also a Cascade belong/

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Ing to a water mill which/ breaking upon your sight/ immediately adds some/ consi/ derable to the beauties/ of the scene; I hardly/ ever remember having/ seen a more tranquil/ or beautiful little spot/ than Ivy Bridge, in/ this river excellent/ trout fishing, The con/ ditions are excellent &/ it is a famous resort/ of the many officers/ & Devon parties of pleasure/ from Plymouth---

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On Tuesday, went to/ Plymouth for break/ fast, from Ivy Bridge to/ Plymouth the road is/ tolerably flat till within a/ mile or two of Plymouth/ when it is very hilly &/ from the top of these/ hills you have a view/ of the ^{River} Tamar; and Town/ of Plymouth & on the/ left Saltash, Lord Fe/ ringdons, which extends some way on the river/ the trees and grounds/ coming quite down to/

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the waters edge & forms/ a charming prospect. The/ Town of Plymouth has/ a shocking entrance, ye/ streets are ill paved and/ so narrow, it is impossi/ ble in some places for/ two carriages to pass a/ breast, the principal/ Inns are at Plymouth/ Docks, two miles from/Plymouth and a distinct/ Town, tho' from the moment/ you reach Plymouth it/ seems one continued/ stock. Plymouth Docks/ stands higher, The prin/

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cipal buildings with/ the Government House/ and the residence of the/ Naval officers making this/ the chief resort of strangers/ in preference to Plymouth/ Our first object of curios/ ity was the dock yard, which/ you are obliged to have an/ order from the commissio/ ner to see, nothing can be/ more worthy of inspection/ and admiration than the/ immense works, to detail/ every process would be end/ less, each branch of ship/ building is carried on/

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within them, & the one so/ immense a scale, the great/ est order and regulation/ prevails, the pay of the/ workmen is very good/ they are never allowed/ rest but at their meals/ which they are called to/ & from by a bell & they/ work even on Sundays/ The process with which I/ was most struck was/ the blacksmiths shop/ & which as far as the/ human mind is capa/ ble of forming an idea/ of another world, mine/

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was impressed with what/I should picture to myself/ the infernal regions to be/ it is a large square place/ as far abreast as your eye/ can extend, for the darkness/ & excepting for the fires & ye smoke/ about blinds you there are / several immense fur/ naces, at each of which/ you can see about a dozen/ men employed in forging/ the different implements, if it is an anchor for/ a first rate ship, the/ number is greater, they/ strike alternately with/ the greatest regularity/

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one man guiding the/ chisel, The squalid faces/ of these men, their black,/ dirty, and half naked fi/ gures, reflected upon by/ no other light than those/ fires, really could almost/ delude you into a belief/ you were in the company/ of Devils, instead of men/ We went from these/ infernal regions into the/ building Dock y'd & within/the shell of the Caledonian/ pierced for a hundred &/ forty guns, the longest ship/ ever built in this country/ & which the man in/

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formed us, was a present/ from the ladies of [seat/ land]? an absurd imposi/ tion upon the minds of such/ travellers, who are not acc/ quainted (sic) with the sum/ of money requisite for such/ an undertaking---from the Dock y'd we went/ round the fortifications/ which are extensive and/ protect the Harbour/ From here you have / a full view of the three/ Towns which all go under/ the name of Plymouth./ the Harbour and the/

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Sound. The Government/ House is a handsome/ stone building surrounded/ by a wall & protecting/ the Harbour with a/ [yard] battery. You also/ see from here the/ Town of Plymouth in/ which are two fine/ buildings which make/ a great show, The hospi/ tals Navaland Mili/ tary, also, the castle &/ citadel of Plymouth/ which were once artillery/ fortifications & stand/

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very high.---The Inns of/ Plymouth Dock are/ very indifferent but/ you are well served &/ the people very civil./ Mr. James Clifford/ who is in the Navy pay/ office came to dine / with us and was ex/ tremely kind and civil/ in showing us the dock/ y'd with all the cannons/ at Plymouth----

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Wednesday Morning. Mr/ James Clifford accom/ panied us to Mount/ Edgecomb, we crossed Ply/ mouth Harbour, which/ is about a mile, and the/ wind blowing very hard/ our passage was rough,/ The entrance to Mount/ Edgecomb is by a beauti/ ful, and thickly planted/ avenue The ground ris/ ing the whole way to/ the House, which cuts but/ an indifferent figure when/ you are near it. It is an/ old Building, but has/

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neither the grandeur or/ Magnificence of maⁿy of/ its date, from the House/ and entrance you have a/ fine view of the Harbour/ and sound, but as you con/ tinue your way thro' the/ grounds which are a con/ tinuous ascent round a/ winding path, the sea/ view becomes inexpress/ ably beautiful & belongs more to the delineation of/ the pencil than the pen/ From one opening your/ view is of the Towns of/ Plymouth the Harbour/

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and Sound, till continuing your ^{our} ascent we found/ ourselves upon a high/ rock, one of those which/ form Cawsand Bay here/ ten of the Kings ships/ were laying awaiting/ a fair wind, altho' the/ day was fine and clear/ the wind blew very strong/ which occasioned a gre^at/surf and added considerab/ ly in my opinion to the/ grandeour of the view, the/ small village of Cawsand/ lays at the edge of the Bay and the hills This/

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Is reckoned a safe har/ bour for ships to that ride/ in, but a very difficult/ one to get out of, we con/ tinued our walk up to Ma/kers Town where there is/ a signal house, and here/ is also the Parish Church, when we arrived at the/ top of this hill, our view/ confirmed every thing/ which we had already/ seen at intervals, both/ sea and land, and is supposed/ to be the highest spot in/ that part of the country/

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From this hill we continued/ descending thro' very beau/ tiful and wooded walking/ till we arrived again at/ the House, The proprietor/ of this charming place, Lord Mount Edgecomb/ is seldom there, he let/ it lately to the Marquis/ of Bute, whose eccentri/ cities have made him ra/ ther an unpleasant tenant/ from the following in/ stance, he is a man par/ ticularly versed in lan/ gauges, & in order to keep/ up the use of them he/

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Took twelve men to live/ with of different countries/ with each of whom he/ conversed sometime in the/ day , & as each ^{they all} of them/occu/ pied apartments in the house/ & being as dirty as low/est of their origin entitled/ them to be , they passed/ rather unpleasant wishes/ for L^{<u>d</u>} Mount Edgecomb tho'/ not so for the Marquis of/ Bute who denominated/ them by the title of his/ familiars.---At Mount Edgecomb, Mr Henry/

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James joined us and/ returned with us to dinner./ Mr Lawrence Hartright/ called in the evening & dran/ k tea with us, the news/ arrived of the expedition/ being stopped and the/ next day the troops were/ ^{to be} disembarked./ Thursday morning, We/ left Plymouth and returned/ by Ivy Bridge to Totness/ where we slept. Totness/ is a neat little Town/ encompassed with Hills./ The Town is ill paved/

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but the roads from/ the Plymouth side, very/ good. There are the ruins/ of an old Castle, which/ looks handsome at a / distance but are not of/ great celebrity, Totness is/ an ancient Town, and/ appears formerly to have/ been well fortified, we/ met here with very good/ accommodations & were/ well served----/ Friday morning we/ left Totness & proceded/

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to Torbay thr' what the/ Devonshire people call/ Turnpike Road, about/ 2 miles from Totness we/ went to see the beauty/ ful ruins of Berry/ Pomeroy Castle now in/ possession of the Duchey of/ Somerset, we left our/ carriage and walked/ for about half a mile/ thro' a wood but saw/ nothing of it till we were/ quite near it, from/ its standing in the covey/

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of the wood its situa/ tion is truly picturesque/ & what remains of the/ ruin, stands on a large/ space of ground, it is/ immediately upon the edge/ of an immense rock, a/ preci[oce from which you/ have also a view of a/ chain of marble rocks with/ the river running at the bottom./ Whilst we were there the/ men were blasting them/ which added to the effect,/ about a mile after we/ left Berry Pomery/

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we caught our first view/ of Torbay, which broake(sic)/ upon us when we arrived/ at the top of the Hill, & then/ for the remainder of/our road, continually in/ sight , if any thing could/ compensate for the ex/cessive loudness & in some/ places danger of these/ roads, it would have/ been the charming view/ we had the whole of the/ way. We reached Torbay/ about one O'clock where/ we loitered? & were very/

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hospitably entertained/ by Mr Cerry's steward by/ his order, The remains of/ the old Abbey still exists/ & form several very/ picturesque fragments/ about the grounds, Tor/ Abbey is a good family/ house, and the place/ from its situation I think/ capable of the highest/ improvement, There is/ a good road down to the/Lea, which is about a/ quarter of a mile from/

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the House, The rocks here/ are very fine, & are formed/ from the washing of the/ sea, into a grotesque appe/ arance of arches, caves,/ & The small Town of Tor/ quay, lays a mile to/ the left, & is a very/ pretty object from the/ beach, Mr Lawrence Power?/ is building a handsome stone Pier, & is becoming/ rather a considerable Town./ You have from Tor/ Abbey a view of Berry/

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Head. The climate is here/ so warm the Myrtles/ will grow wild & they/ have the finest Lemon/ and Orange trees I ever/ saw , from Tor Abbey we/ went to Marldon, The road/ was so intricate, we had/ a servant of Mr Carrys/ to show us the way &/ in some places so narrow/ there was barely room / for one carriage, as/ we approached Marldon,/ the sea view with the/ Town of Teignmouth, / was strikingly beauty/

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ful, our road for some/ way lay on the banks/ of the river which here/ runs into the sea & is/ a great width, The passage/ house here is small/ but very neat, and is/ kept by two old servants/ of my Aunt Sellay's?, who/ gave us the best of every/ thing they could produce/ The Town of Teignmouth/ from this side is a/ most picturesque object./ The cliffs here are im/mensly high & from/

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them your view is/ extensive, it is/ a singular circumstance/ here,/ that all the fish/ ery and the ferrying/ is entirely done by wo/ men, it is a^{n un}common/ thing ever to see a man/ fishing & they never/ ferry you over, most/ of them are pressed on/ board the men of war/ & their wives gain there/ lively hood in this way, They cast a net, pull/

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carriages and Horses/ on lead with as much/ strength and dexterity/ as any man, The woman/ who is kept at the/ passage house, for the/ purpose of ferrying/ people over, acts also/ as Ostler, and Betty rubs/ a horse down as well as/ a groom.----/ Saturday Morning, We/ crossed the water and/ breakfasted at Teign/

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mouth, from where/ we went to Lord Lisbons?/ over some bleak and/ ugly Hills, and bad roads/ The grounds and situa/ tion of Minehead are/ certainly beautiful, The Park is beautifully/ laid out, some parts/ of it are very high/ you command a view/ of Exmouth, and the/ sea, also of Powderham/ Castle, The present/

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Lord Lisbons? Is insane/ & the new tenant is/ Lord Dundas, from/ this circumstance the/ place is but ill kept/ tho' with a capability/ of making it one of the/ most charming spots/ in England, from Lord/ Lisbons we went to/ Powderham Castle, Lord/ Courtaneys, This is situ/ ated on the banks of/ the Ex and stands/ very low. The House/

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appears a modern/ Building after the an/ tique style, and did not/ I confess answer my/ expectations in respect/ of its exterior appearance./ The rooms are however/ extremely elegant/ & furnished in the first/ style of magnificence/ There are some remar/ kably fine pictures/ by far the best Artists/ The grand drawing/

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rooms is entirely ^{of} the/ present Lord filling/ up, There is in it a/ family picture of/ His three sisters, and/ a fine picture of the/ unfortunate Louis ye/ 16th which belongs to/ the last French Ambass/ ador of his court in/ England, and at his/ departure, was thrown/ with some rubbish/ & condemned to be burnt/

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It is a full length/ picture & resembled a/ good likeness. The were/ also is in this room seve/ ral screens & chairs of/ Lord Courtenays pain/ ting upon which he/ excels in flowers, &/ gives much of his time/ to it.---From Powder/ham Castle continued/ our road to Exeter upon/ the banks of the Ex/ & very good road, we/

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arrived at Exeter about/ 4? O'clock and slept there.----/Sunday Morning/ heard prayers at Ex/ eter & in consequence/ of one of our Horses/ being quite ill & unrested/ from its work/ on Saturday we re/ mained all Sunday/ at Exeter, at three/ O'clock we assisted at/ the Anthem in the/

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Cathedral. The Organ/ and choir are charming/ and is kept up in good/ style. We dined at/ five, & walked in ye/ castle Gardens, where there are ^{were} two bands/ station'd who play'd/ alternately till nine/ O'clock to an immense collection of people, who/ all resort here on a/ Sunday evening, &/ makes this a very/

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lively scene./ On Monday we/ left Exeter, & again got into the Devon/ shire cross road, to/ Sidmouth, this little/watering place is/ a charming retired/ little spot The rocks/ about it are very/ fine and it is so/ encompassed with/ Hills the situation is/

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very wild and uneven/ The coast is very/ shingly(sic) and steep, we/ staid(sic) out till very/ late the evening being/ quite fine. The late/ Mr Addington takes / his title from a hand/ some property he has/ here, Our accommodations/ here were very good./ Tuesday morning,/ left Sidmouth &/ breakfasted at the/

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village of [blank space here]the/ people who used to/ keep the Inn, at this/ place were unfortu/ nately burnt out about/ three months since/ & now, inhabit a/ small cottage, where we/ breakfasted, there/ was just room for/ a table and ourselves/ with a young infant/ who was asleep in a/ cradle, but the the(sic)/ poor people were/ so accommodating and/

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civil it quite made/ up for the deficiency/ of servings. The country/ about here is remark/ ably pretty, the whole/ way to Bridport where/ we dined and slept./ This is[a]neat Town/ about a mile and/ half from the sea,/ after dinner I rode/ [Whitly] down to the/ beach which is hard/ & windy. –We were/

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Very comfortably accom/ modated here./ Wednesday Morning left/ Bridport & break/ fasted about eight/ miles off, nothing can/ be more dreary and/ desolate than the who/ le of the country be/ tween Bridport &/ Weymouth, we loite/ red at Dorchester which/ is the worst country/

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Town I have ever seen, There/ are several ancient/ remains of the Romans/ here, Mounds on the/ top of the hills where/ it is supposed they/ were buried , and also/ the remains of a/ place which seems/ as if an Amphitheatre/ had been built there./ The Horse [axxxxxches]?/ here are very hand/

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some, it is reckoned/ a good county for/ forage, and also for/ coursing. The roads/ are very good from/ Dorchester we had a/ most unpleasant/ drive, owing to the/ wind being full in/ our faces, which/ brought with it such/ clouds of dust we were/ almost smother'd, the/ ^{view} as you enter Weymouth

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Is extremely fine/ Our Hotel was situ/ ated in the middle/ of the Esplanade, and commanded a/ fine sea view ^{also} of/ Portland Island and/ the rocks, I was dis/ appointed with regard/ to the esplanade having/ expected to see better/ houses built on it./ The walls I thought/ very good & the beach/

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so fine and hard./ You may ride &/ drive upon it del/ lightfully without/ making any impre/ ssion, The day was/ so bad and our stay/ so short I had no time/ to see the Town, In/ the

morning we went/ to the play with/ Mrs and Mr Golding,/ it is a pretty little/ Theatre and very/

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good performers.---/ The Weymouth beach/ is one of the flattest/ & finest for bathing/ I ever saw, The machines/ are very singular/ & have the appearance/ of a Chinese temple,/ about three O'clock, the Esplanade is gen/ erally filled with/ carriages, riders &/ pedestrians, it being/

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the fashionable[homage]/ On Thursday morning/ we called upon the/ Goldings, and went/ to Lulworth, the road/ from Weymouth to/ Lulworth, is terri/ bly bad and the coun/ try extensively ugly,/ at Lulworth we/ were received with/ the greatest hospi/ tality, it being Mr/

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Welds birthday, they/ were firing cannons/ & had hoisted a flag/ Ther Castle stands/ in a most beautiful/ park,/, but you have/ only from one spot/ a view of the sea/, & this not very ex/ tensive, The Castle/ itself is a noble/ building, But I do/ not particularly/

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Admire the interior/ I think the rooms/ are not grand enough/ in proportions to the/ house, excepting the/ drawing room which/ is certainly handsome./ The chapel has no/ communication with/ the house & is a pretty/ building forming an/ amusement in the/ grounds. The weather/ was so unseasonable/

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we could not see/ the grounds which/ appear to be most/ beautifully laid out./ Friday Morning/ We left Lulworth &/ breakfasted at Ware/ham a very neat/ pretty town, we loitered/ at Ringwood, the who/ le of the road from/ Wareham to South/ Hampton was ex/

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cellent from Ring/ wood the road is/ chiefly thro the New/ forest and remark/ ably picturesque &/ beautiful, we did not/ reach Southampton/ till near nine O'clock/ where we dined and/ slept, & met with ex/ ceding good accomo(sic)/ dation at the Dolphin/ Inn.

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Saturday Morning/ called upon Lady Non/ tague and Mr Sleneg/ hter, & walked along/ Southampton with/ them, it is a good/ town, & the high street/ very handsome,/ The shops are very/ [xxxpital] as is also/ the market, Lord Landsdown, has/ purchased the old/

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Castle which appears/ to have been former/ ly built for the de/ fence of the Town, / he is now building/ there a whimsical/ sort of thing in the/ ancient style. The/ situation on one side/ is towards the Town/ on the other toward/ the river. At three/ O'clock we set sail/

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For the Isle of Wight/ & arrived at Cowes/ at half past eight/ O'clock. The wind &/ tide being against/ us.-----