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Two Pages from Sir John Witterwonge's Weather Observations, 1684-89

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PLATE XI

The instant cut eat a very large portion
 Toting 4 pound, & it was good as it was good.

This summer in general from the beginning of
 May ~~the~~ end of August, was the hottest &
 driest that I have remember, or (since)
 any man of being more like Spain for hotness
 & so much more than England. It had 203
 in bunches of grapes & other Barthelemy's
 out the water & Roman X. & the
 later than usually, not till the middle of August
 & some not till the beginning of September & the late
 & early of the bloody peach from peach & portugal
 & more not till the middle of that month & after
 seven not till Michaelmas

I never saw so few wasps in any summer as were
 this year, I believe I saw scarce for twenty from first
 to last.

Observations of weather Aug. 1684

- 1 A very fair kept all night day W. W.
- 2 Such another day of yesterday W. E.
- 3 A very hot day again W. S.
- 4 A clear forenoon close after both very hot W. E. S. E.
- 5 A very hot close day to first W. then S. by W.
- 6 Another very hot fine day W. S. W.
- 7 Such another day of yesterday W. W.
- 8 A close mizzling forenoon, dry clear afternoon. W. S.
- 9 A fair rain day W. S. W.
- 10 Last night thunder & rain, at a high fair day W. W.
- 11 After a hot night a fair warm day W. first W. then S.
- 12 In the noon a good shower for 2 or 3 hours, fine day W. E.
- 13 A fair warm day W. N. W.
- 14 A very delicate fair day W. first E. then W.
- 15 Another fair day W. S. W. E. W.
- 16 A fair day again & cool & clear of late W. N. W.
- 17 Such another day out more cloudy W. N. W.
- 18 A very fair cool day W. N.
- 19 Another very fair warm day W. N.
- 20 A very fine day. W. first N. then S. then S. E. then E.
- 21 Such a fair day of yesterday & warm W. E.
- 22 Another very fair warm day. W. first E. then N.
- 23 A very hot & clear & especially the 3 last days W. S. W.
- 24 A very warm hot day again. W. first W. then S. E. & S. W.
- 25 A very rainy forenoon close dark afternoon. W. N.
- 26 A fair cool day bright wind W. S.
- 27 A dark morn, but dry & fair & very cool day W. W.
- 28 A very fair calm day W. W. S. W.
- 29 A fair forenoon, afternoon several showers. W. S.
- 30 A showery afternoon again W. E. by S.
- 31 A mizzling forenoon afternoon a very dry wind. W. S.

- September: 1684.
- 1 A wet day after 10 a clock till 4 with thunder & rain. W. E. S.
 - 2 A fair day yet some small showers afternoon. W. E. S. E.
 - 3 Fair forenoon, afternoon much thunder & rain till night
 to some purpose with extraordinary lightning. W. E.
 - 4 A fair dry day & calm W. S. W.
 - 5 Dry morn, afternoon a great shower. W. N. E.
 - 6 A cloudy dark day & afternoon rain towards night W. N. E.
 - 7 A cloudy morning forenoon afternoon fair & clear W. N. E.
 - 8 A blustering high North W. & W. & a very rainy afternoon.
 - 9 A close cloudy day but dry & calm W. S.
 - 10 An indifferent fair & warm afternoon cloudy with rain W. W.

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