I. Introduction

(1) Target constructions:
   a. 1662 S. Pepys, D10, III 248-49, and to supper and bed, my pains being going away.
   b. 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 53, and then my wife comes home, having been buying of things.

(2) References to the usage of the participial progressive being + V-ing:
   c. Unfavourable prosody of double ing-forms as a reason for its rarity (Bolinger 1979)
   d. Possibility of being going in Present-day English (Ross 1972: 52-53)
   e. Seven examples discovered by Halliday (1980) are all of the gerundive progressive preceded by a preposition.
   f. Denison (1985), who, after a deaf summary of previous studies, calls our attention to evidence from Late Modern English.
   g. Nakamura (2016), who, based on texts of (3a) below, attempts to demonstrate that the participial progressive continued to be used in diaries and letters primarily written between 1600 and 1900, perhaps to convey dynamic connotations of the action in progress, plans or arrangements, and reports that this usage could be used with great freedom at the time, even by men of the cloth (such as W. Nicolson and J. Woodforde) and the educated (including A. Charlett, Master of University College, Oxford, J. Evelyn, and S. Pepys).

(3) The objectives of this presentation are to reinforce the facts unveiled in Nakamura (2016), through further analyses of electronic corpora, for clarification of the following points:
   a. Chronological trends of participial progressives;
   b. Users of participial progressives;
   c. Semantic functions of participial progressives;
d. Differences participial progressives made from simple Verb-ing forms, and;
e. Reasons for the demise of participial progressives.

(4) Texts and corpora examined:
a. 142 volumes of diaries and correspondence primarily written between 1600 and 1900
b. 9 corpora included in ICAME\(^2\): ACE, CEECS, Diachronic Part of the Helsinki Corpus, FLOB, Innsbruck, Kolhapur, Lampeter, Lob, Newdigate
c. ARCHER 3.2
d. Electronic British English texts, consisting of a heterogeneous mixture of 260 different documents such as biographies, dramas, essays, journals, letters, novels, speeches, travelogues, treatises, randomly selected and downloaded from the websites of the following universities and organisations in October 2005 and July 2006: McMaster University, Project Gutenberg, Rutgers University in Newark, University of Michigan, University of Oregon, University of Pennsylvania, University of Toronto, University of Virginia, York University, Canada.
e. InteLex Past Masters (all being published from the OUP/Clarendon Press)
   1. The Emerging Tradition, 1500-1700: 11 Collections, 15 Volumes
   2. The Eighteenth Century: 21 Collections, 46 Volumes
   3. The Romantic Age: 15 Collections, 18 Volumes

II. Examples of participial progressives:
(5) The following quotations have been excluded from the present discussion because, in (a), ‘taking’ is used as ‘taken’ and, in (b), ‘sweating’, ‘willing’, ‘stirring’, ‘arguing’ and ‘threatening’ are participial adjectives and ‘shooting’ is in the appositive use:

(a) 1797 J. Woodforde, D21, V 36, Being taking extremely ill on 12th. May 1797 declined entering any thing in this Book.
(b) 1663 S. Pepys, D10, IV 247, In this walk, being all bewildered and weary and sweating, Creed, he lay down upon the ground; | 1679 Samuel Pepys, *Letters of Samuel Pepys and his Family Circle*, 78, InteLex Past Masters, I kindly thanke you for yours of the 21 and 22th instant, and the great instances they give me of your diligence in my concerns, praying you to go on with your purpose of obtaining Madame Pellissary's and her family's Attestation in all the particulars depending touching Mr Scot, and to let it be as particular as you can, and vouched per as many of her Family great and small (besides her self) as you may. I being willing that this be done onely before a Notary as you are advised for her Ladyship's Ease though if more shall be hereafter judged necessary I may come againe to her to desire more [.] I shall not (I hope) need
to repeate any thing of the particulars to be mention'd in the Attestation my former Letters having been very plaine therein. | 1673 H. Ball, L8, I 72, neither that nor this can give your Excellency much newes, little being noe stirring here. | 1739 J. Wesley, L23, 283, Almost as soon as we went out of town the minister sent or went to each of the members, and, being arguing and threatening, utterly confounded them, so that they were all scattered abroad. | 1798 J. Woodforde, D21, V 159, Willm. Custance called on us this Morning being out shooting & brought us a fine Hare.

In addition, the following quotations, in which older form of the progressive be + Preposition + Verb-ing is reflected, were also excluded from the present analyses:

1651 R. Josselin, D8, 244, my noble friends the Mr Harlakends. and one of their wives with mee eating a tansy, and a nesse of creame, wee being in preparing for London. | 1676 Newdigate 3, The ffrench being about quitting the Castle of Leige and other places makes the confederates think they intend to draw all their force into the feild and to put it upon a battle, | 1681 Newdigate 11, The affaires in Hungary are in a very ill posture ye Assembly for Composing differences being about breaking up without doing any thing | 1681 Newdigate 12, On Monday ye Muscvey Embr receives Audience de Conge being upon Returning home & on Tuesday the Moroccoe Embr will have Audience, | 1683 Newdigate 14, The Yaughts designed to fetch over prince George departed last night severall Noblemen on ye pte of ye King & R Highness are Ordrd to attend him hither & I heare yt 10000 L is remitted to our London Merchants for ye use of ye Prince & ye sport of Joquo de Tauro or ye fighting of Bulls proceeds the Millitary Ground being a preparing for yt purpose | 1797 J. Woodforde, D21, V 76, Mr. Hambleton Custance gave us a Call this Morning, but did not stay any time scarce with us, being a shooting.

Furthermore, the construction of there being + Subject + Verb-ting was also excluded from the present discussion.

1726 D. Eaton, L20, 87, there being a bitch going proud, the hounds were frequently quarrelling

Editor’s precis/fragments

1691 Elias Ashmole, *Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work*, IV 1882, InteLex Past Masters, William Jephson, Secretary to the Treasury, informed the Commissioners of Excise that the payments to Ashmole, suspended by the decision of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury of 14 [or 15] February 1691, were, by a new order of their Lordships, to be effected, ‘Mr. Ashmole being now renewing his Privy Seale.’
Examples in Samuel Pepys’s *Diary* (no less than 34 instances, or 4.8% of the whole use of the progressive)

(i) a. *SV + being V-ing*

1662 S. Pepys, D10, III 198, So to Deptford, and took my Lady Batten and her daughter and Mrs. Turner along with me, they being going through the garden thither. | 1662 S. Pepys, D10, III 248-49, and to supper and bed, my pains being going away. | 1662 S. Pepys, D10, III 276, and there sat all the morning, Mr. Coventry and I alone, the rest being paying off of ships. | 1664 S. Pepys, D10, V 280, Up; pretty well again, but my mouth very scabby, my cold being going away | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 20, But we parted, resolving to meet here at night, my Lord Brouncker being going with Dr. Wilkins, Mr. Hooke, and others to Collonell Blunts | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 70, There met Mr. Coventry coming out, going alone with the Commissioners of the Ordinance to the water-side to take barge, they being going down to the Hope. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 76, and after dinner we walked to the King’s play-house, all in dirt, they being altering of the Stage to make it wider | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 90, who is become a good serious man and I hope to do him good, being sending him a muster-maister of one of the squadrons of the fleet. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 108, And so back again alone to Hales and there met my wife and Mercer – Mrs. Pierce being sitting, and two or three idle people of her acquaintance more standing by. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 193, Thence to my Lord Bellaces to take my leave of him, he being going down to the North | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 199, and there find my aunt Wight with my wife, come to take her leave of her, being going for the summer into the country. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 362, Thence home and with my brother to dinner, my wife being dressing herself against night. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 374, And so I delivered it to Mr. Chevins, and he to Sir W. Coventry in the Cabinet, the King and Council being sitting – where I leave it to its fortune, | 1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 37, The Parliament is not yet up, being finishing some Bills. | 1668 S. Pepys, D10, XI 217, it puts me to great trouble and I know not how to get out of it, having no good excuse, and too late now to mend, he being coming home.

(ii) b. *SV + being X V-ing (X: just / now / this day / ten a-clock just now)*

1660 S. Pepys, D10, I 302, And dined at home, where my father came and dined with me – who seems to take much pleasure to have a son that is neat in his house, I being now making my new door into the entry, which he doth please himself much with. | 1661 S. Pepys, D10, II 128-29, This day the Portuguese Embassador came to White-hall to take leave of the King, he being now going to end all with the Queene and to send her over. | 1662 S. Pepys, D10 III 244, Lay pretty long in bed; and then up and among my workmen –
the Carpenters being this day laying of my floor in my dining-room, | 1663 D10, IV 1, which I perceive I shall be able to do with great confidence, being now beginning to be pretty well-known among them. | 1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 367, Creed and I did step [in] (the Duke of York being just going away from seeing of it) at Pauls, | 1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 523, He desirous to get back into the House, he having his notes in his hands, the lawyers being now speaking to the point of whether treason or not treason. | 1661 S. Pepys, D10, II 14, And then was much troubled my wife was not come, it being ten a-clock just now striking as I write this last line. || [Coordinated use] 1665 S. Pepys, D10, VI 278, And thither comes Sir Jer. Smith and Sir Chr. Mings to see me, being just come from Portsmouth and going down to the fleet.

(ii) Being V-ing + SV
1661 S. Pepys, D10, II 149, He being going with a venison in his panyards to London, I called him in and did give him his break-fast with me. | 1661 S. Pepys, D10, II 159, From thence about 2 a-clock to Mrs. Wheately’s, but she being going to dinner, we went to White-hall and there stayed till past 3. | 1663 S. Pepys, D10, IV 181, But being going to bed and not well, I could not see him.

(iii) S + being X V-ing + V (X: now)
1664 S. Pepys, D10, V 347, because he, being now beginning to be called on offices, resolves not to take the new oath,

(iv) V+ being X V-ing + S (X: up)
1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 62, This morning came up to my wife’s bedside, I being up dressing myself, little Will Mercer to be her Valentine. [Nakamura_This example can be in appositive use.]

(7) The reason why simple participial progressive being + V-ing was frequently used in Pepys’s ‘Diary’:

a. Due to the diary-style written while Pepys was busy (Ota 1956: 77)
b. “Much of the diary was written at Pepys’s office, for secrecy as some have thought; but the diarist sometimes preferred to work on it in his home, and sometimes he did so elsewhere, aboard ship, in lodgings, in several places in the country. . . The appearance of most of the manuscript, the regularity and even spacing of the symbols and lines, the straightness of the lines, the even colour of the ink over large sections, the neat disposition of the daily entries on the pages, all suggest that this is in fact largely a fair copy. . . The logic of these details suggests five possible stages in the composition of the diary. . . (Latham and Matthews, p. xcvii-cvi)
c. Pepys “sometimes read over entries he had recently made in the diary-book
and revised them.” (Latham and Matthews, p. cii)

d. The question is raised of why Pepys did not rewrite participial progressives into V-ing alone in this particular case, even though he could have done so.

(8) Examples in other diaries and letters written during the 17th-19th centuries:

(i) a. SV + being V-ing

1779 J. Woodforde, D21, I 259, A Clergyman . . . went with me in the Diligence from Bath he being going to see a Friend at Weymouth | 1782 J. Woodforde, D21, II 22, he shall not be at Mattishall for the two first Sundays, being going from Home on Sunday on the above melancholy Occasion | 1783 J. Woodforde, D21, II 56, Advanced this Evening to Js. Smith, himself and Son being hedging and ditching for me 0. 10. 6. | 1785 J. Woodforde, D21, II 182, Jack went with me—Will being brewing. | 1785 J. Woodforde, D21, II 202, Colin Roupe told us that the Baloon which Major Money went up in, went 7 Leagues on the Sea, and that Major Money was 5 Hours up to his Chin in the Sea before he was taken up, and then by chance, a Boat very providentially being returning by him. | 1785 J. Woodforde, D21, II 203, Mr. Custance called on us this morning, stayed but a very short Time with us, being going to Peachmans | 1785 J. Woodforde, D21, II 204, Mrs. Davy also and Nancy vexed me rather to night, being going to Morrow in Bucks Cart, and talking of buying such a Number of things for the House &c. &c. | 1787 J. Woodforde, D21, II 346, Soon after Dinner Nancy and Betsy Davy returned with Ben as they came to Witchingham to Mr. Jeanes’s to spend a few days with Mrs. Jeanes, Mr. Jeanes being going to Norwich for 2 or 3 Days. | 1787 J. Woodforde, D21, II 351, None from Weston House, their Coach being mending. | 1790 J. Woodforde, D21, III 191, Mr. Love the Painter dined with our Folks to day in Kitchen, he being painting my Weather-cock. | 1790 J. Woodforde, D21, III 203, Mr. and Mrs. Custance are at present under great disagreeableness, Mr. and Mrs. Alldis, the Butler and Housekeeper being going away from the. | 1790 J. Woodforde, D21, III 218, Nancy did not make her Appearance being dressing. | 1790 J. Woodforde, D21, III 220, I sent a Note to Weston House this morning to desire the favour of Sir. Edmund and Lady Bacon, with Mr. and Mrs. Custance’s Company to Tea this Afternoon, Sr. Edmd. being going away from Weston House to Morrow Morn’. | 1791 J. Woodforde, D21, III 315, Mr. Mann called on me this Morning and as he cannot wait on me to Morrow, he being going to Gressenhall Fair then, paid me his Annual Composition for Tithe the Sum of 36. 10. 0. | 1793 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 39, At Reading there were two young Gentlemen by name Jolliffe taht got up on the top of the Coach, being going home from School for the Vacation. | 1793 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 84, We did not get out of our Carriage being going farther. | 1794 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 101, Mr.
Carbould we met as we were going to Hungate-Lodge, he being going to Weston House. | 1794 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 112, Mr. Custance made us a Morning Visit to take his leave of us, being going to Bath very soon. | 1794 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 122, About 11. o’clock Mr. and Mrs. Jeans called here with her eldest Daughter, they being going to make Mrs. and Miss Mellish a Morning Visit. | 1796 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 272, Mr. Corbould overtook us near Mouses House and went with us, he being going to dine there. | 1796 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 272, we had to dress ourselves (being going to Mr. Mellish’s to dinner) | 1796 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 275, Gave my Boy, Tim Tooley, being going to Norwich to Morrow to get some Cloaths 0. 5. 0. | 1796 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 288, Old Mr. Corbould soon after called on us, he came to take Leave, being going to Norwich in the Afternoon | 1799 J. Woodforde, D21, V 202, Mrs. Bodham, with a Mrs. Dade & Daughter from Yarmouth . . . went by our House this Morning in Mrs. Bodhams little Whiskey, their [sic] being going to dine at Boston with Mr. Dade who boards there. | 1802 D. Wordsworth, D24, 106, I made a vow that we would not leave this country for G. Hill Sara and Tom not being going to the Wolds.

[Coordinated use] 1707 D. Defoe, L14, 198, the Latter part will be worse than the beginning and I shall be Sincerely afraid of it, Severall of the Best men being gone or Goeing, Some into the Country, some to England. | 1793 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 36, No Service at Church to day, part of the Church being at present unroofed & undergoing repairs. | see also 1783 J. Woodforde, D21, II 56.]

(i) b. SV + being X V-ing (X: certainly / eternally / here / just / just now / just then / myself / now / the next day / then)

1644 J. Evelyn, D9, II 162, Vaucluse so much renound for the solitude of the learned Petrarch, we beheld from the Castle; but could not goe to visite it, for want of time; being now taking Mules, & a guide for Marcellus: | 1679 H. Savile, L11 (in a letter to Lord Ambassador Jenkins), 104, This is not onely the greatest but onely newes I can send y' Exley, who will pardon my brevity, beeing just taking coach for St. Germain’s. | 1680 J. Evelyn, D9, IV 235-36, Came the Duke of Norfolck to visite me, and lay this Night at my house, being the next day going towards Dover & Embark for Flanders: | 1682 J. Evelyn, D9, IV 298, I gave Almighty God thanks for his gracious preservation hitherto, being now advancing in yeares apace: | 1683 S. Pepys, D11, 389, Up on my Lord’s business and papers, and so on the quarter-deck. Finding my Lord going to send a ship before us to call at Cadiz, we being now, every hour, expecting to make the south Cape, I went down and wrote a letter to Mr. Gough there. | 1687 J. Evelyn, IV 563, Our Viccar proceeded on his Text 119 Psal: 68 shewing the transitorynesse of all worldly things . . . being now going
to his Living at London during the Winter: | 1690 J. Evelyn, D9, V 36, I then tooke leave of the Marquis de Ruvigny and his Mother, being my selfe leaving the Country to winter in London, with my family: | 1690 R. Davies, D13 141, I visited the Earl of Meath, and dined with Captain Stearn, that regiment being just going into the trenches to relieve Lieutenant-General Douglas; | 1699 J. Jackson, L7, I 199, Not, I thank God, that this is like to be our case, the wind continuing in the same corner still, and I being just now (one a clock) going on board again, | 1699 S. Pepys, L5, 281 (in a letter to J. Dryden), I shall be with great pleasure attend you on this occasion . . . unless you would have the kindnesse to double it to mee, by suffering my Coach to wayte on you . . . hither, to a cold Chicken and a Sallade, any Noone after Sunday, as being just stepping into the Ayre for 2 Days. | 1701 J. Evelyn, D9, V 469, I also visit<ed> the Co: of Sunderland, Earle of Kent . . . and some other friends being myself preparing for the Country in few days: | 1701 J. Jackson, L7, II 182, I am in hopes it may, fireworks being certainly preparing in the Retiro, and triumphal arches for other places. | 1705 D. Defoe, L14, 105, they might live like Christians, Neighbourd, and Gentlemen with their Brethren who Differ in some Cases and not Two Partyes being Eternally Cutting One Anothers Throates on Chimeras of a Presbyterian Governtmt which I Dare Undertake to Convince Men of their sence and Candor No Dissenter in his witts Can Desire, | 1706 D. Defoe, L14, 160, The Gentlemen kept me So late the last post night that I Closed your Letter in Some Confusion, the post being just going Elce I had sent this paper back that night. | 1749 G. B. Dodington, D16, 4, The same morning I receiv’d a very civil letter from Mr Pelham . . . acquainting me that he would come to me, on Monday the 13th, in the morning, before he went to Court, being then just going into the country. | 1756 J. Hawkesworth, L24, 236, his first project succeeds to his utmost wishes, le Noy having assured him he would kill Lodowick with his own hand, and being then coming to do it, and though nothing had supervened that might justify his preventing Lodowick and le Noy from meeting, | 1777 S. Johnson, L61, II 14, This information,

(ii) a. Being V-ing + SV

1694 W. Gilpin, L12, 127, The post being waiting for me I am forced to break off, and leav other matters to the next. | 1699 A. Charlett, Master of University College, Oxford, L7, I 173, I went to tell him that being going into the country, I must leave his grandson to keep house. | 1705 W. Nicolson, D15, 332, The Commons being Reading the Bill for the Land-Tax a third Time, the Lords waited for its comeing up till after four; | 1712 W. Nicol- son, D15, 587, An Appeal being hearing, I left it; | 1777 S. Johnson, L61, II 14, This information,
when I wrote, I could not give you; and being going soon to Lichfield, think it necessary to be left behind me. | 1796 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 299, Willm. Hardy & Brother James, Masons, being repairing Weston Chancel in the outside, I walked up to them about two o’clock and stayed there till near three,

(ii) b. Being X V-ing + SV (X: just / just now / now / one day / then)
1645 J. Evelyn, D9, II 333-34, Being now approaching the [hill] as we were able with our Mules, we alighted. | 1673 J. Evelyn, D9, IV 22, his Lordship told us this remarkeable passage; That being one day discoursing with him . . . I shall be one of the greatest men in England; | 1679 S. Pepys, L6, 88, Till which, as being just now going to attend his Majesty . . . I bid you farewell, | 1699 J. Wallis, Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford, L7, I 210, My daughter Blencow . . . tells me that, knowing nothing of the eclipse before, but being then writing a letter (about a-clock) finding the light of the sun look somewhat dim, looked out to see what the matter was, and found it to be an eclipse. | 1709 E. Young, L17, 194, he had received your Account, and being Just going out of Town Comanded me to acquaint you. | 1785 J. Woodforde, D21, II 221, Supper being just going in for the Family I joined them, and there met with the best Supper I ever met with at an Inn.

(iii) a. S + being V-ing + V
1630 J. Rous, D4, 55, About Michaelmas the king’s Whelpe, that (as it seemeth) Lynne men had obtaine this summer to garde theire fleete, being returning, tooke a Dunkerke by the way. | 1791 J. Woodforde, D21, III 253, but Nancy being dressing would not make her appearance. | 1802 J. Woodforde, D21, V 377, Mr. Dade being going to Cambridge soon, desired me to get a supply for him if I could at Weston Church on Sunday April 4th or the 11th.

(iii) b. S + being X V-ing + V (X: now / then)
1625 J. Glanville, D3, 93, But the Councell being now rising made not anie order nor gave anie directions att all touching this busines. | 1645 “A New Tricke to Take Townes, etc.”, D5, 220, the walls of the Priory within Carbine shot of the Gate, being then standing gave an advantage there to lodge the Forlome party of Fire-locks. | 1683 S. Pepys, D11, 431, The timber in Pole Fort, being now taking up, towards destroying the Fort, proves more rotten than it would in another place in a great deal longer timw. | 1699 J. Wallis, Savilian Professor of Geometry at Oxford, L7, I 188, Mr Glyd having been for some while with me, and being now returning to London, is willing to bring you a letter from me.

(iv) Being V-ing modifying a noun phrase
1825 H. Arbuthnot, D27, what was meant by the report of a ship being
preparing at Portsmouth to take the Duke to India.

(9) Further examples discovered in electronic corpora (18 examples in 4b; 4 in 4c; 7 in 4e):

(i) a. SV + being V-ing

[ME] The Myracles of Oure Blessyd Lady, ICAMET, Sampler, MYRACLES.TXT, p. 62, And on a nyght as he laye alone in his celle, as ee vse of that relygyon is to refresse theyr bodyes after laboure & prayer, he beyng vakyng & thynkyng on heuenly thynges, vysybly apyred to hym a company of deuyls in lykenesse of hogges, the whiche wente all aboute in ee celle with a gastfull noyse, & gronynge as they were wode, and came & stode about him as he was in his bed, sore tremblynge for fere & drede, & as it was tolde me, he swet for drede, no thynge abydyng but his deth. | 1659 Andrew Hay, The diary of Andrew Hay of Craignethan 1659-1660, ARCHER 3.2 1659hay_y2b, After sermons I did communicat in Mr Stirling's kirk, Mr Jo. Levingston being administering, and took my sacramt upon the renovation of my personall covt with God on the termes as it stands written and signed, | 1668 Dr. Bruno Ryves, Dean of Windsor, in Elias Ashmole, Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work, III 1120, InteLex Past Masters, I haue spoken with Sir Henry de Vic, who hath faythfully promised me that I shall haue his Papers some day next weeke before I leave the Towne: I did also preuaile with him, (the King being walking in the Parke) to goe unto the King to know his Resolution concerning the Keeping Saint George's feast, but the King will not keepe it this yeere・ | 1675 Newdigate 2, L. c. 200, from Plymth they write that an express was arived there from ye Earle of Bath acquainting them that his Maty intended to Come thither from Portsmtth & that there was great preparations makeing there for his reception, tis said his Maty will goe directly from thence to Windsor, whither her Maty, & her Royall Highness intended to goe to morrow, most of ye household alsoe being removeing thither | 1675 Newdigate 3, L. c. 314, The generall Rendezvous of ye Imperiall army is appoynted to be ye 20 of this moneth at Hailbrun, from whence it will march directly toward Phillpsburg, a Bridge in ye meane tyme being prepareing to be laid Over ye Rhyne near Spire, where it was ye last yeare. | 1677 Newdigate 6, L. c. 546, The D of Lorraine still attends at Hochfeld ye mocon of M Crequi who is sd to bee indisposed by ye Gout till hee heares wt success Count Rabota will have in his attaque upon Petite Piere & then marches to take winter qrters bread being baking to goe under theire Convoy. | 1682 Newdigate 12, L. c. 1266, Tis advised from ffrankfort that the Conferrence is begining to be renewed the ffrench plenipotieniaryes being makeing preparacon for the rejoyleeing for the birth of the Duke of Burgundy have
desired the City to Lend them the use of their Cannon Church to sing te deum which they have refused | 1684 Newdigate 16, L. c. 1518, Next Satureday Sidney Godolphin Esqr Enters upon his place as princeple secretary of state in Roome of Sr Lionell Jenkins who is to Continue judge of the Admiralty Court his Apartment being prepareing at drs Comons & mr Godolphin also keeps his place as Commissioner of the Treasury | 1686 Newdigate 17, L. c. 1750, The scaffolds within the new Chappell at Whitehall are taken downe & this day the gold Canopy over their Maties seates is putting up & The whole is Extreame Rich neither Cost nor Art being wanting The Paintings & the White Marble figures of St Peter St Paull &c are Performed to Admiration & is Intended to be used next Satureday | 1704 Thomas Pocock, Sea Diary. In Memoirs Relating to Lord Torrington, ARCHER 3.2 1704poco_j3b, The master of this boat, upon examination, told us (for he was brought on board our ship, and he and his men examined in the great cabin) that the French fleet had been off of Malaga about 7 days before, but, hearing of our ships standing that way, they weighed (being watering), in great concern, and left near 50 of their men on shore, and some water casks. (“Of a ship, ship’s company, etc.: To take on board a store of fresh water” (OED², s.v. water, v. 13)

(i) b. SV + being X V-ing (X: continually / just / just now / still / then / then just)

1647 Elias Ashmole, Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work, II 407, InteLex Past Masters, This night I fell ill / and next morning when her maid told her of it she protested (being then dressing her) that she was ready to sink down with the news and was gone to sit down to a chair / and asked why I would not send her word of it, for she would have come undressed to me / she visited || 1677 Newdigate 6, L. c. 540, Wee have this evening our Dutch Lrs of ffriday last a former Post being still wanting ye only news it brings is yt ye King of Danemarke was returned wth a supply of men to Rugen wth C. Coningsmarke had there upon quitted & was come over to Straelsond Leaving only ye Heer Schom well guarded, there be reports ye City of Straelsond had shut theire gates agst C. Coningsmarke but noe great credit is to bee given to them. | 1684 J. Aubrey, in Elias Ashmole, Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work, IV 1739, InteLex Past Masters, I presum A.W. • will doe his best with Mr Sheldons • heire, to gett his books for the Heralds office. • pray pardon my exceeding hast being just now seeing to my Lord Keepers • I pray God to bless you and all publick spirited persons. | 1686 Newdigate 17, L. c. 1647, Last Sunday the Archbp of Yorke died of the Palsie & small Pox Some say dr Jeffries the Ld Chancellrs Brother is to succeed Yesterday Sr Phill Howard died being just going to his Govermt of Jamaica & some say the
Ld Viscount Stafford succeeds others say the Placeing & displaiceing of all Governrs deputy Governrs &c will be left to his Matyes viceroy the d of Albemarle in all the Plantations | 1749 George Bubb Dodington, The Political Journal of George Bubb Dodington, ARCHER 3.2 1749dodi_j3b, On Saturday the 11th in the morning, I wrote to Mr Pelham, desiring him, as I was not able to go out, to wait upon the King, and in my name, humbly to resign into His Majesty's hands, my office of Treasurer of the Navy. The same day, I gave Mr. Ralph my answer in writing, to the Prince's gracious message, to be deliver'd to the Earl of Middlesex, taking his honour that he would lay it before H. R. H. which Mr Ralph performed, as did also, his Lordship. The same morning I receiv'd a very civil letter from Mr. Pelham, testifying his concern, and surprise, at my resolution; and desiring that he might see me, before he deliver'd my message to the King; and acquainting me that he would come to me, on Monday the 13th, in the morning, before he went to Court, being then just going into the country. | 1812 Samuel Wesley, Letters, 167, InteLex Past Masters, I found that had I attempted to accompany from mine, the Regulations from St John Baptist's Hymn • would have been wholly ineffectual to preserve the Truth; the Fa's & Sols &c being continually quarrelling.

(ii) a. Being V-ing + SV

1668 Elias Ashmole, Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work, III 1120, InteLex Past Masters, In the yeare 1668 (about Easter) the Masons being paving the Cathedrall Church of Lichfeild, they discovered under the West Arch of the great Steeple a Sepulchre with a Body in it, the Sepulchre was two yards & a foote in length, & one yard broad, it was paved with Stone at the Botome, sides & ends, & a gray marble stone layd over it. | 1675 Newdigate 3, L. c. 253, But the Naples letters tell us that the Messineses begin to be weary of the ffrench & that they require that the Castles should be restored to their possess[ions] according to an agreemt made, by which the ffrench promised to returne the possion assoone as they should be Masters of any other place in the Islands which was now done in the takeing Agusta, to which some ade that the Spanish ships being Cruising about the Ware, they had Conveighed a letter to the Admirall to assure him of their readinesse to returne to their obedience. | 1680 Newdigate 10, L. c. 980, They talk of sr wm Jones to be Ld: Chanceller & the E: of Thanes to be Ld: Chambeleyn Waller & Duglusto [?] of the Kings pages being discorsing yesterday about the D: of M: ye former being prrefd to his place by yt D: stood up for his Intrest but the Later Cal'd him Reabell & other harsh words upon which they fought the first is Dangerously wounded and the later is fled; | 1681 Newdigate 11, L. c.
1084, The Constable being dying or dead who was abused in serving a warrant on a shoemaker in white fryers who had bought 4 [?] [about five letters illegible] & would neither pay for 'em nor return 'em he was latly fetched out & carried to Newgate where in a little time he had sevll acons laid upon him to ye value 700 [?] L | 1775 Joseph Black, “The supposed effect of boiling upon water”, *Philosophical Transactions*, 65:124-128, ARCHER 3.2 1775blac_s4b, In the beginning of November, being fishing on the banks of the river Dart, which runs at the bottom of a very steep hill, from the side of which project several large rocks, overgrown with ivy and thicket; I was at once surprized with the sight of a great number of martins.

(ii) b. Being X V-ing + SV (X: just / just now / now / this day)

1663 Andrew Marvell, *The poems and letters of Andrew Marvell*, 39, InteLex Past Masters, Gentlemen my very worthy friends, being this day taking barge for Grauesend, there to imbarke for Archangel, so to Muscow, thence for Sweden, and last of all Denmarke, all which I hope by Gods blessing to finish within twelve moneths time, I do hereby with my last and seruiseest thoughts salute you, rendring you all hearty thanks for your great kindnesse and friendship to me upon all occasions and ardently beseeching God to keep you all in His gracious protection to your own honour and the welfare | 1670, A BRIEF RELATION OF THE Life and Death Of the late Famous Mathematician and Astrologer, Mr. Vincent Wing, Lampeter MSCB1670.SGM, And (being just entering Taurus we may admit Venus the Alchocoden, or giver of Years: Or should we (in respect of the Moon’s being so powerful in the Figure) admit her a sharer in the designing of Life, (which is not altogether unreasonable, but agreeable to the Opinions of Omar and Firmicus,) then will Jupiter be Alchocoden; which is in effect the same; | 1679 Samuel Pepys, *Letters of Samuel Pepys and his Family Circle*, 88, InteLex Past Masters, Till which, as being just now going to attend his Majesty (who is under some present indisposition, by a fever, which I beseech God remove) at Windsor, I bid you farewell, and, with my usuall saluts to Mr Trenchepain and Mr pelletier, remaine Your truely affectionate Brother and Servant S P

(iii) S + being V-ing + V

1681 Newdigate 12, L. c. 1165, he began a health to the K: & the confusion of Popery, which went round, then a health to all Whiggs & a confusion to Tories, wch being reflecting by treason [?] of many in company went not round, then being stirrd up, he impudently pushd it on thus | 1682 Newdigate 12, L. c. 1195, we have advice by Letters from the Streights That 2 ffriggots belonging to Admirall Herberths fleet being Cruising on those Seas met wth 3 Algereins men of War whoe imediately engaged them & had a most Tirrable & Sharp
fight wch Continued about 4 howers | 1682 Newdigate 12, L. c. 1276, some hundred of the Turks from Newhausell being ravageing abroad fell into an Ambush of Imperiali Horse from Lowentz and were cutt to peeces.

(iv) Clause-kernel *being V-ing*

1684 Newdigate 16, L. c. 1585, The Ld Elland the M of Hallifax his Eldest son being Returneing from ffrance with 2 ladyes one of which tis said his Lordship is to marry The Ladies Reecd An order from the ffrench K not to goe further then Callais which obliged his Lordship to deferr his journey & is much offended & his ffather hath highly Complained thereof to the ffrench Ambr here who said that upon Application to his Master he did not doubt but the Ladyes would be Permitted to Come &c | 1686 Newdigate 17, L. c. 1744, This day Articles of Peace &c were Published between the Kings of England & ffrance for America Concluded the 16th Novembr 1686  The diference between the Ld Chamberlain & the E of Peterbrough is Accomodated  Greate Preparati*ons* being makeing for filling his Maties stores for land & sea service with ordinance Mortars Bombes Carrasses &c  This day his Maty Intended for Blackheath to view the Performances of New Bombes & Carrasses but deferred it till Thursday On ffriday the Ecclesll Comrs are to sit when severall sumoned for symony will be heard &c
(10) Chronological trends of participial progressives

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Table 2 Verbs used in simple participial progressive \textit{being} + V-ing in the texts and corpora examined

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- prepare (6) dress (5) return (4) make take (3)
- begin come cruise discourse sit talk want (2)
- administer advance alter approach bake brew cut die enter expect finish fish hear hedge lay leave mend paint pave pay off quarrel ravage read reflect remove repair rise send speak stand step strike wait wake walk water write (1)
- ditch undergo think (+1)
(11) Some users of the participial progressives / nature of source in which the participial progressive was used:

Arbuthnot, Harriet (1793-1834). [b. Lincolnshire; daughter of Henry Fane, MP of Fulbeck Hall (son of Thomas Fane, eighth Earl of Westmorland), and Anne, daughter of Edward Buckley Batson, banker; diarist <ODNB> || diary]
Ashmole, Elias. *Autobiographical and historical notes, his correspondence, and other contemporary sources relating to his life and work*
Black, Joseph. “The supposed effect of boiling upon water”, *Philosophical Transactions* (the oldest scientific journal in the world)
Davies, Reverend Rowland (1649-1721). [b. Ireland; BA, MA, LLD, University of Dublin; Dean of Cork and Ross, vicar-general of Cloyne, chaplain to one of William III’s regiments <ODNB> || diary]
Defoe, Daniel (1660?-1731). [b. London; writer, businessman; published more than 250 works such as “Robinson Crusoe” and “Moll Flanders” <ODNB> || letter]
Evelyn, John (1620-1706). [b. Surrey; admitted to Middle Temple, awarded a DCL by the University of Oxford; diarist and author of some 30 books on arts, forestry and religious topics; one of the virtuosi who formed the Geographical committee of what became the Royal Society in 1661 <ODNB + Britannica> || diary]
G[adbury], J[ohn]. “A Brief Relation of the Life and Death of the Late Famous Mathematician and Astrologer, Mr. Vincent Wing.” [ || “Miscellaneous” texts in Lampeter Corpus]
George Bubb Dodington, Baron Melcombe of Melcombe-Regis (1691-1762) [English politician, a career office seeker who was the subject of a satirical engraving by William Hogarth, “Chairing the Members” (1758), and kept a diary (published 1784) that remains one of the best sources on British politics of his time <Britannica> || diary and political journal]
Gilpin, William (1724-1804). [b. Cumberland; BA, MA, University of Oxford; writer on art, biographer and headmaster <ODNB> || letter]
Glanville, Sir John (1585/6-1661). [Devon; studied at Lincoln’s Inn, and called to the bar; DCL, University of Oxford; lawyer, king’s serjeant at law and politician <ODNB> || voyage journal]
Hawkesworth, John (?1715-1773). [b. London; English writer, Samuel Johnson’s successor as compiler of parliamentary debates for the *Gentleman’s Magazine* <Britannica> || letter]
Jackson, John. [Samuel Pepys’s nephew and heir <L7, Vol. 2, 373> || letter]
John Aubrey, (1626-1697) [b. Wiltshire; Educated at Oxford at Trinity College, he studied law in London at the Middle Temple. His literary and scientific interests won him a fellowship of the Royal Society; antiquarian and biographer, best known for his vivid, intimate, and sometimes acid sketches of his contemporaries <Britannica> || letter]

Johnson, Samuel (1709-1784). [b. Staffordshire; English critic, biographer, essayist, poet, and lexicographer, regarded as one of the greatest figures of 18th-century life and letters. <Britannica> || letter]

Marvell, Andrew (1621-1678). [b. Yorkshire; BA, University of Cambridge; poet, satirist and politician <ODNB> || letter]

Nicolson, William (1655-1727). [b. Cumberland; BA, MA, Fellow, University of Oxford; Church of Ireland bishop of Carlisle and Derry, antiquary <ODNB> || diary]

Pepys, Samuel (1633-1703). [b. London; BA, MA, University of Cambridge; naval administrator, diarist and President of the Royal Society <ODNB + Britannica> || diary, letter]

Pocock, Thomas (1672-1745) [b. Middlesex; BA and MA, University of Oxford; Church of England Clergyman, known as a diarist; Fellow of the Royal Society <https://collections.royalsociety.org/DServe.exe?dsqIni=Dserve.ini&dsqApp=Archive&dsqCmd=Show.tcl&dsqDb=Persons&dsqPos=3&dsqSearch=%28%28text%29%3D%27Pocock%27%29> || diary]

Rous, John (bap. 1584-1644). [b. Suffolk; BA, MA, University of Cambridge; diarist and Church of England clergyman <ODNB> || diary]

Ryves, Dr. Bruno (c1596-1677). [BA, MA, DD, University of Oxford; Master of Chichester Hospital, Dean of Windsor and journalist <ODNB> || letter]

Savile, Henry (1642-1687). [b. Nottinghamshire; courtier and diplomat <ODNB> || letter]

Wallis, John (1616-1703). [b. Kent; BA, MA, University of Cambridge, MA, DD, University of Oxford; mathematician and cryptographer, Savilian professor of geometry, University of Oxford; published a grammar book; leading member of the foundation of the Royal Society <ODNB> || article running in Philosophical Transactions, the oldest scientific journal in the world]

Wesley, Samuel (1766-1837) [b. Bristol; composer and organist who helped introduce the music of J. S. Bach into England. The son of Charles Wesley, the hymn writer, and the nephew of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, he began an oratorio, Ruth, at the age of 6 and at age 11 published Eight Lessons for the Harpsichord. A man of wide culture, he also won renown as a conductor and lecturer. <Britannica> || letter]

Woodforde, James (1740-1803). [b. Somerset; BA, MA, BD, University of
Young, Edward (bap. 1683–1765). [b. Hampshire; English poet, dramatist, and literary critic, author of The Complaint: or, Night Thoughts (1742–45), a long, didactic poem on death. It was enormously popular.]

[It was next to impossible to gather information on the writers of the participial progressive in the Newdigate newsletters, which are “valuable as primary-document sources, with much matter of intrinsic interest on the Stuart courts and those of most of Europe; on social, diplomatic, and military history; parliamentary news; commercial and maritime relations, particularly those with the colonies in North America and the Indies, West and East” (Introduction to the Newdigate). Even though it is speculated that the senders were respected people since most of the letters were addressed to Sir R. Newdigate, Warwickshire, information about them has not been collected, and accordingly the user information is not shown.]

(12) Perfective participial progressive having been V-ing:

(i) a. SV + having been V-ing

1666 S. Pepys, D10, VII 53, and then my wife comes home, having been buying of things. | 1679 H. Savile, L11, 83 (in a letter to Viscount Halifax), How far the probability of the peace of the North is advanced you will have heard from Nimguen, but the Dane and Brandenburgh envoyes having been posting who should ride fastest hither . . . it is countedupon here that the peace is as good as made, | 1711 D. Defoe, L14, 309, I have Since my last had Occasion of doeing I hope Some little Service here, The Commission of the assembly having been Sitting for this Week past; | 1794 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 160, Mr. Stoughton of Sparham about 3. o’clock this Afternoon brought us a brace of Partridges . . . having been shooting at Weston all the Morning, | 1828 J. Skinner, D25, 362, this morning we had done breakfast ere he came to the table, dripping with rain, having been walking backwards and forwards in the garden during the heavy storm. | 1842 E. FitzGerald, L49, I 340, He enquired in a wild way for Aubrey de Vere, who had invited him to Ireland: Aubrey de Vere having been hunting for Tennyson in the same way. | 1864 G. Meredith, L54, I 161, on the last evening of my stay here, I write to you, having been intending the thing from the day of my arrival. | 1868 G. Meredith, L54, I 193, I have carried about this piece of Club paper for a fortnight, having been intending to com- mence a letter to you there, and unable either to do that or to go on with it since.

(i) b. SV + having been X V-ing (X: all day / all night / ever since / a year and a half/ so long and so loudly)

1660 S. Pepys, D10, I 99, he was then drunk, having been all night taking his leave at Gravesend the night before, | 1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 492, Sir W. Penn tells me he was gone to bed, having been all day laboring, and then not able to
stand, of the goute. | 1666 J. Evelyn, L5, 27, I have not enjoy’d one minutes repose since my returne . . . having been ever since soliciting for a little mony to preserve my miserable flock from perishing: | 1848 E. FitzGerald, L49, I 625, I also have finished Thucydides—today: having been a year and a half reading what has taken you but two months or so. | 1850 E. FitzGerald, L49, I 692, this advance of the Pope’s results less from any unusual aggression on his part, than from some unusual invitation from ourselves; so many Ministers of the Church of England . . . having been so long and so loudly proclaiming the essential Unity of the Church of England with that of Rome;

(i) c. SV + having X been V-ing (X: only)
1814 P. Hawker, D29, I 106, Left Longparish for Lymington, with the intention of embarking immediately for France, having only been waiting for a fair wind to make a second excursion to that country.

(i) d. SV + having X been Y V-ing (X: now, Y: an hundred yeares; X: by degrees, Y: continually; X: yesterday, Y: almost all the morning)
1644 J. Evelyn, D9, II 199, we were conducted to the third heaven if any be on Earth, the famous Mausoleum or Chapel where the Dukes are Inhum’d, it having now ben an hundred yeares building & not yet quite finished, 1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 229, since which they have never been great friends, Pen having by degrees been continually growing higher and higher, | 1667 S. Pepys, D10, VIII 483, Here most of our discourse is of the business of the Parliament, who run on mighty furiously, having yesterday been almost all the morning complaining against some high proceedings of my Lord Chief Justice Keeling . . .

(ii) a. Having been V-ing + SV
1662 S. Pepys, D10, III 180, And Will having been making up books at Deptford with other clerks all day, I did not think he was come home; but was in fear for him, it being very late, what was become of him. | 1866 A. C. Swinburne, L56, I 58, having been fighting my battles in the New York Tribune he means to continue apropos of the Notes, of which I have sent him a copy.

(ii) b. Having been X V-ing + SV (X: only from a quarter past eleven till three to-day)
1812 P. Hawker, D29, I 43, Having been only from a quarter past eleven till three to-day filling my bag, I returned to Bradford at the latter hour, in good time to despatch some birds to town.

(iii) S + having been V-ing + V
1747 R. Hurd, L29, 167, Colley Cibber, having <try’d> been trying his Hand for these many Years, but with slender Success, at Poetry, is now at last . . . resolv’d to turn Critic, [“Deletions are incorporated in the text, within angle brackets wherever possible.” (Introduction to L29, p. lxxxi)] | 1801 J. Woodforde, D21, V 344, Mr. Collison of Deerham having been shooting at Weston to day, sent us two brace of Partridges this Afternoon—very hadsome of him indeed.
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(13) Semantic functions of participial progressive *being* + V-ing, and differences between participial progressives and simple Verb-ing forms:


   (i) Clause predicate with independent subject
   
   Attendant circumstance without notable connotation
   
   Time relations
   
   Causality (cause or reason; explanation; specification)
   
   Open condition
   
   Contrast
   
   (ii) Clause predicate with subject represented in the governing clause
   
   Attendant circumstance
   
   Time relations
   
   Structural and rhythmical variation, in clauses where coordination would have been possible
   
   Functions like in + ing-form in PE
   
   Causality (cause-effect / explanatory / causal-explanatory explanatory-
specifying relation)
Concession or contrast
The means by which the finite clause content is realised
Consequence or result
Open condition
b. Semantic functions of participial progressive being + V-ing
By extending the progressive form into a non-finite form, the participial progressive could clearly and positively convey (1) (nearly always) dynamic connotations of the action in progress, the basic meaning of the progressive, (2) (with one day) a future event anticipated by virtue of a present plan or arrangement, or (3) (with eternally or continually) iteration.

(14) Reasons for the demise of participial progressives:
a. Unfavourable prosody of double ing-forms as a reason for its rarity (Bolinger 1979)
b. It is Nakamura’s simple query as a non-native speaker of English why the double participial ing-forms have been felt to be clumsy in spite of the fact that double ing-forms in other combinations as shown below could and still can be evidenced in many examples. Phonetically, there seems to be little difference between *being going (to the work) and, for example, being willing (to do the work). I wonder if native speakers of English are instantaneously judging whether one or both of the -ing-forms are lexicalised as a non-verb or not in uttering double ing-forms.

<Pple being + Adj. with ending in -ing>
1625 J. Glanville, D3, 106, The 12 shippes were his Ma\textsuperscript{th} shipp the Rainebowe, 3 of our horse shippes, 2 of our prizes (the third being missing) and 6 other shippes, | 1698 C. Fiennes, The Journeys of Celia Fiennes, 146, Helsinki-DP, there being stragling houses for the most part all the way between that and the gates; | 1870 D. G. Rossetti, Letters of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, InteLex Past Masters, the bread-and-cheese question has led to a good deal of my painting being pot-boiling and no more | 1859 A. H. Clough, Correspondence of Arthur Hugh Clough, InteLex Past Masters, business and laziness . . . both being cooperating causes-- | adjoining | assuming | binding | confusing | displeasing | inviting | living | missing | overwhelming | refreshing | relating | surprising | tempting | wanting | (un)willing

<Pple being + Adv. with ending in -ing>
1790 J. Woodforde, D21, III 180, It being exceeding cold and windy,

<Pple being + Ger. -ing>
1783 J. Woodforde, D21, II 65, Betty, my Upper Maid stayed at home being Washing Week.
<Pple being + Prep. with ending in -ing>
1677 A. Marvell, *The Poems and Letters of Andrew Marvell*, Vol. 2, InteLex Past Masters, The House sat till six yesterday in Committee concerning Grievances, the whole debate being concerning the Passes wch merchants haue been obligd to take for their ships,

<Ger. being + Adj. with ending in -ing>
1793 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 77, It was rather beyond the Line of being pleasing, | amusing | charming | comforting | depressing | disgusting | embarrassing | inspiring | obliging | patronizing | unavailing | willing

<Ger. being + Prep. ending in -ing>
1776 A. Smith, L30, 201, in as good order as it is capable of being during the continuance of that morbid state.

<N. wih ending in -ing + Pple being>
1668 J. Milward, D6, 190, the saying being taken notice of, | 1695 Richard Lord Viscount Preston, *Boethius: Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius, of the Consolation of Philosophy*, 134, Helsinki-DP, there would be some Being excelling him, | 1869 D. G. Rossetti, *Letters of Dante Gabriel Rossetti*, InteLex Past Masters, whether a human being acting under another . . . would not . . . jar with the language of the poem | 1678 S. Pepys, *The Letters of Samuel Pepys and his family circle*, InteLex Past Masters, nothing being Less welcome to me then to See you in towne unemployed

<Ger. -ing + N. wih ending in -ing>
1667 J. Milward, D6, 114, from doing anything | 1668 J. Milward, D6, 188, not having anything

<Pple -ing + Pple -ing>

<Ger. -ing + Ger. -ing>
1667 J. Milward, D6, 116, in execution for preventing robbing by the high-way.

<Adj. -ing + Ger. -ing>
1793 J. Woodforde, D21, IV 88, It was charming walking this Morn’ so very calm.

<N. wih ending in -ing + Prep. wih ending in -ing + Ger. -ing>
1666 J. Milward, D6, 38, the bill had a second reading concerning giving directions to the country

Cf. For some people, the double consecutive use of that was not clumsy as in the following:
Conclusion
In contradiction to the statements of the previous studies such as Poutsma (1926: 329), Jespersen (1931 [1970]: 205), Visser (1973: 1955 & n. 1) and Scheffer (1975: 22.2), the participial progressive has been proved to be not necessarily rare. This usage could be used with great freedom during the seventeenth and the eighteenth centuries in particular, mainly with the verb go, in clauses following the superordinate clauses. By extending the progressive form into a non-finite form, the participial progressive was moderately employed even by clergymen (such as W. Nicolson and J. Woodforde) and the educated (including A. Charlett, Master of University College, Oxford, J. Evelyn, and S. Pepys) to convey the meanings pertaining to the progressive, i.e. dynamic connotations of the action in progress, a future event anticipated by virtue of a present plan or arrangement, or iteration. The participial progressive is generally believed to have become obsolescent because of the clumsy, unfavourable prosody of double \textit{ing}-forms.

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Addenda
(15) Gerundive progressive

<being V-ing>

1682 Newdigate 13, in being depriveing them of Choseing yr Majestrates overturning their whole Religion prohibiting them of Changeing their Habitacons & praying releife | 1701 J. Jackson, L7, II 178, of my Lord Portland’s being coming to congratulate the King upon his Accession to the Crown. | 1756 E. Gibbon, L, 37, I don’t doubt of their being translating into English. | 1801 Jane Austen, Letters, 70, InteLex Past Masters, I hope Mary will . . . cease to torment herself with the idea of his bones being bleaching in the Sun on Wantage Downs. | 1805 J. Austen, Letters, 101, InteLex Past Masters, I do not beleive much of your being looking well already. | 1991 William Cooper, Immortality at Any Price, FLOB K13, For Horsfall, I understood, there were plenty of other things, well ahead of all of them being writing.

<being X V-ing> (X: always / yet)

1682 S. Pepys, L5, 134, by reason of the Kitchin-yachts’ not being yet coming; | 1683 Newdigate 14, L. c. 1360, ye great difference so long depending betweene the Prince of Leige & those Magistrates are in a likely hood of accomodacon being now agitateing ye project is that things remaine in ye Present Condicon for ye Princes life but not to be brought in President for the future | 1865 M. Arnold, L53, 309, freeing them from the necessity of being always standing upon their toes, crowing.

<having been X V-ing> (X: so long)

1701 J. Evelyn, L7, II 239, But how, deare Friend, am I fallen into a sermon instead of a letter, which should account for my having ben so long groveling in the country!

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