

all the furs to London. By the accounts which Stuart showed them for eleven consecutive years, those who held the posts had a clear and net profit, after deducting all expenses, of £2,500 sterling a year. N.B. By the accounts shown me by King, the merchant furrier, I believe that this profit must be greater. He told me, in addition, that he had one half of the profit, and that his brother and Lees had together the other half and that they paid an annual pension of £150 a year during their lease to Mr. Baby, who had given up his share. N.B. This does not agree with what Baby wrote me, saying they were only to give £50 a year.

It reminds me that in speaking to Nepean on this business, he said that Davison had told him that he was giving £250 sterling a year to Baby for his share, which proves that these gentlemen are not to be too far trusted. Dined at home, spent the evening at the Club.

29. *Tuesday.* Paid a few visits in the morning. Dined with Lady Holderness and spent the evening at the Club.

30. *Wednesday.* Went in the morning to Mr. Wood, the boat builder, and saw one he is making for me, which seems well built, but I am afraid it may be too heavy to transport in a waggon. I arranged to send the cartwright to my house, to see what kind of waggon could be built to transport it by land without risk of injury. Spent the evening with the Prince of Wales who is no better. Dined with the Duke of Northumberland, where were the Earl of Arrington [Harrington? (Stanhope),] Lord Howard, Lord Amherst, Sir Joseph York, Bond, Fawcett, Colonels Goldsworthy and Simcoe, with General Johnstone. Left at nine to call at the Club. Home at half past ten.

31. *Thursday.* Went with Captain Freeman to purchase tickets for the representation at Westminster, but although it was not eleven in the morning we could get none. The man distributing them told us he had sold 2,500 for that day, that he had none left, and that there would be 4,000 distributed. Then went to see Mr. [Townley's?] collection of antiquities, with which I was delighted. I then saw some pictures in needlework which are very well done. Called on the Prince of Wales, who is better. Home at two and dined at half past four. Went to Mr. Pollon's who seemed better, and then to Mrs. Trappard's, where were enough of people. Played and won a rubber—half a guinea—Home at half past 11.

June.

1. June. *Friday* In the morning at St. Mary Axe with Tessier and then at Coore's, to whom I gave a cheque for £100 on my bankers on account of the expenses for the suit of Charles Hay. I called on the waggon maker, who promised to be at my house on Wednesday next to meet the boat builder to devise a carriage suitable for transporting a boat in Switzerland.

General McLean dined with me and we then went to Mr. Erskine, the advocate, where we found another with Mr. Grant and Mr. Coore to consult on my affairs. After quarter of an hour's conversation, in which there was not a word of good sense, they went elsewhere. I left my commission with Mr. Coore and the proclamations of the Count de Rochambeau, LaFayette, &c., the Count d'Estaing and other papers, in order that he might be ready to answer the questions put to him in court. I took the Chevalier [?] to his own house, and paid a visit to Mr. and Mrs. McLean. I found there the Count de Lusy [Earl of Dalhousie?]. Everything passed politely and I returned home at half past eight.

(The days of the week in the above entries do not agree with the days of the month of the year 1787 nor do those apparently of the following entries but the year is plainly given as 1787.)

27. *May. Tuesday.* Went with Mr. Coore to St. Alban's tavern to meet Christie and Robertson, who had each a conversation with him on the subject of the agents.