

HIS8105 Gentlemanly sexual behaviour in early eighteenth-century London.

Extracts from the 'Secret Diary' of William Byrd of Westover, Virginia. From Louis B. Wright and Marion Tinling, eds., *William Byrd of Virginia. The London Diary (1717-1721) and other writings*, OUP: New York, 1958.

William Byrd (1674-1744) was a wealthy Virginian. A member of the colonial landed gentry, he was born in Virginia but educated in England. His first wife Lucy died of smallpox on joining her husband in England in November 1716. Throughout the period of his two year stay in London, Byrd, in addition to the sexual exploits noted in his diary, courted various wealthy heiresses, without success. He eventually remarried in 1724. His diary was written in shorthand, and was clearly not expected to see the light of day. Throughout Byrd hides the identity of many people by missing characters out of their names.



William Byrd II (1674-1744)

These extracts, taken alone, suggest relentless sexual activity, but readers should note that Byrd made an entry every single day, from 13th December 1717 to his departure from England on 13th December 1719 (and in fact until the Diary ends on 19th May 1721). I have extracted all material which relates to sexual behaviour of any kind during Byrd's stay in London, and also that which may relate to ill health. Clearly there is ambiguity in the language used.

You should think about the following questions. What forms of sexual activity did Byrd indulge in? To what extent was this 'high risk' behaviour? Would you agree he was 'notoriously promiscuous' during this period? What do these entries suggest about 'gentlemanly' sexual behaviour' in this period?

Date of entry	Extracted material	Diary page
14 December 1717	Went to Mrs A-l-c and lay with her... I gave Mrs. A-l-c two guineas	50

19 December 1717	till 4 o'clock and then went to Mrs. A-l-c and from thence to visit my daughter, where I stayed till 6 o'clock	53
22 December 1717	Then I went to Will's Coffeehouse and from thence walked to Mrs. A-l-c, where I stayed till 11 o'clock and then went home and said my prayers	55
25 December 1717	Then I went to Will's Coffeehouse, where I stayed till nine, and then went to visit Mrs. A-l-c, whom I would have laid with but I was not in condition. I stayed with her till 11 o'clock and then went home..	56
27 December 1717	I found myself indisposed a little.. My weakness was worse again	57
28 December 1717	.. Then went to Will's Coffeehouse, where I read the news and sat there till 9 o'clock, and then went to Mrs. A-l-c but could do nothing.	57
30 December 1717	weakness grew worse again	58
31 December 1717	This night I began to take an opiate pack for my weakness	59
01 January 1718	About 10 o'clock came my surgeon, and soon after him came Colonel [Shutz] and stayed with me about an hour.	59
02 January 1718	After the play I went to Mrs A-l-c and gave her a flourish and sat with her till 11 o'clock, and then walked home and said my prayers.	60
03 January 1718	My surgeon came again	60
04 January 1718	till 5 o'clock, and then went to Mrs. A-l-c and stayed with her about half an hour.	61
12 January 1718	then went to Mrs. A-l-c and sat with her about an hour, and then walked home and washed my feet and said my prayers &c	64
18 January 1718	I gave Mrs. A-l-c two guineas	67
19 January 1718	I kissed the maid till my seed ran from me	68
20 January 1718	My surgeon came to me and thought my weakness better.. Went to Mrs. A-l-c and sat with her about an hour ... I had a looseness	68
23 January 1718	My surgeon came to see me, and I had a [s-p-n-y] brought me from Mrs. Sherard.	69
24 January 1718	I took a purge and had three stools	69
26 January 1718	from thence to Mrs. A-l-c and scolded at her for not making my shirts. About eleven I went home and found a great pain in my toe. I kissed the maid and my seed came from me, and neglected my prayers, for all which God forgive me	71
30 January 1718	About 12 o'clock I took leave and went home in the chair and said my prayers, and kissed the maid till I polluted myself, for which God forgive me.	72
09 February 1718	Here I was very bright and stayed till 12 o'clock and then went home in a chair and kissed the maid till I polluted myself. I said my prayers	77
11 February 1718	About ten [in the morning] came Mrs A-l-c and stayed about half an hour. ... I felt myself that my weakness is better, thank God.	78
14 February 1718	wrote a letter till 5 o'clock and then went to visit Mrs. A-l-c at Westminster and drank tea with her till 7 o'clock..	79
21 February 1718	Here I stayed till 11 o'clock and then took leave and went home, where I kissed the maid till I polluted myself, for which God forgive me.	83
22 February 1718	Then I went to Mrs A-l-c and gave her two guineas and drank tea	83
24 February 1718	Here I stayed till 12 o'clock and then went home in a chair and kissed the maid till I committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me.	85
25 February 1718	The maid of the house came to complain of my man Rob for calling her names and I found them both in the wrong	85
28 February 1718	About six I went to Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea with her and stayed till eight and then went to Will's Coffeehouse..	86
02 March 1718	I stayed till 12 o'clock and then went home in the chair and kissed the maid till I	87

	committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me	
07 March 1718	After dinner we sat and talked till 5 o'clock, and then I went to Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea.	90
11 March 1718	About nine came my surgeon and found my running pretty well.	91
14 March 1718	till 5 o'clock and then went to Mrs. A-l-c whom I found to be [salivated for a surfeit?].	93
23 March 1718	then I went to Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea with her and about seven went to Mrs. D-n-s..	97
25 March 1718	about six went with my Lord Orrery to the opera because he gave me a ticket. We saw two handsome women in the gallery and went to them upon their invitation, but went away without coming to any business.	97
29 March 1718	till five and then I went to Mrs. A-l-c and gave her ten guineas to [flux]	99
30 March 1718	about 7 o'clock went to Will's Coffeehouse and from thence my Lord Orrery and I went to visit two gentlewomen we had met at the play and my Lord rogered one of them but I did nothing	100
04 April 1718	I returned to Will's and went with my Lord Orrery to visit two gentlewomen at Wotton but I did nothing	102
10 April 1718	My surgeon came to me and agreed to my going to the cold baths. My cold continued but not violent. Took some milk and rosemary for my cold. .. I woke in the night and could scarcely fetch my breath, which lasted about an hour	105
11 April 1718	I was troubled again with a difficulty of breathing that was very troublesome	105
17 April 1718	took a nap till five and then prepared my things for the masquerade and dressed me in the [sight] of my mistress. About eight I first showed my habit to my landlady, then I went to Mrs B-r-t, then to Lady Guise's and about 10 o'clock I went to Haymarket, where was abundance of company and I was exceedingly well entertained and particularly I put one woman's hand upon my business and spent. I met with pretty Mrs. H-n-t-n who was a great romp.	108
18 April 1718	Then I ate a jelly and went to visit Mrs. H-n-t-n and would have laid with her but she thought herself too dirty..	109
19 April 1718	This morning I sent a letter to Mrs. H-n-t-n to excuse my not coming to her this evening, for fear I should lay with her.	109
26 April 1718	walked towards Will's and picked up a girl in the street and committed uncleanness with her.	112
01 May 1718	went to Mrs FitzHerbert's and sat with her till 10 o'clock and then walked home but took a woman into a coach and committed uncleanness. Then I went home and prayed to God to forgive me.	115
08 May 1718	about ten we went [to the Masquerade] and I was very well diverted and spent most of the night with one woman. Here I met with a woman that I hugged till I spent. I stayed till 6 o'clock in the morning and then went home in the chair.	118
09 May 1718	returned again to Will's and had a lady call upon me with whom I had made an assignation at the masquerade. We went and sat at the tavern door in a coach and had some Rhenish wine and agreed to meet again tomorrow.	118
10 May 1718	About seven I went to Will's Coffeehouse and read the news and ate a jelly and stayed till almost nine, when a lady called upon me and we went and supped at the tavern and ate some chicken and asparagus and drank Burgundy but she would not let me do anything.	118-19
11 May 1718	Then I went to Mrs. A-l-c who was from home	119
12 May 1718	Then came Mrs. A-l-c and told me she had taken a lodging at Chelsea and stayed about half an hour.	119
13 May 1718	I expected my masquerade woman to come to drink tea with me but she	120

	disappointed me.	
14 May 1718	After the play I picked up a woman and carried her to the tavern and ate some roast chicken and lay with her, for which God forgive me.	121
17 May 1718	about 6 o'clock took leave and returned to London and went to the tavern to meet a woman that failed me, so I took a walk and picked up a woman and put her into a coach and committed uncleanness.	122
20 May 1718	About 11 o'clock came Mrs. P-l-ing, whom I met at the masquerade, and drank tea with me and stayed till 1 o'clock... After dinner I took a nap and about 4 o'clock went to Chelsea to see Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea with her and stayed till seven..	123
21 May 1718	I took a walk to pick up a woman but could not find one to my mind and went home about eleven..	124
26 May 1718	After dinner we went into the park to meet our ladies but they came not	126
27 May 1718	In the evening I went to Will's and from thence took a walk and picked up a woman and went home with her and committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me.	127
29 May 1718	then went to Will's, where I read the news and then walked to the woman I picked up the other night and there committed uncleanness..	127
30 May 1718	and returned to town, where I picked up a woman in the street and lay with her at the Union Tavern and then went to the Spanish Ambassador's..	128
31 May 1718	went to Chelsea to Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea with her and stayed till eight..	128
03 June 1718	proceeded to [Orking] where we put ourselves in order and about 1 o'clock dined at the Lion and ate some boiled chicken for dinner. Mr. B-r-t-n and I got into the coach and took two girls of the town with us and went to the race... Our girls were very coy and therefore we did nothing with them, so set them down in the evening...	130
04 June 1718	About 8 o'clock we got to London and went to the play and after the play we went to Mrs. W-d-l-n-t-n, a decent bawd, where we had two ladies to divert us and Sir Wilfred and Mr. B-r-t-n lay with one of them but I did nothing but gave half a guinea to one of them and about 12 o'clock we went home..	130
07 June 1718	About eleven Mr [Philips] came and let me blood, which did me abundance of good, and I gave him half a guinea... I went to Chelsea to visit Mrs. A-l-c and drank tea with her and stayed till 8 o'clock..	131
11 June 1718	..and then I walked home and endeavoured to pick up a woman, but could not, thank God.	133
13 June 1718	then went to Ozinda's where I met Sir Wilfred Lawson and Mr B-r-t-n and went to dine with them at the Thatched House and ate some boiled chicken for dinner. Both these gentlemen told me they were clapped by Mrs W-l-m. After dinner I went with them to the surgeon and then I took leave of them..	134
14 June 1718	After dinner I took a nap till five and then went to Chelsea and at the College a gentlewoman came and told me she desired to speak with me, so I got out and walked with her in the college walk and she told me Mrs. A-l-c had commerce with another man and showed me severall of her letters. I thanked her and took leave.. I took a walk and picked up a woman and carried her to the tavern and committed uncleanness and ate some roast fowl..	134-5
16 June 1718	After dinner I wrote a letter and then went and sat with Mrs Cole, a milliner, and ate some cherries. Then I went to Chelsea and saw Mrs A-l-c for the last time because she had played the whore. However I drank tea with her ... Then went to the Union Tavern to meet a young woman who supped with me and I ate some roast chicken and then we went to the bagnio in Silver Street, where I	135-6

	lay all night with her and rogered her three times and found her very straight and unprecocious and very sweet and agreeable. I slept very little.	
17 June 1718	went with Sir Wilfred Lawson to the Three Tuns where we supped and I ate some fricassed chicken. There were two whores, with one of which two of the company lay in condoms, but I did nothing but went home about two.	136
18 June 1718	I wrote a letter to Mrs. A-l-c to take my leave of her forever	137
19 June 1718	I went to Mr. B-r-t-n and found his clap very bad...	137
20 June 1718	my gleet was much better. [Gleet ': a chronic inflammation (as gonorrhoea) of a bodily orifice usually accompanied by an abnormal discharge; also : the discharge itself]	138
23 June 1718	About nine I went to the Union in Longacre where my mistress met me and I rogered her. I ate some veal for supper. I agreed to give her twenty pounds a year to take care of my linen, &c.	139
25 June 1718	My running was very bad. My physic worked but once.	140
26 June 1718	Daniel Horsmanden came and we went to the park, where we had appointed to meet some ladies but they failed. Then we went to Spring Gardens where we picked up two women and carried them into the arbor and ate some cold veal and about 10 o'clock we carried them to the bagnio, where we bathed and lay with them all night and I rogered mine twice and slept pretty well, but neglected my prayers..	140
27 June 1718	Annie Wilkinson came to me but I did nothing.	140-1
28 June 1718	My running was much better, thank God	141
30 June 1718	stayed till 9 o'clock and then went to the Union Tavern where I met Mrs Wilkinson. We had a broiled chicken for supper and then I rogered her and walked home about 12 o'clock and neglected my prayers, for which God forgive me. .. My running was abundantly better..	142
02 July 1718	till ten and then walked home and picked up a woman and set her down in a coach and committed uncleanness	143
03 July 1718	About 11 o'clock came Annie Wilkinson with some of my linen.. Till 8 o'clock and then I went to the coffeehouse, and from thence to the bagnio where I bathed and lay with Annie Wilkinson till 12 o'clock and then went home in a coach and neglected my prayers.	143
04 July 1718	About 9 o'clock came Mrs. A-l-c but met with an indifferent reception, notwithstanding she took on sadly.	144
07 July 1718	Then I walked home and endeavored to pick up a woman but could not meet with one I liked, but went home about 11 o'clock	145
09 July 1718	about ten went to the bagnio and bathed and then lay all night with Annie Wilkinson and rogered her twice	146
10 July 1718	about 12 o'clock walked home and met a woman by the way and committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me	146
19 July 1718	returned to London.. About 9 o'clock and took a walk to pick up a woman but met with none to my mind.	150
21 July 1718	then went to walk in the park, where I met Mr. C-p-r and then picked up two women and carried them to supper and ate some Scotch collops and then went with one of them to the bagnio and lay with her all night and rogered her three times to her great satisfaction.	151
25 July 1718	My running began again	153
26 July 1718	My running was violent	153
27 July 1718	My running was extremely bad	153

28 July 1718	My running was very bad	154
29 July 1718	My running continued bad	154
31 July 1718	My running continued bad.	155
01 August 1718	We [with cousin Horsmanden] endeavored to pick up some girls but were disappointed... My running was better, because I used the injection.	156
02 August 1718	then went to St James's Park where I picked up a woman that was with a child and went home with her and committed uncleanness with her, and then walked home and neglected my prayers	156
04 August 1718	Then I walked in the park and lay with a woman on the grass.	157
05 August 1718	Annie Wilkinson came and brought me some linen... About 7 o'clock we returned and I walked home and picked up two women and committed uncleanness with the last of them because the first would not. I gave the last a mutton cutlet and some Rhenish wine. About eleven I went home and repented of what I had done and begged pardon of God Almighty.	157
08 August 1718	I walked with my old friend MR O-r-d till it was dark and then I picked up a woman and walked with her upon the grass and a man came and took my sword from my side in great fury, but after much swaggering he gave it me again, when he found he could not fright me.	159
10 August 1718	On my return I met with an old acquaintance and took her into the coach and lay with her, for which God forgive me.	159
13 August 1718	I walked home and endeavored to pick up a whore but could not, so went home.	161
14 August 1718	Then I picked up a woman and went home with her and ate some mutton steak and committed uncleanness.	161
15 August 1718	Then I walked in the park with some merry ladies and then went to the bagnio with Annie Wilkinson and rogered her but once and about 12 o'clock went home and said a short prayer.	161
16 August 1718	In the evening I went to visit Mrs. A-l-n, a mistress of mine, and she treated me with a bottle of Rhenish wine and I rogered her well and gave her a guinea. About 11 o'clock I went home and neglected to say my prayers	162
20 August 1718	I had a looseness all day and it worked four times.	164
28 August 1718	My throat was very sore	167
30 August 1718	till 7 o'clock and then went to Mrs. A-l-n where I ate some broiled fowl for supper and then went to bed and rogered her once.	168
02 September 1718	walked to Will's Coffeeshouse and read the news and then walked home; but by the way I picked up a young girl and carried her to the tavern and gave her some mutton cutlets and committed uncleanness with her, and then walked home and neglected my prayers	169
18 September 1718	A small quantity of seed came from me.	175
04 October 1718	About 11 o'clock came Mrs. Wilkinson and brought me some linen... I went to visit Mrs A-l-n and committed uncleanness with the maid because the mistress was not at home. However, when the mistress came I rogered her and about 12 o'clock went home and ate a plum cake for supper...	180-1
07 October 1718	sat with her till 8 o'clock, and then walked about till ten but could pick no woman that I liked.	182
08 September 1718	Then I went to Mrs A-l-n but her lord was with her. Then I walked the street and picked up a woman and carried her to the tavern and gave her a broiled chicken for supper but she could provoke me to do nothing because my roger would not stand with all she could do. About ten I went home and said my prayers	182

10 October 1718	about 12 o'clock came Mrs. Cole whom I kissed and made love to for about an hour.. About 5 o'clock I went to visit Mrs. A-l-n and rogered her and gave her a guinea and then took leave and returned home and wrote a letter.	183
24 October 1718	I picked up a woman and carried her to the tavern and committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me	187
30 October 1718	After the play we went with two women of my acquaintance to the tavern and ate some wild duck and kissed our ladies till 11 o'clock and then I walked home and said my prayers. I committed uncleanness with one of the women while I was kissing her.	189
03 November 1718	I had a running again come upon me without provocation... Then we went to the play where we met two women in B-r-t-n box but could not persuade them to go with us, .. My running grew worse	191
04 November 1718	My running was much better, thank God... I had a nocturnal pollution. My running was well again.	191
06 November 1718	about five went to Will's Coffeehouse and from thence to the tavern with two ladies that called upon me at Will's. I went with them to the tavern and we ate some roast fowl and were merry, notwithstanding Mr Horsmanden followed us. About twelve I set the ladies home and I returned and said my prayers	192
11 November 1718	About nine I went to the coffeehouse and from thence I walked and picked up a wench and couched her and then went home and said my prayers	194
13 November 1718	About nine I walked home and by the way endeavoured to pick up a whore but could not, so I went home and said my prayers.	195
15 November 1718	went to the play, where I sat by Sir Wilfred Lawson and notwithstanding Mrs. Lindsay, Mrs [Cambridge], and Mrs Sambrooke were there, I went away with Sir Wilfred to Mother W-d-l-t-n and lay with a [c-s-n] whore. We ate some ducks for supper and came away about 2 o'clock, and I said my prayers	196
18 November 1718	I had a nocturnal pollution	197
19 November 1718	Then I went to Lord Orrery's but he was from home. However, I saw his housekeeper and kissed her.	197
20 November 1718	Then we went to the play and about 7 o'clock we went to my milliner's in the City and carried them to supper at the Three Tuns in Chandos Street wehre we had pheasant and woodcock and made the ladies merry till 12 o'clock and then I walked home in the coach [sic] without rogering my nymph. My running returned.	198
25 November 1718	then Sir Wilfred Lawson and I went to the play to B-r-t-n box to meet our milliners and they came to us. After the play we went to the Three Tuns and had a fricasse of chicken. We kissed and were merry till 12 o'clock and then went home, and I said my prayers	200
27 November 1718	[Was ill] After dinner I found myself so bad that I resolved not to go to the masquerade and therefore sent my ticket to Mrs. Lindsay with a very gallant letter. I the evening came Mrs. Wilkinson and stayed till 8 o'clock and then came my two milliners in masquerade and after them Sir Wilfred Lawson and they stayed with me till 10 o'clock. Then I took some Gascoigne powder and slept pretty well, thank God	200
03 December 1718	after the play walked home and endeavored to pick up a whore by the way but could not succeed. So I went home and said my prayers.	203
05 December 1718	Then I went to my Lord Orrery's but I found only Madam there and kissed her for half an hour and then went home and danced my dance	203
06 December 1718	Then I took a walk and picked up a whore but did nothing.	204
09 December 1718	then took a walk and picked up a woman and put her into the coach and	205

	committed uncleanness. Then I went to Will's and had some cake and milk and read the news.	
13 December 1718	talked with my cousin Horsmanden and he walked home with me lest I should pick up a whore.	206
23 December 1718	After dinner we sat and talked till 4 o'clock and then went to visit a whore but she was from home, so I went to Will's..	210
24 December 1718	About 5 o'clock I went away and called upon Mrs [...], a lady of pleasure, but she was not at home. .. I committed uncleanness this night.	211
28 December 1718	My cough was violent. I took some Anderson pills.	212
29 December 1718	My pills worked three times with me.	213
30 December 1718	I took some dogwood	213
08 January 1719	then I went to Will's Coffeehouse and read the news and then went to the play and there agreed to go to the girls. After the play I picked up a woman, walking home, and carried her to the alehouse in Westminster but she could not stay. However, we agreed to meet again. The landlady was courteous to me and lent me a shilling to go home in a coach.	217
10 January 1719	Annie Wilkinson came to endeavor to get money of me but I refused her... After the play I went to visit a whore but she was from home.	217-18
11 January 1719	then went to meet my mistress at the alehouse in Westminster, where we drank some punch and ate some fowl.	218
14 January 1719	About 6 o'clock a lady came to call me and I went with her to the tavern and ate some boiled chicken. From hence we went to the bagnio where I lay with my woman for about an hour and then got up again and I went home and washed myself. I said my prayers	219
15 January 1719	From hence I went to visit Mrs F-r-y, the lady I met with at the masquerade, and drank tea with her and stayed about an hour	219
18 January 1719	Then I went to Kitty C-d-g-n and played with her and gave her a guinea [entrance] but did nothing.	221
20 January 1719	About 8 o'clock Mrs. S-t-r-d called on me and we went to the bagnio and lay there all night and I rogered her three times with vigor.	221
24 January 1719	Then I went to the coffeehouse again and from thence went to a whore that was from home. Then I walked home and said my prayers	223
25 January 1719	Then I went to Mrs C-d-g-n but she was out, so I walked home, ate a cake, and said my prayers.	223
26 January 1719	About 10 o'clock came Annie Wilkinson and I rogered her.	223
28 January 1719	then went to Will's where I met my Lord Orrery and went with him to Mrs. Smith a [g-t] woman that lives in Queen Street where I met with Mrs. C-r-t-n-y and went to bed with her and rogered her two times. We lay till 10 o'clock and then rose and I went to Will's and ate a jelly and then walked home and said Lord have mercy upon me.	224
30 January 1719	from thence I went to Mrs C-d-g-n but she was out so I went to Betty S-t-r-d and drank some wine with her and then went to the bagnio and lay all night and rogered her four times [next day] I rose about 8 o'clock and gave my girl a guinea and about nine went home and found no fire... I wrote a letter to Mrs C-r-t-n-y to excuse my not meeting her because she was a married woman..	225
01 February 1719	went to Mrs Smith's where I found a handsome young woman but I was so out of order I did nothing but caress her and promised her a ticket for the masquerade. We drank tea. I was much indisposed about 10 o'clock and went home and took some [dogwood] which made me not sleep at all.	226
02 February 1719	I read some Hebrew but no Greek because my head was out of order, which	226

	made me send to Mr. [Phillips] to let me blood and lost ten ounces. .. My head was so bad I could not read...	
05 February 1719	from thence I met Molly C-t-n at Mrs. Smith's and went to bed with her and rogered her two times. About ten we rose and I ate some boiled chicken for supper..	227
08 February 1719	then went to meet Mrs. C-r-t-n-y at Mrs. Smith's. Here we supped and I ate some boiled chicken, and then we went to bed and I rogered her once and gave her a guinea and so went home about twelve and said my prayers.	229
09 February 1719	about six Annie Wilkinson called upon me and we [went] to her sister's, who I found a woman of very good sense. She gave us tea and wine. Here I stayed till about 10 o'clock and then I went home and dressed for the masquerade and then called on my mistress at Mrs. Smith's and carried her to the masquerade, where I was pretty well diverted and stayed till 6 o'clock in the morning..	229
15 February 1719	stayed till 5 o'clock and then went to my good friend Mrs. Smith where the girl i was to meet disappointed me. I sent to Mrs. C-r-t-n-y but she was from home. Then my friend sent for the widow J-n-s who came and we went to bed and I rogered her twice and about ten we had a broiled chicken for supper and about twelve we parted..	231
17 February 1719	After the play I went to Will's and from thence to see Betty S-t-r-d and went with her to the bagnio where we lay all night and I rogered twice	232
20 February 1719	went about six to Mrs. Smith's where I met Mrs. C-t-n and rogered twice. About ten we rose and I ate some broiled chicken and stayed till twelve and then went home and said my prayers.	233
25 February 1719	then went to my mistress J-n-s and then went home..	235
26 February 1719	and about seven went to my friend Mrs. Smith and met Mrs. J-n-s there and rogered her twice and then ate some boiled chicken and about twelve returned home and said my prayers.	236
28 February 1719	read the news and then called on Mrs. C-d-g-n and then came home to my milk porridge and said my prayers.	237
05 March 1719	After the play I went to Will's and sat there till ten when Mrs. S-t-r-d called for me in a hack and we went to the bagnio where I rogered her but once and neglected my prayers	239
08 March 1719	returned again to the coffeehouse and about 10 o'clock picked up a pretty woman and went to the tavern and had a broiled fowl. I found the woman [entrancing] and gave her a crown and committed uncleanness with her and returned home about 12 o'clock and neglected my prayers.	240
10 March 1719	went to Will's and read the news till ten, and then went to the tavern to meet a maid and ate a beefsteak and then committed uncleanness with her and about 12 o'clock went home..	241
12 March 1719	Then I went to Will's where my mistress called on me and carried me to the bagnio where I lay all night and rogered her twice	242
14 March 1719	I found a great pain in my loins occasioned by wind.. Went to Mrs Smith's to meet a new mistress who was pretty and well humored. I went to bed with her and rogered her three times and about eleven rose to supper and ate some young rabbit. About twelve I took leave and walked home and said my prayers	243
15 March 1719	My back was very bad.. I took four of Anderson's pills	243
17 March 1719	About 12 o'clock came Mrs. Cole and drank tea with me and I did nothing to her but only kiss her...	244
21 March 1719	I walked to Mrs. Smith's and sent to Mrs. C-r-t-n-y and she came and we drank a bottle of wine, and then I walked home and said my prayers.	246

24 March 1719	About 11 o'clock came Mrs C-r-t-n-y and I entertained her with tea and lent her two guineas..	247
26 March 1719	about nine went to Will's in expectation of Mrs S-t-r-d but she came not so I went home and said my prayers	248
26 March 1719	I went to visit Mrs S-t-n that is kept by Colonel Lumley and while I was there the Colonel came in, that put us all into some confusion; however, I sat about half an hour after he came and drank some tea.. About nine I went to Will's where my mistress called on me and we went to the bagnio and lay all night. I neglected my prayers and rogered once.	248
31 March 1719	then to Mrs. Smith's and met a new woman and went to bed and could not roger her; however, I gave her three guineas, came home, and said my prayers	250
07 April 1719	went to Mrs Smith's where I met Molly J-n-s and could not lie with her, to my great grief. We rose about nine and ate some boiled chicken for supper and I went home in a chair about twelve and said my prayers	253
09 April 1719	then came Mrs B-s and I gave her some tea. I kissed her very much and made her promise to call me tomorrow at the coffeehouse to go to supper..	254
11 April 1719	I wrote a letter to excuse myself from meeting Mrs. B-s upon mere conscience.	255
14 April 1719	I wrote a letter to MRs B-s to refuse to lend her fifty pounds.. About 10 o'clock went with Mrs S-t-r-d to the bagnio and rogered her once	256
23 April 1719	Then was I carried by a woman I met in the street to a pretty Frenchwoman with whom I supped and gave her some chicken and asparagus but did not roger her.	260
27 April 1719	In coming home I took a woman into the coach and committed uncleanness and then went home and said my prayers.	262
30 April 1719	and I went to see my French whore where I supped and ate some fricasse of chicken. I gave the whore two guineas and committed uncleanness and then went home in the chair and said my prayers.	263
05 May 1719	My mouth was so sore I could eat nothing but chicken	265
06 May 1719	picked up a whore afterwards that committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me.	266
12 May 1719	Then I walked to Mrs Smith's who could not get me a mistress. Then I walked in St. James's Park and then picked up a woman that was pursued by a footman and carried her to the tavern where we had a veal cutlet with great innocence till twelve and then I walked home and said my prayers	269
13 May 1719	Then I went to my kind Mrs Smith where I met a fine young woman, with whom I ate some rabbit fricasse and then we went to bed together and I rogered her three times and neglected my prayers	269
18 May 1719	In the afternoon I walked in the street and endeavored to pick up a whore but could not so I ate more cake and went home and said my prayers and slept very well.	271
19 May 1719	After supper I walked home and looked for a woman, but could not find one so about eleven I went home and said my prayers.	272
20 May 1719	then went to Mother Smith's, where I supped with Betty G-r-n-r and then we went to bed and I rogered her two times very powerfully. [next day] I rose about 8 o'clock and paid my mistress a guinea and my mother another...	272
24 May 1719	walked home ... By the way picked up a woman and committed uncleanness with her and went home about eleven and said my prayers	274
26 May 1719	then took a walk to Mrs. S-t-r-d but she was from home. Then I picked up a woman and carried her to the tavern and ate some roast lamb. I was very wanton till 12 o'clock and then walked home and said my prayers	274
29 May 1719	returned to Will's where Margaret G-t-n called on me and I went with her to the	275

	bagnio where I rogered her three times with vigor, twice at night and once in the morning. I neglected my prayers... [next day] I rose about 8 o'clock. I gave my mistress a crown and then went home..	
30 May 1719	[see previous entry] After dinner [at Spring Garden, Vauxhall] I took a nap in the arbor till 6 o'clock and then took a walk and joined three women and gave them Rhenish wine and cheesecake, but about nine went to London alone..	276
01 June 1719	I found a little running and used my injection.	176-7
03 June 1719	About ten came Betty S-t-r-d and I went with her to the bagnio and lay with her all night and rogered her twice.	278
08 June 1719	About nine I went to see Mrs. Smith and walked home and took a girl into the coach and diverted myself and then went to Will's and had some milk and toast. Then I went home and said my prayers	279
09 June 1719	then went to Will's from whence I walked to Mrs. Smith's and supped with Mrs. G-r-d-n-r and then lay with her all night and rogered her twice [next day] I rose about 8 o'clock and gave half a guinea to the poor and then went home..]	280
13 June 1719	About ten I walked home and endeavored to pick up a whore but could not	281
16 June 1719	walked in St James's Park, notwithstanding it had rained abundance. Here I picked up a whore that made me commit uncleanness and I gave her half a crown... About eleven I came home..	282
23 June 1719	then I walked in the park and afterwards picked up a girl called Molly York and carried her to the bagnio and lay all night with her and rogered her twice	285
25 June 1719	went to Will's, drank two dishes of chocolate, and about ten Betty S-t-r-d came to me and we went to the bagnio where we lay all night and I rogered twice	286
27 June 1719	Then I went to walk in the park and drank some milk and in returning home picked up a girl and carried her to the tavern and ate some broiled lamb but did nothing but talk till twelve and then went home and neglected my prayers.	287
30 June 1719	Then I picked up a woman and felt her and then went home and neglected my prayers	288
01 July 1719	walked home and gave a girl half a crown that was going into a flux tomorrow. I said my prayers	288
02 July 1719	Then I went to Mr Horsmanden's lodging and carried him to Spring Garden by water, where we picked up two girls and I lay with one of them all night at the bagnio and rogered her twice. Her name is Margaret M-c-n-y.	289
04 July 1719	then went to meet Mary York at the Union Tavern where we had a broiled chicken for supper. I gave her half a guinea and did nothing for it.	289
07 July 1719	Then I went to meet Mary York and went with her to the bagnio but my man had the curiosity to [dog me] before the coach. Here I lay all night and rogered her twice.	290
10 July 1719	In going home I picked up a gentlewoman, carried her to the tavern where we ate lobster, and then went to the bagnio. The woman's name was R-s-m-l.	292
12 July 1719	With these gentlemen I went to St James's Park where we walked till 9 o'clock and then I met with two French women and went home with them but nothing came of it so I walked home and said my prayers	292
17 July 1719	Then I picked up a whore and committed uncleanness and ate some salmon for supper and about 12 o'clock walked home and said my prayers.	294
26 July 1719	Then I picked up a woman called Mrs P-g-t and ate some boiled beef for supper and then carried her sister into the City and afterwards went to the bagnio and rogered her three times.	298
24 August 1719	[at Tunbridge Wells] About 10 o'clock I took a walk and meet with a woman and kissed her exceedingly. Then I went home and said my prayers	309

25 August 1719	After dinner Molly the fruit girl came and Mr C-r-v-n and I kissed her.	309
07 September 1719	[first day back in London after long trip to Tunbridge Wells] home and from thence went to see Mrs. S-t-r-d but she was from home; then to Mrs. Smith's, where I stayed till ten and then walked home..	314
08 September 1719	to visit Mrs. Smith with whom I drank tea and saw two women, a mother and daughter who stayed about two hours and then came Mrs. Johnson with whom I supped and ate some fricasse of rabbit and about ten went to bed with her and lay all night and rogered her twice.	315
11 September 1719	returned home where I wrote some English till nine and then came Mrs. S-t-r-d. I drank a glass of wine to our good rest and then went to bed before my man came home and rogered her three times. [next day] I rose and let out my mistress but my man had like to have seen her..	316
14 September 1719	About eight I went to Mrs Smith's where I met Molly and had some oysters for supper and about eleven we went to bed and I rogered her twice	317
17 September 1719	About nine I walked away and picked up a girl whom I carried to the bagnio and rogered her twice very well.	318
21 September 1719	Then I walked about the street to look for a whore but found none to my mind so I went to Will's Coffeehouse where I had milk for supper.	319
23 September 1719	then Daniel Horsmanden came again and we went to visit a whore but she was from home. Then we went to Mrs. Smith's, where we had rack punch and a turkey for supper. There was a woman but we did nothing but stayed till 12 o'clock and then went home and I said my prayers	320
25 September 1719	then went to Mrs. Smith's were I was to meet my mistress that lived in Firth Street. I ate some fricasse and was merry till 11 o'clock and then retired, and I rogered her twice.	321
28 September 1719	About six Mr Horsmanden came and we went to visit Mrs. Cook and I carried two bottles of wine with us. There we supped and I ate some fricasse of chicken and were merry but did nothing. However, we stayed till 12 o'clock..	322
30 September 1719	from thence home but picked up a girl by the way and committed uncleanness with her, for which God forgive me. I said my prayers	323
02 October 1719	then went to meet with Molly H-r-t-n at Mrs. Smith's in Jermyn Street where I went to bed with her and lay till 9 o'clock but could do nothing. Then we had chicken for supper and I gave her two guineas and about twelve walked home and neglected my prayers	324
06 October 1719	Then I walked home and by the way endeavored to pick up a whore but could not.	325
07 October 1719	then took leave and picked up a whore and carried her to a tavern where I gave her a supper and we ate a broiled fowl. We did nothing but fool and parted about 11 o'clock and I walked home and neglected my prayers.	325-6
12 October 1719	to Will's and from thence I went to meet my mistress at Mrs. Smith's and rogered her twice but it cost me ten guineas. Here I drank chocolate and gave my landlady a guinea and went home about 11 o'clock and said my prayers	327-8
15 October 1719	to Will's Coffeehouse and from thence to meet my mistress at Mrs. Smith's where we ate walnuts and sack but she was indisposed, that I could not lay with her..	329
16 October 1719	then took a walk and picked up a woman and went with her to the tavern where we had a broiled fowl and afterwards I committed uncleanness for which God forgive me. About eleven I went home and neglected my prayers.	329
20 October 1719	then went to Mrs. Smith where I met a very tall woman and lay with her all night and rogered her three times... [next day] I rose about 8 o'clock and gave	331

	my lass two guineas and drank some tea and milk and then went home'.	
29 October 1719	then walked about and carried a whore to the tavern and ate a roast chicken for supper. I committed uncleanness and about eleven went home and repented and said my prayers.	334
02 November 1719	then walked home and by the way picked up Molly D-s-t and sat with her at her lodging an hour and then walked home and said my prayers	336
11 November 1719	then went with Lord Orrery to Mrs. B-r-t-n where we found two chambermaids that my Lord had ordered to be got for us and I rogered one of them and	339
11 November 1719	about 9 o'clock returned again to Will's where Betty S-t-r-d called on me in a coach and I went with her to the bagnio and rogered her twice, for which God forgive me	339
14 November 1719	About five Mr B-r-n-t and I went away to Will's where a woman called on me and I took Mr. B-r-n-t with me and went to Red Lion Street to look for another woman and then went together to the tavern and ate a fricasse for supper and were very merry and then went to the bagnio where I rogered my woman but once. Her name was Sally Cook.	340-1
22 November 1719	About nine I took my leave and walked home and by the way picked up a woman and committed uncleanness with her, for which God forgive me...	344
27 November 1719	then retired and I kissed the maid and neglected my prayers	346
28 November 1719	romped with Molly F-r-s-y and about 9 o'clock retired and kissed the maid so that I committed uncleanness, for which God forgive me	346
29 November 1719	About ten I retired and kissed the maid and said my prayers	347
30 November 1719	I rose about 8 o'clock and I made the maid feel my roger..	347
02 December 1719	About nine I retired and took teh maid by the cunt, which made me commit uncleanness, for which God forgive me	348
04 December 1719	We sat and talked till nine and then went to bed and I took the maid by the cunt and neglected my prayers	348
08 December 1719	About ... I retired and took the maid by the cunt. I neglected my prayers.	350