

The diary of Samuel Medley, butler to the Earl of Kinnoull, British ambassador to Constantinople, covering the dates 16 October, 1733 to 9 November, 1736
PART 4: 1736

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December 26th Friday much Snow
again & soon frost & High winds
I walked to the other palace afternoon
27th Exceeding cold - I walked to the
other palace in the morning
28 Sunday Mr Pain Read the service
was but 6 in congregation
I walked to the other palace
29 I went not down to the other
palace - but stayed above all day
30 Sunday - I find Mr Humph
Korist & give 3 letters for
England - to Mr Hanger
31 I walked to the other palace
January 1st Thursday - I
walked to the other palace & find
some of the merchants
2nd Friday - I was not out today
3 I went to the other palace twice
4 Sunday the new ambassador at
Church - Mr Pain Read the service.
I find Mr Humphreys & was 3 times
at the other palace

January 5th Monday - I walked to the other
palace & find Mr Clark
6 - I find Mr Humphreys as did all
Mr Wallace & Supp. Mr Clark &
Living twelve night Mr Humphreys there
7th Wednesday much Rain much Snow
8 more Snow & Rain - I was twice
at the other palace
9 Friday much Rain & Snow - I
went to the other palace towards night
10 Very cold yet time continues
I went to the other palace
11 Sunday - Mr Pain Preached
& gave the Communion - there was Mr
Painerton Mr Abbott & 2 Mr Savage
& 2 more & my poor unworthy me
I walked after to the other palace
12 - I walked to the other palace
& to see Betty Robinson
13 Sunday - I went to the other pal
ace - & Supp. Mr Clark
14 a frosty morning - I walked to the
other palace

on the Marriage Day
Triumphant Beauty never looks so gay,
as on the morning of a Nuptial Day.
Love in within a larger circle moves
new Graces add to her Charm Improves
while Hymen does his sacred Rites prepare
the Busy nymphs attend & trembling fair
whose veins are swelled to an unbridled heat
the eager pulses & strange Motions beat
Alternate Passions various Thoughts impart
the painful joys Distend her throbbing Heart
Her fears are great the hot desires are strong
the Minutes fly too fast - yet stay too long
now she is ready - in next moment not
all things are done - yet something is forgot
She fears - yet withers if strong work was done
Delays - yet is impatient to be gone
Disorders thus from every Thought arise
what Love persuades, I know not to Denies

what's all this noisy jargon of the School
But O! the nonsense of a laboratory fool
who foster Reason in perplexing Rules
to Mr Aquinas Bulky works are found
Does not enlighten Reason but confound
who travels Scotus swelling ones that find
a cloud of Darkness Rising on the Mind
In controverted points Can reason sway
in Passion or conceit still surges away
thus his new notions Sherlock is built
the clear & greatest Mysteries cut with
But by unluckily wit perplexed in more
made in darker than they were before
South soon opposed him out of Christian Zeal
Shewing how well he could dispute & Rail
How shall we ever Discover what is right
is both so eagerly maintain the fight
Each does it with argument & pride
Each has it Church & Scripture on his side
the sharp & ill-natured combat but a jest
Both may be wrong; one perhaps errs if least
How shall we know & articles are true
the old ones of the Church or Burnets new
in Paths uncertain & amidst the heads
who blindly follows others fertile heads
is sure to certain mark have we to know
the Right or wrong twix Burgess, Wake & Howe

January 15th Thursday Black frost
I walked to the other palace twice
16 - I walked to the other palace twice
I went wth Billy Clark to ^{the} English
Burying Ground after noon
17th Friday - I walked twice to the
other palace
18 Both the am^{ts} at Church - m^r Pain
Preach a sermon
19 Monday - I went twice to ^{the} other
palace
20 I & m^r Wallace & m^r Brown
dined wth m^r Humphreys
21 Wednesday I went to ^{the} other palace twice
22 - I walked to ^{the} other palace
23 Thursday - I went to ^{the} other pal
ace morning My ^{dear} kin - & dined wth m^r
Burton
24 Saturday the Shipp Captin
aburn, Cant^{on} In - ^{the} morning
25 - I went to ^{the} other palace
26 Monday - I dined at ^{the} other palace
27 I & Billy dined wth m^r Humphreys
at m^r Hangors

January 28th Wednesday - I went not out to
day
29 - I went not out
30 Friday a frosty morning
I went to ^{the} other palace. I dined wth Billy
31 frosty morning - I went to ^{the} other palace
February 1st Sunday A Rainy morn
m^r Pain preacht & I & Edward the
new ambassador at Church - I went
twice to the other palace
2 Cold In England / Candlemas day
my ^{dear} kin out in a sparre wth m^r Vizeoff
3 Tuesday - I & Bobby dined wth m^r Humple
ris - a great Ball at m^r Vizeoff
4 I went to ^{the} other palace twice
5 Thursday - I dined wth Bobby m^r
Humphreys also - I went wth m^r Tom
son - to the Shipp
6 I went to ^{the} m^r Pain & walked to
the other palace
7 Saturday - I walked to ^{the} other
palace twice & I & Billy Clark
the Shipp & the m^r came in
8 m^r Lamy, Captin to the Shipp preacht the
two ambassadors at Church my ^{dear} kin
the new ambassadors

Afflictions part, can no Epistles find,
But in ^{the} wild ^{deas} of the Mind
Why should we for those Misfortunes Mourn
Whose hope been sufferd & can never Return
Those y^e have Weatherd a tempestuous night
Find a calm approachin^g the lights
will not, unless their Reason they Disown
Still make those dangers present y^e are gon
wth is behind y^e curtain none can see
It may be gon, Suppose it History
his future All, wth it is not here
may never come or we may never see
therefore y^e present Ill, alone we ought
to view, in Reason wth a troubled thought
But, if we may y^e sacred pages trust
He's always Happy, who's always Just
m^r Pinfret

Shew to Nature crave the Medic art
Is health can y^e contentious fyke impart
Every physician writes a different Bill
I find no other Reason But his Will
no longer boast y^e art, ye Impious Race
Let users twist Alkalies & Acids away
I praise G - & wth Colicah & at peace
Gibson & Radely ^{do but know} shall prevail
to day they're good, to morrow no success
Even Earth & Nature sometimes shall prevail
wth Gibbon, Learned Hanns & Tyson & all
I move y^e once we've torn y^e Blundering f - no
missing y^e gont by chance has hit y^e blow
I & ^{dear} Blacmore

February 9th Monday. Rainy Snowy morning
I dined at ^{the} other palace
10 I dined at m^r Hump & talkt my ^{dear} kin
11 Wednesday - I walked twice to ^{the} other
palace - & Billy & Burying ground wth m^r
Tomson & some of the Ship - a fire at
Cathampharion this night - I got a great
fall and lost my face
12 the 4th came & on last year I had the
like misfortune wth of last February
m^r Pain went away
12 I walked to ^{the} Burying ground
alone - & to ^{the} other palace twice
13 Friday - I walked to ^{the} other palace
three times
14 I went twice to ^{the} other palace
15 Sunday - No services in Paingon
16 I walked to ^{the} other palace twice
17 Tuesday - I & m^r Robinson dined wth
m^r Humphreys - I was twice at ^{the} other palace
18 I went to the other palace once
19 Thursday & Kinoul dined wth m^r Para
20 I dined at ^{the} other palace
21 Saturday I went to ^{the} other palace m^r Robt
the 1st m^r Burying of m^r postor

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22 February 1736 to 3 April 1736 including March 1736

February 22 Sunday I went in the evening to
back to Mr Jones & Mr Brown

23 I went not out

24 Sunday I went to Mr Jones to see the
new ship Captin O'Brien & Mr

25 I went to the other palace - in afternoon
I walked to Mr Sampson to topna

26 Thursday I went after dinner to the
portland Mr Sampson Mr Jones Mr Math

27 This day one of the Dutch vessels
the Chamber was executed - for killing a
Genesary

28 Saturday I did not go out

29 I went down to the other palace & ca
me up to Mr Jones to my dear kin
nephew who lived there

MARCH 1st 1736 Monday the Queen
of England's Birth day I went to
a fine ball at the house of my English
nephew Mr & Kinne there

2 Tuesday I went to the other palace

3 I went to the other palace

4 Thursday I went to the other palace & did
at Mr Robinson Mr Humphreys there

5 I went to topna & twice at the
other palace

The happiest man yet Ever Breathed on Earth
shall be the owner of a State and Birth
that yet some anxious care to make him know
no bondage way above the reach of woe
to be from all things & Disquiet free
So not consist with the contentment
youth wit & Beauty are such charming things
to'er with it affluence spreads her gaudy wings
we think the person who enjoys so much
no care can move, & no affliction touch
yet could we but learn Secret Melancholy
to view the Dark recesses of his mind
we there might see the hidden seeds of strife
& woe mix'd with the rising into life
How soon fierces lust or Boisterous passion fills
the Labouring spirit with prolific ill
Pride Envy, or Revenge Distract his soul
that Right Reason's Godlike powers controul
But if the mind not be allow'd to sway
the all without appears serene & gay
a rank rous venom on the Capital preys
and poisons all the comforts of his days
Mr Pomfret

March 6th Saturday I went to the other
palace

7 I went to the other palace at noon

8 Monday I walked to the other palace & came
up to my dear Kinne - who lived in the Dorset

9 I did not at the other palace to day

10 Wednesday I went to Mr Jones & Mr Brown
to see the other after dinner

11 I went not out this day

12 Thursday I walked to the other palace

13 I went to the other palace

14 Sunday I went to the other
palace

15 I went to the other palace & to Mr Math
to see the other in the afternoon

16 Tuesday I went to the other palace & to Mr
Robinson & Mr Clarke there

17 I went to the other palace

18 Thursday I went to the other palace & to Mr
Robinson & Mr Humphreys & Mr Math there

19 a snowy morning my dear Kinne
did not go to the other palace

20 Saturday I went to the other palace

21 I went to the other palace twice

March 22nd Monday 1736 I went 3 times
to the other palace & to Mr Brown to the
big - his running ground

23 I went to the other palace & to Mr Robinson
& Mr Humphreys there - I went twice to the
other palace & to Mr Jones to topna & to Mr
& Mr Humphreys - to the English ship captain

24 Wednesday I went to the other palace
twice - & after to Mr Robinson

25 1736 - called Lady Day I
went to the other palace & to Mr Robinson
twice at the other palace

26 Friday I was at the other palace

27 I & Mr Brown removed from
the other palace to my dear Kinne
palace in the street

28 Sunday I kept at home all day

29 the new English perry was put on
my dear Kinne

30 Tuesday 1736 I went to the other palace
twice there

31 at home all day my dear Kinne & Mr Brown

April 1st 1736 Thursday at home all day

2 I went to the other palace & to the other
I walked on my dear Kinne to the other

3 Saturday we went to the other palace to the
audience of the vizir -

None lives in this tumultuous state of things
where Every Morning some new trouble brings
But Gods Iniquities will break his Rest
and gloomy thoughts disturb his anxious Breast
angelick forms, & happy spirits are
above; Malice of perplexing Care
But that's a Blessing too sublime too high
for those who Bond beneath Mortality
If in a Body there was but one part
not set to pain, and sensible of smart
and but one passion could torment a mind;
that part, that Passion buty fals would find.
But since Infirmitie in Both abound
Since Sorrow both so many ways confound
his not so Great a Wonder if we please
Sometimes as tis a Miracle we live.
Pomfret

on Queen Mary - by m^r Pomfret
all that was noble brought to her Minds
there Wisdom sat, with solid Reason join'd
there too did Piety, & greatness wait
Meekness on Gravure, Modesty on state
Humility amidst the splendours of a throne
Plac'd above all, yet Disputing none
and as a crown was forc'd on her by Fate
she was some pain submitted to the Great
Her pious soule was Emulation strave
to gain a Mighty Gods important Love
to whose Misdeeds Rates she always came
as such an action so fulsome a Flame
the Dulness of Religion seem'd to be
not more her Care, than her Felicity
Virtue unmixt, about the best allay
Pure as Light of a Celestial Day
Corn and all of millions of the soule
as such a soft, but absolute Convol
thus as she knew, Best great god would please
she still perform'd it with the greatest ease
him for her high Exemplar she design'd
like him Benevolent to all Mankind
for so she pil'd, not desir'd their Bless
and so Reveng'd many Crimes she did
nay, all affronts, so unconcern'd she bore
(mauger of violent Temptation Power)
as if she thought it vulgar to Retort
or with'd forgiveness their worst punishment

all Things conspire to make my Ruin Sure
w^h Wounds are Mortals they admit no Cure
But heaven Sometimes does a Miraculous thing
is our last hope is just upon the wing
and in a moment drives those clouds away
whose Sullen Darkness hid a glorious day
m^r Pomfret on y^e fortune Complaint

april 4 Sunday - at home all day
5 at home all day

6 Tuesday - at home all day

7th - at home all day

8th Thursday - this day I am to the
God of my knowledge 37 years old
God forgive all my sins & folly &
Keep me by thy grace for time to
Come - for y^e sake of my dear Redeemer

9th a Rany morning I was not out of y^e gate

10 Saturday - I went to y^e other palace

11 I went to y^e Earl of Eversham's palace & my 2^d wife
dined there - & then to the french palace

12 Monday at home all day

13 Very Cold morning I went to gal
lery with y^e matthe & lay other palaces & the

14 Wednesday a Rany morning - I went
to y^e other palace

15 I dined with Rabinson m^r Humphreys then
my 2^d wife & madam dined in y^e ship

16 Friday - I went to y^e Earl of Eversham's palace

17th I was not out of the gate

18th Palm Sunday my 2^d wife & I
dined - I went to wait for him

19th I went not any way to day
but by the gate

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20 April 1736 to 24 July 1736 including May 1736 and June 1736

April 20th Tuesday - I waked all day
wrote to goe to the morning at 8
Edward Falconer to the Grand Stair
was out by 2 a clock in the morning to
the nation & whole of the nation - ☹

21st I walked to other palace morning
22nd Thursday I walked to Poty for Barker
23rd Friday I walked to St George's day
I walked to St George's palace
24th I walked to other palace
25th Easter Sunday - I went to the palace
to see the whole of the nation - ☹

26th I went to St George's palace & to the
moscovit palace & dined at the palace
27th Tuesday my & Knoull and all of
his Regiments went to Hambold to
take the care of the vizir Cap. Osborn
& many other gents went after
28th I went to other palace & to galatin
the afternoon Sir B. Clarke
29th Thursday - I walked to other palace &
dined at the palace - I went to the vizir
30th - I walked to other palace in morning
May 1st Saturday - I walked to St George's
palace & after went to the vizir
2nd Count Kininsky came back
3rd Monday my & dined at the vizir
4th I went to the vizir
5th I dined at the vizir
6th I dined at the vizir
7th I dined at the vizir
8th I dined at the vizir
9th I dined at the vizir
10th I dined at the vizir
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24th I dined at the vizir
25th I dined at the vizir
26th I dined at the vizir
27th I dined at the vizir
28th I dined at the vizir
29th I dined at the vizir
30th I dined at the vizir

May 5th Wednesday - went not out to day
6th Thursday - went not out to day
7th Friday - very lame yet
8th Saturday - exceeding worse in my leg
9th Sunday - still very lame
10th Monday - much worse 2 holes more broke out
11th Tuesday - very bad yet - the gout
came at 10
12th Wednesday - the gout yet to the
to the vizir my wound
13th Thursday - very lame yet
14th Friday - the gout began to abate, but
of my leg
15th Saturday - something better hope
16th Sunday - something better but very lame
17th Monday - lame yet very sore leg
18th Tuesday - very lame yet
19th Wednesday - yet lame
20th Thursday - very lame yet - Ship moved
21st Friday - Ship sailed for England ☹
22nd Saturday - my & I went to the vizir
came back at 3
23rd Sunday - continue to be lame
24th Monday - my & I went to the vizir
not gone
25th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
palace came back at 3
26th Wednesday - yet lame in my leg

June 1st Thursday - my & I went to the vizir
Stamford - I am very lame yet
2nd Friday - last night the gout came into my toe
to the vizir very lame all day
3rd Saturday - Exceeding lame
4th Sunday - yet very lame - I could not get off
5th Monday - my & I went to the vizir
June 1st 1736 Tuesday something better
2nd Wednesday - the gout got into my leg
3rd Thursday - Exceeding hot time
4th Friday - better as to my & I went to the vizir
5th Saturday - I walked out to the vizir
6th Sunday - I went to the vizir
7th Monday - at home all day - but something lame
8th Tuesday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
9th Wednesday - at home all day - but something lame
10th Thursday - I walked to the vizir
11th Friday - at home all day - but something lame
12th Saturday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
13th Sunday - at home all day - but something lame
14th Monday - at home all day - but something lame
15th Tuesday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
16th Wednesday - at home all day - but something lame
17th Thursday - I walked to the vizir
18th Friday - at home all day - but something lame
19th Saturday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
20th Sunday - at home all day - but something lame
21st Monday - at home all day - but something lame
22nd Tuesday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
23rd Wednesday - at home all day - but something lame
24th Thursday - I walked to the vizir
25th Friday - at home all day - but something lame
26th Saturday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
27th Sunday - at home all day - but something lame
28th Monday - at home all day - but something lame
29th Tuesday - Exceeding hot time - I walked to the vizir
30th Wednesday - at home all day - but something lame

June 21st Monday - at home all day - but something lame
22nd Tuesday - I went to the vizir
23rd Wednesday - I walked to the vizir
24th Thursday - at home all day - but something lame
25th Friday - I went to the vizir
26th Saturday - I went to the vizir
27th Sunday - I went to the vizir
28th Monday - I went to the vizir
29th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
30th Wednesday - I went to the vizir
July 1st Thursday - I went to the vizir
2nd Friday - I went to the vizir
3rd Saturday - I went to the vizir
4th Sunday - I went to the vizir
5th Monday - I went to the vizir
6th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
7th Wednesday - I went to the vizir
8th Thursday - I went to the vizir
9th Friday - I went to the vizir
10th Saturday - I went to the vizir
11th Sunday - I went to the vizir
12th Monday - I went to the vizir
13th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
14th Wednesday - I went to the vizir
15th Thursday - I went to the vizir
16th Friday - I went to the vizir
17th Saturday - I went to the vizir
18th Sunday - I went to the vizir
19th Monday - I went to the vizir
20th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
21st Wednesday - I went to the vizir
22nd Thursday - I went to the vizir
23rd Friday - I went to the vizir
24th Saturday - I went to the vizir
25th Sunday - I went to the vizir
26th Monday - I went to the vizir
27th Tuesday - I went to the vizir
28th Wednesday - I went to the vizir
29th Thursday - I went to the vizir
30th Friday - I went to the vizir



