Tuesday 10 Decr. 1811

Hard Frost last night, Hartshorn at the Chimney Pompey attending Charles Grubbing Hauling Stones & Ploughing, Jno. Justice & Jack at Sunday Jobs, Owen at the Manger a fine day but cold —

Wednesday 11th

Little frost last night Hartshorn at the Chimney Pompey attending, Charles Grubbing Hauling Stones & Ploughing, Jno. Justice & Jack at Sunday Jobs, Employed P. Snook to haul a Load of Stones from the Forks, Owen finished the Manger & did other Jobs a Mild fine day —

Wm. W. Mairs

Thursday 12th

Hard Frost last Night, N. Hartshorn at the Chimney Pompey attending, Charles Hauling Sand, Stones, & Ploughing, Jno. Justice & Jack at Sunday Jobs — I went to the Forks of the Road in quest of Betty and found her at Covers who as well as his wife contended I had no right to her services I reasoned with Betty she refused to come I attempted to bring her off force from Cover's Kitchen when Gildea's wife seized her and prevented me from bringing her away I had used extreme Violence so as to hurt her (Mrs. H.) at the same time declared I should not get her on which I went into Cover's front Room & told Gildea his Wife had made a disturbance & that I would take proper steps to have her punished, on this Gildea's Wife & Betty came into the room when the former raised a great clamour, on which Gildea declared if I would lay a hand on her that I should feel the weight of his hand (or fist) on this I again seized Betty still insisting that she was my Servant (having previously shewn the Indentures to Cover in the Kitchen) and dared Gildea to strike me or interrupt me he threatened but did not strike but used very opprobious Language by this I had Betty out of Cover's room on the Porch when Cover interfered said it was his House & that I should not take her away at same time went in between us caught Betty by the shoulder and pushed her from me, on this I gave up the Contest, his Wife now scolded Betty for not striking, said had it been her she would have taken up something & knocked me down, or knocked out my Brains