

Box AQ.3 : MSS 2601

Correspondence mainly from John Britton to Rev. J E Jackson : 2601.1.1-89

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- 2601.1 Brown cloth cover with **Britton Letters &c.** on the spine. a bound volume of letters which have been glued in; not entirely in chronological order.
- 2601.1.1 printed letter requesting a subscription for a memorial to John Britton in Kington Church and an Annuity for his widow
- 2601.1.2 from William Cunnington, Devizes to 'Dear Sir' 2 April 1857 re. Collection in memory of John Britton
- 2601.1.3 Notes by Canon Jackson for a memorial to John Britton
- 2601.1.4 from William Cunnington, Devizes to Canon Jackson : 13 October 1852 - 'We have resolved to purchase Mr Britton's Wiltshire Collection and are now collecting the subscriptions
- 2601.1.5 notes by Canon Jackson for a letter re. a memorial to John Britton 5 February 1857
- 2601.1.6 a poem by Francis Kilvert 'To John Britton the Father of British Archaeology on his appearance at the inauguration of the Wiltshire Archaeological Society : Oct 12th 1853'
- 2601.1.7 newspaper obituaries following the death of John Britton on 1 January 1857
- 2601.1.8 printed leaflet – a raffle for 20 books on English cathedrals by John Britton in 1842 with 100 tickets to be sold at £1 each
- 2601.1.9 2 printed tributes to John Britton 1855 and 1856
- 2601.1.10 from John Britton to Col. Houlton : 1 July 1814 - enquires after a parcel he sent and hopes that it has not got mislaid; has nearly finished his illustrations of Salisbury; hopes he will enjoy his family life and will find time for improving his estate
- 2601.1.11 2 letters from John Britton to Col. Houlton and a bill from Col. Houlton to John Britton 1813-1815 commenting on the wars with the French
- 2601.1.12 4 letters from John Britton to Col Houlton 30 Sept 1824 – thanks him for his hospitality and relates how awful the inn was at Steeple Aston; 4 May 27; 2 September 1830 – is sending some engravings and the first part of his Architectural Dictionary; 31 October 1830 – visits Earl Stoke and Farington Park
- 2601.1.13 from John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 17 May 1851 - is sending him a copy (does not say what) for his inspection is also sending more MSS about the Hungerford family. Has not yet been to see the great ?exhibition.
- 2601.1.14 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 22 May 1854 – notes printing defects, mentions development of WANHS and how it will require 'nursing'.

- 2601.1.15 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 February 1852 – has bought a copy of *Architecture Antique* 5 vols just published for £33, but a copy to Jackson at £10.10.0
- 2601.1.16 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 23 August 1855 – has received and is pleased with the notice about the Society meeting at Chippenham
- 2601.1.17 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 12 June 1856 - ... encloses an account of Stourhead which he wrote 30 years ago for his perusal also one of Longleat.
- 2601.1.18 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 8 October 1840 – 'there must be some misunderstanding respecting the plates of Farleigh Castle' which he had engraved for the Beauties of England and Wales.
He is preparing a History of North Damerham and asks for information about the Houlton family
- 2601.1.19 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 16 October 1840 – will send him some prints of Farleigh Castle and a copy of Wiltshire from Beauties of England and Wales
- 2601.1.20 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 8 November 1840 – hopes his parcel has arrived and asks for confirmation. Pleased to hear that he is going to write an account of the Houlton family with the manor of Grittleton. Mr Bythesea has given him information.
- 2601.1.21 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson 13 November 1840 – thanks him for his information on Harleian MSS and Grittleton which will help in his description of him Col. Houlton and his work on his collections for Hoare's 'Hungerfordiana'. Has sent him a sketch of the crypt at Farleigh Hungerford
- 2601.1.22 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson 28 November 1840 – re. Pedigrees Mr R Mullings has autographs, seals and papers of the Hungerfords of Ampney and Cricklade and will help
- 2601.1.23 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 10 March 1841 – has not done much as he has been ill. He has large collections for Kington, Nettleton and Christian Matford and some for Grittleton. Mr Scrope has some, did he have any papers too? Mr Scrope has full accounts of Castle Combe.
- 2601.1.24 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 30 August 1841 – does he know of the 'immense stores' of Hungerfordiana in the Hoare Library? (Hoare recently died.)
- 2601.1.25 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 29 May 1841 – the anniversary of the Wiltshire Topographical Society is approaching and Britton has been in charge for a year. Asks if Jackson would 'prepare a memoir of the Hungerford family for the Society'.
- 2601.1.26 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 16 March 1842 – thanks him for his account of Grittleton, assumes it is linked to Kington, Nettleton &c. Scrope has a large collection of material on Castle Combe. Neither Mr Houlton or Mr Hobhouse have paid their subscription to the Society.
- 2601.1.27 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 29 November 1841 – is making slow progress. Regrets the 'pecuniary loss' of Houlton and Hobhouse's subscriptions and co-operation.

- 2601.1.28 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 14 November 1842 – asks if he is at Farleigh and then he will send him a proof of the account of Grittleton. The Committee of the Wiltshire Topographical Society have ordered it to be printed.
- 2601.1.29 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 October 1846 – thanks him for the sunscription to the “Testimonial” and more new names have been added to the list.
- 2601.1.30 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 8 August 1850 – is sending a 'fragment of his auto-biography and hopes he will give it his approval.
- 2601.1.31 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 August 1850 – re. Stanton church. His only drawing is of the south porch, but Buckler has done a “very clean drawing of the interior' which is at Stourhead.
- 2601.1.32 From _ E Jones to Rev. Jackson : July 1850 – as Mr Britton intends to publish the greater part of his auto-biography this month he is checking that all the subscriptions to his testimonial are accurately printed. Also because the letterpress and embellishments have been increased that 'each copy will cost much more'.
- 2601.1.33 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 30 December 1851 : is packing up several MSS on Draycot – Kington which he hopes will be useful to him and Mr Wellesley for his proposed collection on Draycot.
- 2601.1.34 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 16 September 1856 : is sending printed sheets FF & GG plus some articles and sheets relating to Grittleton for Mr Neeld's inspection
- 2601.1.35 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 16 June 1851- hopes to see him at the Archaeological Institute in Bristol at the end of July
- 2601.1.36 From John Britton to Rev. E Wilton : 13 September 1851 – is finding writing his auto-biography 'toilsome and arduous'. 'I do not feel inclined to make a business of disposing of my books, drawings, prints &c. - as it would take up too much of my time than I can spare. I am aware that the sale of the whole of my Wiltshire collection with the Celtic Cabinet in one lot is very doubtful. I must leave these with the rest of my large library. MSS, Dgs &c to be sold by auction after my decease; & they may then fetch a fair, if not a liberal market price.' Has plenty of material on Kington, but cannot give time and money to finishing it.' His writing indicates that he thinks he will soon die.
- 2601.1.37 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 December 1851
- 2601.1.38 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 21 May 1852 – describes his memories of Lower ? Easton 'I am much pleased that you are still perusing topographical investigations, but regret that your rich neighbour & friend has not a little taste for the same subject. Had I 100th part of his wealth Wiltshire should have had it's local library & museum; also a copious history published – The Devizes folks seem inclined to purchase my collecton & thus begin something of this sort for their town : a good site as central for the county.' Has been ill for much of the winter.
- 2601.1.39 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 9 August 1852 – looks forward to his remarks about Kington. 'When the Devizes affair is settled I will inform.' Is going to meet the Cambrian archaeologists next week.

- 2601.1.40 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 14 September 1852 – Aubrey's Memoranda has arrived.
 'I have been to Devizes & arranged with the Committee of the Wiltshire Topographical Collection which form a broad basis for a large & valuable superstructure. The erection & character of this will depend upon other persons – I found the Committee zealous & well informed and doubt not that something substantial will be done. The Salisbury folks were not quite pleased, to hear that a subordinate town had taken the lead, & thus unpossessed them.'
 Asks if he has seen the Cromlech or Kist at Littleton near Castle Combe.
- 2601.1.41 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 15 April 1853 – says that some of his 'models, drawings, books, MSS &c relating to Wiltshire are in Devizes & that I am examining, arranging & cataloguing the remainder to be sent in the course of another month. Mr Cunnington who has recently been with me, says that the prospect of making up a large Society & also of having a good library & museum is very encouraging.'
 Encloses a paper by Mr Barry. Asks if he went to Stourhead library last year and are the British Antiquities carefully preserved, and did he see Turner's drawings of Salisbury Cathedral. 'The Devizes Committee propose to have a public meeting in August to inaugurate their Society when I hope to attend – I have given the Society several models, drawings & a packet of Autograph Letters on Wiltshire. 'Has not been well for 3 months.
- 2601.1.42 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 21 May 1853 – 'I regret to hear that you have visited Devizes without seeing any of my collection.. Mr Cunnington is now with me and he is as much mortified as I am that you should have had such a long journey useless. We are now busily employed packing the Celtic Cabinet with books, MSS, drawings – models & expect they will be at Devizes at the end of next week. - The ancient & modern Wiltshire make a splendid set of Books : & the cabinet with its unique contents will be admired & examined I expect by many persons.
 PS. is now writing short notices from his earlier topographical visits
- 2601.1.43 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 28 July 1853 – has not been well and and has found writing difficult, but hopes to be well enough to attend the inaugural meeting of "the Wiltshire Archaeological & Natural History Society where he hopes to see him & hopes he will say something about the Hungerford family the Hon. Sec (Cunnington) requires & deserves the assistance of Wiltshire men who take an interest in County History and are willing to lend a helping hand to the present auspicious movement."
- 2601.1.44 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 18 September 1853 – is planning to show Mrs Britton where he was born at Kington and may then go to Leigh Delamere in the hope of seeing him. 'Tomorrow Mr Cunnington has summoned a committee meeting to meet me'.
- 2601.1.45 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 19 November 1853 – 'Friend cunnington tells me it is determined to print the Memoirs or Transactions of WANHS in quarto to class with Notes & Queries. I am grieved to hear it, as it is injudicious, nigly, dwarfish, Punch-ish form & not adapted to arrange or rank with any of its fellows. Besides it is imitating that which has been superceded by feeling & judgement. I could say much to show its im..... & perhaps could suggest some useful advice about paper, typography, embellishment, mode of publication but fear that such advice or suggestions might be deemed obtrusive & superogatory – I cannot however forbear feeling warmly & anxiously about the stability, prosperity & status of the society, now

established in such an auspicious manner & which ought to profit by the experience & character of its members & rivals.'

Has now completed his Auto-Biography and will give the notes etc to the Museum. Should they give honorary membership to a few gentlemen?

- 2601.1.46 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 19 September 1853 – 'Our friends have seduced me to break promises & resolves; whence I am to devote another night to Devizes.' Hopes to see him at Leigh Delamere on Wednesday
- 2601.1.47 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 November 1853 – re. WANHS 'I do not think the word Magazine advisable as it does not give the least notion of the nature, class or object of the Society. I enclose such a title page as I would recommend or modified.'
- Continues to outline notes on printing, distribuion & contents of the first magazine.
- 'We are blinded & smothered with fogs such as Dickens called "London Particular".'
- 2601.1.48 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 December 1853 – learns from Mr Wyld's letter that Jackson might be able to tell him about effigies, chantry etc about the church at North Wraxall. Can he say anything about the barrow & caves or kist at Alderton; re. Grittleton where Col. Houlton lived before he moved to Farleigh, 'I wish to know the featus & peculiarities of the old house – now annihilated – also how long he occupied it &c.'
- Writes about the problems of employing a country printer. Apologises for making criticisms.
- 2601.1.49 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 3 December 1853 – offers to draw a vignette. This is a rather tetchy letter offering advice from an expert who is not on the committee which he says is composed of volunteers.
- 2601.1.50 1 January 1854 : Britton's sketch for his design for a front cover for the transactions
- 2610.1.51 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 14 January 1854 – has corrected the slip for Mr Bull re. Having one, recommended to Sir R C Hoare the formation of a County library & Museum many years past & that he would present his collection if RCH would do the same. Secondly he would donate £50 of articles. 'The more I have deliberated over the title of Magazine for your publication the more I am convinced of its objectionableness – I trust it may me altered ere too late. Lists accounts he has written up and a enquires if he has seen the following book list.
- 2610.1.52 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 22 December 1853 – asks for 2 proofs from the printer, has not had any reply as to his offer to draw a vignette. Asks if he knows the origin of the names Foxcote and Leigh de la Mere and anything about the encampment at N Wraxall, plus a list of minor queries.
- 2601.1.53 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 18 January 1854 - page 1 has been cut in half He is very concerned about the development of WANHS. I am 'more than commonly anxious about the entire success & popularity of the Society which is propitious y launched, but which requires vigilant exertion, & some captainship'

- 2601.1.54 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 30 January 1854 – has not heard from him and is worried that the printer may have printed the Wrapper without the advertisements. Has written to Mr Ackerman of the Society of Antiquaries.
- 2601.1.55 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 January 1854 – Has written a piece on Edward Poore of Tidworth [see diary MSS] Dislikes the work of the Devizes printer 'the style & appearance of the workmanship will be injurious to the publication & reflect on the judgement & taste of the committee. ' They should have employed Nichols & that they should print the wrapper.'
- 2601.1.56 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 4 February 1854 – has not seen the proof of the wrapper, but thinks there are more advertisements that can be displayed.
- 2601.1.57 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 25 February 1854 - Has just read his Farleigh Castle guide. Does he know of anything new about the caves i.e. barrows at Alderton. Is there a mansion there? Asks about Grittleton, Foxcote and Castle Combe. Thinks he might reprint the wood cut of Grittleton in his Auto-Biography. Would he write a few lines about Col. Houlton and his family.
- 2601.1.58 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 9 April 1854 – Ackerman has sent him 3 copies of his print of Harnham Hill, one for Britton, one for Mr Lukis one for one Jackson. Has corresponded with Mr Neeld about Grittleton with questions.
- 2610.1.59 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : no date – has sent the corrected advertising list to Mr Bull & wants to know the committees plans for distribution and then adds his own list. Is planning to write in more detail about Col. Houlton and his property. Asks for information on Draycot, Bremhill, Hartham House
- 2601.1.60 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 25 May 1854 – thanks him for returning proofs with corrections and will avoid all mention of almshouses in case it offends "your wealthy neighbour and patron." Cunnington is with him "I have explained fully & explicitly my opinions & feelings of Societies – provincial and metropolitan, particularly as maybe applied to the proposed meeting at Salisbury I hope you will be able to meet Mr Lukis at Salisbury and will furnish the Committee with precedents for printing announcements of provincial associations." Lists expenses that the Society may incur.
- 2601.1.61 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 10 June 1854 – re. The proposed meeting at Salisbury which is eagerly looked forward to and there s plenty to discuss.
- 2601.1.62 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 24 June 1854 re. the meeting in Salisbury
- 2601.1.63 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 6 October 1854 – encloses 5 sheets of his Auto Biography. Asks if he has found any information on copses connected with manorial or monastic properties eg. The Priory at Easton Piercey; 1 printed copy [1 sheet 2 sides] of *The Autobiography of John Britton*
- 2601.1.64 PS. To above letter – enquires if he knows who succeeded the late Edward Poore of North Tidworth & where he was buried. Also where his MSS and books are. Thinks they were given to John Collins of Devizes who bequeathed them to a dissenters chapel in Dorsetshire. He wouldn't worry too much about the Honorary Members & lists 8 he would adopt

- 2601.1.65 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 4 September 1854 – will be at Salisbury on 11th to give help to the local Committee when they prepare their final programme. Mr Nichols has a paper on the Topographical Library at Stourhead; has sent a paper to Mr Lukis on Bells; has got lodgings; has spent 3 days with Mr Nichols who has looked out a lot of drawings, prints, MSS etc on the Hungerford family
- 2601.1.66 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 27 November 1854 – writes to say how pleased he is with vol. 3 of the Wilts Mag. Thinks it would be a good idea to print a prospectus with contents of Vol. 1 and list of subscribers. Praises Jackson's papers on Maud Heath & Kington House and asks if he is aware of Richardson's account of the latter; has he any information on the Causeway from Chippenham to Derry Hill?; has he seen the bust of Leland in All Souls College Oxford?; in The Graphic Illustrator _ 1834 there is a minute description of the south porch of Malmesbury Abbey, the original is in the British Museum. "Hatcher's paper on the castramentations of the downs".
- 2601.1.67 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 April 1855 – asks a long series of questions. Mr Poore of Chippenham has written a "slight affair" on the Causeway, would he write an essay like the one he did on Maud Heath's; John Nichols would give a good paper on Bradenstoke; is the Rev, Barry buried at Draycot; can he give him an idea of the amount of materials in the Hungerford collection?
Mr Poore has the "MSS papers, journals &c of Edward Poore of Tidworth – they are very voluminous"
Does he know the vicar of Kington is there a modern house, are there fishponds there & at Stanton St Quintin? Has he heard from Mr Matcham who wants a brief biography of Jackson.
- 2601.1.68 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 May 1855 – thanks him for correcting his proofs
- 2601.1.69 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 14 August 1855 – has written to the President of Trinity College Oxford & his friend Mr Atkins of Kingston Lisle near Wantage about their collections from the barrows in the neighbourhood. Will call on Mr Atkins and then be in Chippenham where he will be glad to meet members of the Committee. He does not wish to intrude merely to make remarks for the good of the Society
- 2601.1.70 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 6 September 1855 – details of his whereabouts
- 2601.1.71 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 1 October 1855 – re. The meeting at Chippenham. Praises Jackson for his interesting paper & hopes it will be in the next magazine. As he is rather deaf he only heard part of Mr Mereweather's paper. Is engaged by the Nichols family to accompany them 'to all the visiting places' including Malmesbury. More questions on Draycot.
- 2601.1.72 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 1 November 1855 – wants to send vol. 6 to Rev. Henry Hughes in the East Indies who wishes to become a member. The family live in Devizes. Enquires about the pedigree of the Crew family of Wiltshire. Mr Bingham's paper was not well received 'I and some friends were driven from the room by his bad form, features & action.'
- 2601.1.73 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 8 November 1855 – problems with printing, costs and who should pay. Praises an article that Jackson has written & thanks him for answering his questions. Has sent 300 prospectuses of Mr Baker's Glossary to Mr Cunnington a few weeks ago, but thinks that his serious illness has prevented him from contacting Jackson. The vicar of Kington charges 5gns. for 'placing a slab agianst the

wall of the church, to the names of my parents & their family. I must satisfy myself by inserting the inscription & Auto-Biography. Had I not a wife to provide for after my death, it was my intention to have placed a neat and appropriate tablet to the Brittons – another to John Aubrey & a 3rd to the latter in the church at Oxford: but perhaps printed memorials will be more lasting – effective & in unison with the life & character of yours very truly J Britton

- 2601.1.74 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 23 July 1856 – Mr Scrope has sent him a transcript of Aubrey's Natural History & lent him Jackson's very interesting work on Doncaster church (much detail). Britton is planning to write a history of Wiltshire and is collecting material – he hopes this will be supported by him and other 'gentlemen of the county'.
- 2601.1.75 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 March 1856 – has looked through his collections for MSS on Edington & Steeple Ashton. Has had proof sheets for Malmesbury, Charlton, John Aubrey, the Wilts Arch Soc, Corsham House & Farleigh Castle and asks if he will look over them. Has collected material on Edington & Steeple Ashton but is unable to find them. 'some I believe are in the Devizes collection in the folio vol. Of Miscellaneous papers & sketches I furnished Mr Watson Taylor with a 4o vol on Edington church of plan, views & details by Bartlett, also a MS account. I suppose this vol was sold amongst his books, but I have enquired in vain about it – also some beautiful drawings of Earl Stoke House.' Has begun a History of Wiltshire. 'I want to close my literary life before the physical one closed for ever -
- 2601.1.76 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 13 March 1856 – will find Leland & some other things with proofs & sketches. Is sorry that Jackson will not have enough time when he is in London to meet with him to discuss the Society – a proposed history-Chippenham &c. It's easier to discuss things face to face. Thinks they should print a prospectus with sub committees at Salisbury, Chippenham, Marlborough & Warminster. Will Mr Fane say anything about Longleat? He would like to see John Gough Nichols made an Hon. Member in place of E Brayley as he has written much about the county.
- 2601.1.77 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 20 March 1856 – Has sent proofs re. The Wiltshire Archaeological Society meetings at Devizes, Salisbury & Chippenham with accounts of people and places to 'friend Cunnington as his grandfather is particularly alluded to' and Jackson. Asks for critical comment. Has written to Mr McKnight about his MS account of Charlton House. Has obtained the loan of the wood cut of Bustard from the Illustrated London News. Mr Cunnington 'thinks it desirable that 500 impressions in 8o to insert in Vol VIII
- 2601.1.78 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 27 March 1856 – as he has not heard from him re. Proofs he assumes that Jackson does not have the time to look at them so asks that they be returned by post. Has just heard that Neele has died
- 2601.1.79 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 12 May 1856 – has made up a parcel which includes the portrait of Leland which he bought 20 years ago for 20gns. Is unable to find McKnight's papers on Charlton House but will send them when he finds them. 'The fact is I have incurred expenses beyond the receipts of my testimonial. Had not some of my friends doubled their subscriptions, I should have been much injured instead of benefited by what was intended to do me a good [blank space]

- 2601.1.80 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 22 May 1856 – thanks him for his kind note & inclosure. 'I did not & could not expect such a generous compliment : for I have entertained apprehensions that you had been offended – or felt hurt at my freedom of comment on the workmanship of the Magazine & particularly on the jarring discordant Bells which have so much annoyed me. Besides I feel you want an active – zealous copartner, in your office & not a sleeping partner. - However I will indulge a hope that change may come on soon & that some new spirit may be infused into the Society before I leave the stage.' Thanks him for his criticism although regrets all the mistakes. Rejoices that E Awdry has been appointed to Kington.
- 2601.1.81 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 May 1856 – is mortified that Mr Neele has asked Jackson to be his executor 'with a mere trifling pecuniary compliment' has been in a similar situation himself. Asks for certain items to be returned through Mr Noyes & that some of the items sre for his own use & the account of Mr Poore for the Magazine if he thinks it proper. If Mr Fane intends to write a paper on Longleat he can supply him with 2 folio pages & drawings.
- 2601.1.82 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 7 June 1856 – is 'grieved' to learn that he will no longer take part in Wiltshire Arch Soc public meetings. Writes about the success of the first few volumes, but they need to find an editor to prepare papers. Asks him to accept the sketch of Rood Ashton amongst the parcel he is about to send which include a drawing of the old house at Stourhead. Has written to Mr Fane about forming a Committee in Warminster.
- 2601.1.83 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 11 July 1856 – he will look for some papers on Longleat & has drawings & prints of the house. Richard's volume on Heytesbury Hundred includes Longleat. Is glad to hear that the Warminster meeting looks promising & 'that we may not be tired by long essays on Bells classic sculpture & other matters which are not topographical..
- 2601.1.84 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 14 July 1856 – is sending him some topographical material on Longleat which with the information in Hoare's South Wiltshire should be enough. Praises Havell's Views of Gentleman's Seats – he found a mildewed copy at Grittleton House. Although other meetings at Edinburgh and Cheltenham he intends to be at the Warminster meeting. Is sorry that Mr Scrope will not be there.
- 2601.1.85 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 26 July 1856 – has learnt that 'the present owner of Stourhead declines all intercourse with Wiltshire Archaeologists' and asks who applied & 'what were the terms of refusal? Describes the manion as melancholy. Has two drawings of Longleat. Has he heard anything about a chapel there said to have been built for foreign workmen who built Longleat House.
- 2601.1.86 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 30 September 1856 – apologises for the delay in sending him sheet D D which contains his work on Grittleton & Leigh Delamere after much revision.... Has he a copy of the 2nd part of Longleat? When will Vol VIII of Wiltshire Magazine appear? Has he heard from Mr Knight?
- 2601.1.87 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 15 September 1856 – is sending his writings of Farleigh at the end of the last century and beginning of this for him to read and correct. 'I write with hesitation with fear of errors from a conciousness of defects of memory & of other faculties. You are young, vigorous, learned: I am old weak unlearned – a mere ruin. If flattery & the kindness of such friends, as Mr Scrope could counteract & remedy these evils I might be useful again.' Is sorry to hear that Jackson's

account of Longleat will not appear soon.

- 2601.1.88 From John Britton to Rev. Jackson : 12 September 1856 – offers to send Jackson a ground plan and view of Longleat House to accompany his essay. A rheumatic attack has prevented him from visiting Maidford and the new house at Westonbirt, but went to Grittleton & Castle Combe. Has sent him sheets F F and G G then visited Wilton, had lunch with the Bishop at Salisbury then went to North Wraxall
- 2601.1.89 printed material : John Britton's Auto-Biography including a list of subscriber's to the Britton Testimonial – Prince Albert gave 10gns.