Tuesday. Coldstream of Drum – 11 March 1834. Arrived here this day at Noon. – After dinner ploughing in the "Auld Town". Horrid work by reason of old walls and dykes – made it all out and completed very nearly a park which was incomplete before. – Hem. When the plough cannot turn a corner, the spade must be used. At Barnyards of Deum in the evening and also at the Garden seeking a man to supply the place of Rob: Shiloh who is laid up with sore eyes.

Wednesday Threshing in the morning. – Forenoon ploughing in the Turnip Field East. – At Blacksmiths after getting the Harrows "tined" – and the plough shares and Mogls sharpt. Afternoon in Turnip Field ploughing. – Sent to turn the Beasts who had got out of their park and they rebelled against me and went in among the Neeps, and if it had not been for Jamie the Herd destruction must have been unavoidable. – Mem: always get behind Cattle before you cry hollo. – Very tired to day.

Thursday – 13 March 1834. – The Bull castrated to day. – a very dangerous operation for he has been mad for five days past. – He was thrown in the Byre where was his Stall his legs being strongly bound with ropes, and his head secured by ropes from the nose and the neck, both outside of the Byre. – The poor brute in this case made no resistance. – Ploughing & Harrowing in Peters Croft. – Here the harrow was used before the plough because the field had been in Leys short the year before, and this required to be laid down that the Corn might get up before the grass and weeds.

In all lands where rank grass and weeds prevail the plough must first be used, then the Harrow to turn down the weeds and cover them thoroughly, and as soon after this as possible the plough again