

## Wiltshire Letters to John Britton : MSS 2602

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- 2602.1 from Rev. Josiah Allport of Chippenham, curate : 20 December 1820 is sending him two copies of a poem by Pennie called 'The Royal Minstrel'; a long rambling letter in which he is trying to promote Pennie's work and his own 'suffering' through over work
- 2602.2.1 from James Dalloway, Charlton House Leatherhead : 15 August 1808 – believes that Charlton House was built by Theophilus, Earl of Suffolk to a design by Inigo Jones before he studied with Palladio. About 40 years ago Henry, Earl of Suffolk rebuilt the house, but preserved the front.
- 2602.2.2 from Ann Bayliff : 2 September 1845 – acknowledging the receipt of a memoir of Aubrey. .... 'I regret that in the limited circle of my acquaintances I have no chance of getting a subscriber and the slow proceedings of the Society is unfavourable to obtaining additional ones'. She had hoped to receive a history of Kington St. Michael which Britton had not been able to complete on account of his poor health.
- 2602.3.1 from Earl of Pembroke, Wilton House : 15 April 1813 – apologises for the confusion as the house is not open to the public at present, but has told his house steward Travis to show him the pictures, sculpture and newly arranged library at Wilton House
- 2602.3.2 from Earl of Pembroke, Tunbridge Wells : 24 August 1822 – .'The cloisters at Wilton are finished, but the Sculpture is not finally arranged, which is one of the reasons for not opening the House to the public. The grounds are still in great confusion.' Gives permission to make sketches
- 2602.3.3 from J Akerman (of Blunsdon) London : 30 October 1852 – outlines the genealogy of the Akerman family from the time of Richard I : maternal grandfather was in Col. Gardener's Troop and held the post of Barrack Master at Carlisle during the rebellion of '45
- 2602.3.4 J Akerman : 30 October note re. book
- 2602.4.1 from Edward Awdry : no date (October 1840) – describes the layout of Nettleton church and details of the architecture. He is expecting the arrival of the rector Rev. Bythesea in a few days. re. Grittleton where Britton already has information on the church he is not sure what else to tell him. No special names in the register apart from White and Gore; the population last census was 438; the Roman road (Fosse Way) crosses the north of the parish which contains 2000 acres
- 2602.4.2 from Edward Awdry : 14 October 1840 – details of Nettleton parish given by the Rev. Bythesea some of which contradict the information in the previous letter. 'entirely agricultural population'  
A Cromlech which was opened by Sir R C Hoare in 1822 and a full account of the proceedings was published in the Gentleman's Magazine of that year.'

- 2602.5 from Lord Arundel of Wardour, Wardour Castle : 9 January 1801 – an account of the defence of Wardour during the Civil War
- 2602.6. from Marquis of Bath, Longleat House : 19 July 1806 – has not seen the Beauties of England as he has not been in town this year. Has 'no correct drawings of Longleat House'. Sir Richard Hoare had one taken two or three years ago, but I don't know that he would like to have it published. I don't know whether the house of Longleat is of antiquity enough to come within the plan you propose, it was built from 1566 to 1578' He mentions two similar houses – Wollaton Hall and Hardwick Hall.
- 2602.7 from J Akerman, Greenwich Railway Office : 25 July 1839 – writes enthusiastically of his great interest in all things Wiltshire, especially North Wiltshire and Britton's endeavours to form a Society, but declines with regret to become it's secretary as he is already very busy – lists his present researches.
- 2602.8 from N Atherton, Calne : 4 August 1840 – an invitation to visit
- 2602.9.1 from Jeremiah Awdry : 11 March 1841 – re. Pedigree sent by his solicitor
- 2602.9.2 from Edward Awdry : 30 May 1842 – reply to Mr Burne re. 'the little manor belonging to the Church of Grittleton' which he had bought consisting of 240 acres. It is out of lives, but is now in land and he does not know how it became attached to the Rectory
- 2602.10 Edward Awdry : 5 May 1843 – details of roads and rents in Grittleton, writes on the derivation of Roman numerals
- 2602.11.1 J Awdry, 7 Johnstone Street, Bath : 10 March – the Long family of Draycot
- 2602.11.2 Edward C. Awdry : no date – 'returns the proofs with two or three corrections', Proofs of the history of Grittleton, Thomas Gore of Alderton and Surrender estate sold to Hedges, later Montague of Lackham, Alderton to Mr Neeld, Surrender to Mr Bunce
- 2602.12 Edward C Awdry, Grittleton : 6 April 1843 – '12 new cottages have been built by Mr Neeld; corrections to map, trees, geology, number of houses, population 1841; the three parish rates at 1s in the £ bring in a total of £349 8s 11 1/2d; elm is the principle tree, also many oaks. In 1841 there were 81 houses with total population 351
- 2602.13 Rev H Barry, Draycot Rectory : 21 January 1840 – excavations at Draycot where he has found some armour studied with brass, part of a clasp of copper gilt, a small piece of dusky glass perhaps the top os some small vessel, circular stone ?ticket, 2 ancient knives, a small hook and pottery. These were found in a field to the north of the village where people were digging for a new building.
- 2602.14.1 Rev H Barry, Draycot Rectory : 2 June 1832 – thanks him for the volume on North Wiltshire and portrait and offers to help in any way
- 2602.14.2 Rev H Barry, Draycot Rectory : 24 December 1832 – regretting that he cannot find more information on Draycot

- 2602.14.3 Rev H Barry, Draycot Rectory : 1840 – regrets that he is unable to meet him on Saturday 'but Mrs Barry and myself hope to be found with the company of you and Mrs Britton at dinner on Tuesday next at 5 o'clock. If you can come early in the day we can have the pleasure of showing Mrs Britton the church and the antiquities found there'.
- 2602.15 Ann Bayliffe, Pickwick : 12 October 1841 – re. Bromham - has seen Britton's writings and wants to make some commentary –  
'Henry Bayntun was left a minor, married Lady Anne Wilmot daughter of the Earl of Rochester by whom he had an only daughter and heiress Anne married to \_\_\_ Rolt Esq. their united estates were said to have been £7000 per ? And they lived in great splendour at Spye Park and keeping open house every Thursday.'  
Outlines the descent of the estate .William Norris, a barrister founder of the family and settled at Nonsuch, John Norris builder of The Ivy House, Chippenham
- 2602.16.1 William Bowles, Bremhill : 30 January 1825 – Is sorry to hear about his 'serious losses' and works out that he owes him £5 13s. for his books on Wells cathedral and Fonthill. re. Bowood 'the present noble owner has added an Italian flower garden with two elegant marble fountains in front of the Conservatory & also a new chapel for domestic worship built by Cockrell with an excellent organ.' He was preparing a paper on Drogo's fountain at Stanley Abbey for the Antiquarian Society .
- 2602.16.2 William Bowles, Bremhill : 5 June 1825 – acknowledging receipt of a plate of the Parsonage for which he will pay 13gns., ordering further copies and pointing out small mistakes in the account of the tithes for Bremhill and Studley. Coins of Vespasian and Constantine found in the fields ; recent excavation of an interment at Studley Green
- 2602.17 John Bennett, Pythouse : 12 September 1823 – an invitation to visit Pythouse when he will give him the information he requires. Gives times when he will be at home.
- 2602.18 G B Bennett, Malmesbury : 23 April 1802 – regarding a copy of the Charter granted to Athelstan, translated by Mr Moffatt, the resident dissenting minister of Malmesbury and items of the history of Malmesbury written by G B Bennett to be published. He writes in defence of Mr Hobbes, historian who 'wrote with great Freedom and Fluency upon the most abstract of subjects'. He was a near relation on his father's side.
- 2602.19 Rev H F Bythesea, Nettleton : 3 October 1840 – writes in detail about the architecture and state of repair of the church at Nettleton. The cromlech and barrow north of the Foss [sic] Road are in the parish. It was opened in 1822 (?Colt Hoare) when a skeleton, some spearheads and some sepulchral urns were found. The stones were unsteady and further excavations were not permitted. This land, together with Dr. Carrick's property was sold to Mr Scrope of Castle Combe but the executors had not been able to complete the transaction due to a land dispute. The Advowson purchased by Mr Neale was also affected. Bythesea then answers 39 queries on geology, scenery, crops grown, climate health, wages, local landowners, dialect, parish register etc.
- 2602.20 E H Butler : no date – Commissioners of Roads have ordered the cornice of Druidical Temple between ??? and Avebury to be broken up, suggesting that urgent

action be taken to draw plans, offering some of his land which is within a quarter mile of the site for re-erection.

- 2602.21 E G Ballard, 2 Felix Cottages, 2 Liverpool Road, Islington : 26 August 1840 – stating lines of research he could undertake in the British Museum, but not in Latin, French or Saxon. His areas of expertise are in Ecclesiastical Antiquities, Heraldry & Biography and requesting terms of remuneration.
- 2602.22 H Baskerville Farleigh : 27 April 1843 – payment of subscription to the Wiltshire Topographical Society for 2gns for 1842/3
- 2602.23.1 Ann Bayliffe, Pickwick : 22 November 1841 – anecdotes from Kington St Michael : a long gossip letter giving anecdotes about the various inhabitants. The purchaser of the White property was Ayliffe White from London who made his fortune as a pastry cook; Mr Coleman whose father was very eccentric; Admiral Houton of Seagry House who employed the poor then sold his property to Sir James Tynny Long. Suggesting that Mr Wm. Vines would be more suitable than John Thomas Hand to undertake the account of Seagry. Mr Vines mother, left a widow with five children, kept a school for the children of the poor. Her son Billy taught writing, went to London, worked as a milliner, then became clerk to an Attorney. Thomas Hand went to London and later worked in Glyn's bank.
- 2602.23.2 Ann Bayliffe, 15 September 1843 – queries over payment of subscription to the Wiltshire Topographical Society. Disputes his account of the manor of Seagry.
- 2602.24 Beriah Botfield, 9 Stratton Street : no date – will not be able to attend the meeting of the Wiltshire Topographical Society next Saturday
- 2602.25.1 W H L Bruges, Seend : 29 December 1840 – copy of the inscription on monument of Mr Locke MP. The sculptor is Mr Osmund of Salisbury. Recommends 'Mr Money is the very Man for our Society'.
- 2602.25.2 WH H L Bruges, Seend : 27 October 1843 – Has not been in town and so has not been able to attend meetings
- 2602.26.1 George Bythesea, 20 Grosvenor Place, Bath : 28 October 1840 – family pedigree to be found in Burke's 'History of the Commoners'. Notes the family Isle [sic] in Trowbridge Church. Bythesea monuments also in the church at Legh near Blackheath and Ightham, Kent; Freshford near Bath and St Saviour's, Walcot Bath
- 2602.26.2 Samuel Bythesea, 60 Pulteney Street, Bath : 19 December . . . – will send details of Week House, near Trowbridge, which was formerly owned by the family
- 2602.27.1 W R Browne Chiseldon House : 13 September 1840 – apologises for the delay in responding to his earlier invitation, but has just returned from Paris and then suffered a serious accident when the carriage he was driving overturned and threw them out. All are bedridden at present and so he is unable to offer him a bed.
- 2602.27.2 W R Browne, Chiseldon House : 16 August 1842 – Looks forward 'to a ramble with you'. Asks him about the size of maps to accompany the parishes in the forthcoming publication and thinks he should vary the scale so that they all fit the book. 'I took up an old paper the other day and in an article on railroads I read that one John

Britton Esq. Had been giving a lecture at Bristol on the advantage of locomotive travelling from London to that place on a railroad.'

- 2602.28.1 W R Browne undated – Is glad to hear that Britton and his wife are in better health. Dr Popham, Rector of Chilton was buried in the Chancel there. Does not think he was ever a curate at Lacock. When Hungerford Church was rebuilt the monuments in the old church and gravestones on the new site were all deposited in a large hole dug for that purpose. Regrets that 'your friend Hatcher' had not had the credit he deserved.  
Has seen John Britton's letter about Bell ringing in the Gentleman's Magazine and recalls his own experiences. Mentions friend Saul, 'he entertains some curious notions on the ancient Britons'.
- 2602.28.2 W R Browne 2 Montpelier Terrace Torquay : 4 December 1847 – is staying at Torquay for his health after a long illness. Replies to a request for the inscription on Dr Popham's tomb.  
'Beneath are deposited the remains of Edward Popham D D 36 years Rector of this parish (Chilton Foliat) He was the youngest son of Edward Popham Esq. of Littlecote Obt Sept. 18 1815'
- 2602.29.1 Thomas Galloway, Lyme : 16 December 1847 – notification of W R Browne's death at Torquay
- 2602.29.2 Mrs A N Browne (widow of W R Browne) no date – J Britton is writing an obituary for the Gentleman's Magazine and has asked for details Mr Bevan brother-in-law of Broad Hinton will supply. Mr Browne supported the work of the Wiltshire Friendly Society and was elected to the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society
- 2602.30.1 Mrs A N Browne, 7 Montpelier Terrace : 14 February – had expected to see a memorial to her late husband in the February edition of the Gentelman's Magazine hopes to see it soon.
- 2602.30.2 W Bevan, Chiseldon : 22 December 1847 - notes on W R Browne's life, 'pre-eminent in his endeavours to serve his friends, more particularly those who had the misfortune required aid ... ' He had been instrumental in quelling a riot in Marlborough in 1820 following an attack on Oliver Codrington at Rockley. He was a governor of Christ's Hospital and Masonic Grandmaster for Wiltshire.
- 2602.30.3 W R Browne – notes from a brief account of his life made by himself. William Ruddle Browne was born in the Parsonage at Chiseldon to the eldest child of William and Ann Browne on 10th April 1789. His mother died giving birth to her eighth child in 1799. He was educated at a dame's school in the village. There follows a detailed account of his education, employment in the Wiltshire Light Infantry, followed by farming at Broad Hinton. His wife and child died. He then became land agent to General Popham at Littlecote, travelled to Paris and the Pyrenees, returned to Chiseldon House and married for a second time to Ann Nicholson who gave him two daughters and one son.
- 2602.31 Rev. William Carter, vicar of Foxley : 22 July 1833 – offering help when J Britton visits also vicar of Hullavington on which he has information

- 2602.32 D Clutterbuck : 16 December 1817 – re. Management of the poor in Bradford-on-Avon
- 2602.33 Lord Feversham, Baron of Downton MP d.18th June 1763 at Barford aged 68 years. Lists a complicated pedigree of various families – Duncombe, Cornwallis, Verney, Willoughby de Broke, Bathurst of Clarendon Park
- 2602.34 3 eulogies on their deaths  
Lady Feversham daughter of Rt. Hon George Verney, Lord Willoughby de Broke d.9th October 1755 age 59,  
George Duncomb born 7 March 1722 and d.9 August 1741  
Lady Feversham daughter of Peter Bathurst Esq. of Clarendon Park and wife of Anthony Lord Feversham She died 21st November 1757
- 2602.35 Christopher Cockey, Warminster : 26 June 1832 – re. Purchase of first three volumes of Beauties of Wiltshire
- 2602.36 Ann Coxe, Bemerton : 26 September 1812 – offers to supply information on Bemerton; also has documents on Malmesbury Abbey and Lacock
- 2602.37.1 Rev. William Coxe, Bemerton 2 September 1806 – directs him to a list of his works in 'the last edition of my Russian Discoveries' and asks him to accept a copy
- 2602.37.2 Henry Hatcher signed by William Coxe : 17 March 1813 – asks to have his name put down for a copy of Britton's Salisbury Cathedral. Has made brief notes on Wilton and Bemerton notes.
- 2602.38 John Cochrane, Melksham : 13 August 1841 – returns the map with the boundaries of Melksham parish from the survey by Mr Lucas. The brook from Semington to Whaddon diverted probably when the Kennet and Avon canal was made.
- 2602.39 H C Crowdy, Highworth : 11 July 1840 – declining invitation to act as Hon. Sec. For the Wiltshire Topographical Society as he is very busy at the moment.
- 2602.40 Rev Edward Duke, vicar of Woodford, Lake House, Amesbury : 1 April 1813 – a few notes on the history, especially churches, of the parishes of Woodford, Durnford, Lake, Heale, Amesbury and Wilsford
- 2602.41 Rev. Thomas Castley, rector of Cavendish, Sudbury, Suffolk : 30 June 1840 – re 'Topographical sketches of North Wiltshire', but there is 'only a slight mention of Winterbourne Earls, in which he fails to mention Sir Edward Nicholas b. 1592 minister of State to Charles I b.1592 who was one of his maternal ancestors and is mentioned by Lord Clarendon in his history of the Great Rebellion
- 2602.42 Rev. Alfred Caswall, Grays Inn Square : 1 December 1840 – who holds the office of Steward of the different Manors and Copyhold Courts and has access to all papers relating to them in the Muniment Room at the Bishop's Palace, Salisbury. He needs to apply to Mr Burden the Bishop's secretary at 27 Parliament Street, Westminster
- 2602.43.1 William Chambers, Garsden Malmesbury : 6 October 1841 – notes on Claverton where the remains of the stone cross have been thrown into a ditch; Roman coins and a fibula have also been found. At Garsden describes the manor house formerly

the home of the 'notorious Earl Ferrers' which 'contains vestiges of former grandeur, coats of arms, ancient windows &c.' also a 'Haunted Room'.

- 2602.43.2 William Chambers, Garsden : undated – offers to send him 'a detailed account of the village of Garsden, its Church - Manor house – Encampment – History &c.&c.. It will fill about 30 octavo manuscript pages'.
- 2602.44.1 Edward Francis Colston, Roundway Park : 23 October 1841 – is sending a subscription of 10gns for his Life's Membership of the Wiltshire Topographical Society
- 2602.44.2 E F Colston Roundway Park : 27 October 1841 – offers to show Britton one of the prettiest places in the county. 'We are employing at present upward of 100 labourers planting the slopes of Roundway Hill in an inclosure of embankment : exceeds 2 miles of quickset hedge with 600,000 trees – which at a future day will add another beautiful feature to this already beautiful and celebrated Locality. Some of the men have been occupied in opening up the different Barrows on the Hill & of bringing to light the bones & urns & coffins & Jewells [sic] of the early Romanised Britons, as well as the remains of some of Cromwell's Followers of a more recent date'.
- 2602.45 Barnard Dickinson, Bowden Park : 22 November 1806 – description of the situation of mansion built by Wyatt 'where the ground falls much from three of the fronts.... The views from this building are uncommonly fine.... The eminence is very great and the accompaniments of beautiful varied grounds, well covered with plantations, richly wooded with a rising back ground.' The estate was formerly owned by Sir John Eyles Styles who built the shell of a very large house which was pulled down after his death' The freestone was then used to build Jas. Tylney Long's House at Draycot and several houses in Devizes and Chippenham.
- 2602.46 W Dodsworth, The Close Salisbury : 5 May 1815 – is sending him a copy of 'my History of Salisbury Cathedral'.
- 2602.47.1 Capt. J W Dawson, The Tithe Office : 1 February 1843 – maps of Nettleton and Christian Malford deposited in the Tithe Office, but not Kington St. Michael as yet. He offers to supply them
- 2602.47.2 Capt. T W Dawson, Somerset House : 3 May 1843 – maps of Grittleton parish received in May 1840, scale 3 chains to the inch and Kington St. Michael deposited
- 2602.47.3 Capt. T W Dawson, Worthing : 10 November 1843 - is 'distressed' that his acknowledgement of Britton's book on Grittleton has not been received. Will send him a copy of map of Kington St Michael. Discusses which scales to use so that each parish map will fit the page.
- 2602.47.4 Capt. T W Dawson, 14 December 1843 – copy of 'reduced drawing' of Kington St Michael map to be sent
- 2602.48.1 Edward Duke, Lake House : 8 April 1840 – 'I am very much surprised that that you did not include me in your 100 persons to whom you wrote on the occasion as you could not well be ignorant of my predilections.' Is unable to contribute any information for J Britton's publication but will subscribe 1gn annually. At present he

is engaged on a dissertation on Avebury and Stonehenge. He discounts writings about Druids and Druidism 'which militate against all existing facts'

- 2602.48.2 Edward Duke, Lake House : 15 December 1840 – thanks him for sending the prints and lists some of his books
- 2062.49 Edward Duke, Lake House : 6 December 1813 – querying J Britton's statements in 'Beauties of England' re. Ivy Church which had been 'a Priory dedicated to the Blessed Mary' and gives a detailed account of the history of it.
- 2062.50 Edward Duke, Lake House : 21 January 1814 – notes on Tidworth – he describes the layout of the church and admires the monument to Richard Brydges, In the adjoining parish of North Tidworth is the haunted manor house described by Glanville. Mrs Duke had a baby girl about 9 weeks ago. Thanks him for sending 'Ancient Architecture' for him to have at a reduced price which he declines as he has other expenses. Could he send a copy of his Berkshire.
- 2062.51 Edward Duke, Lake House : 26 February 1814 – arrangements about despatch of books Architectural Antiquities and Radcliffe Church by coach between London and Salisbury. Reminds him that he subscribed to Britton's 'Salisbury Cathedral' and asks that 'you will oblige by sending at the same time my little account of Lake.' Requests prints
- 2062.52 Edward Duke, Lake House : 27 October 1814 – request for a complete copy of Wiltshire prints and also plates for his collection especially Hungerford Church and a loan of manuscript history of Little Durnford by Mrs Young which he promises to take great care of
- 2062.53 Edward Duke, Lake House : 21 November 1814 – re. Ivy Church Further requests for prints of Wiltshire. He has begun his Collection with a print from from Horsley's Britannia Romana, lists other prints he hopes to acquire. Comments on two flat stones in North Tidworth churchyard. The rebuilding of Hungerford church is in 'execrable style'.
- 2062.54 Edward Duke, Lake House : 28 December 1814 – has received books and prints, though one plate is missing. Has paid 'the amount of the account' into the Salisbury bank. Thinks there are some inaccuracies in his 'Wiltshire Book', ie. Ownership of Britford manor he believes belongs to Mr Jervais, Lord Radnor very little and incumbencies of the Cheverells. Representatives of Salisbury, one a Bouverie, the other a citizen of Salisbury, not strictly true. He queries the derivation of the name Newton Tony and date of building in Ansty.
- 2062.55 T G Estcourt, New Park Devizes : 11 September 1808 – gives permission to reproduce a plate of the house
- 2062.56 Dr. Fowler, Salisbury : 6 June 1810 – has little information but knows that there are two stone coffins found in Bishopstone Church containing the remains of Bishops. At Compton Mr Penruddocke has some valuable portraits of his family, and also the Warrant signed by Cromwell for the execution of Col. Penruddock and cap which he wore. At Hurcot a Roman pavement has just been discovered. At North Tidworth Dean Pierce was buried in a square tomb in the churchyard; Mr Bowles and the



Ivory chest which was sold in London. [*rather rambling with disconnected statements*]

- 2062.57.1 T G Estcourt, Eaton Place : 28 June 1844 – is unable to join the council of the Wiltshire Topographical's Society's trip to Richmond
- 2062.57.2 J K Lyton, Elgin Villa Seamington : 14 September 1843 – has received the parcel containing the first publication of the Wiltshire Topographical's Society containing the history of the parish of Grittleton and introductory essay which he found the satisfactory.
- 2062.58.1 John Harris Flooks, The Mount Wilton : 29 May 1841- asks to be put down as a life member of the Wiltshire Topographical's Society and would like a prospectus
- 2062.58.2 John Harris Flooks, The Mount Wilton : 3 June 1841- encloses a cheque for 10 gns. For his subscription for life membership
- 2062.59 N Fowler, Sarum : 21 August 1840 – still doing some research to pass the time until his death, but rambling thoughts
- 2062.60 H Gale, Milbourne House Malmesbury : 1 July 1840 – declining invitation to become the Hon. Secretary of the Wiltshire Topographical Society
- 2062.61 G I Gibbes, Bath : 12 Feb ... - re. The barrows on the Salisbury Plain – Mr Wyndham has sent him a sample of black earth which he has analysed. 'Mr W. imagined that this earth might contain some animal remains as he conceived it to have been originally the accumulated bodies of slain warriors. I could not find the least trace of any animal substance or anything that could in the least denote such an origin – when moistened and baked it seemed to form a coarse kind of pottery.'  
Gibbes thought it 'might have been some sort of black mud from a neighbouring stream used to mark out the size and shape of the intended barrow which if dried in the sun might have formed a Barrier to the Percolation of water & thereby preserved those things.' He is aware of the limitations of these observations. re. Holt and Middle Hill Waters he can only say at present that Middle Hill waters are sulphurous. 'There is much room for the Experiments of the Mineralogist & the speculations of the Geologist in those immense masses of decomposed granite found on the Marlborough Downs.'
- 2062.62 G I Gibbes, Bath : 4 September ... - suggesting that his father (Rev Dr. Gibbs) at Woodborough might have useful information. Believes that the Sarsen stones are decomposed granite. At Marden near my Father's House there is a remarkable Barrow it is mid way between Avebury and Stonehenge. Mentions Mr Townsend of Pewsey known as the "Spanish traveller" who would show him a fine collection of Wiltshire Fossils.
- 2062.63 Francis Giffard, Upavon : 13 August 1824 – details of Upavon where there is nothing ancient except the Church 12-13th century. 'Curious font' which he sketches including all the eight panels. No remains of the priory 'which now belongs to me, the old barn only was on it, when I bought it, and I have pulled that down. Parish 3000 acres, population 3-400. the only 'public charity is an acre of land the produce of which is annually given to the poor. .... We have only one

considerable British encampment called Catterley Camp'. Details of other parishes – Manningford Bohun, Netheravon and Rushall.

- 2062.64 Gilkes : no date – epitaphs in Bromham church Bayntun, Rolt and Henry Jeavons died 10 November 1775 aged 82. signed Devizes 11m 14 1803 – ?14th November 1803
- 2062.65 John Gosling, Swindon : 7 January 1801 – detailed account of Swindon; site, markets, inhabitants, quarries, church, magistrates, school, Swindon House, canal, modern water powered flour mill
- 2062.66 John Rock Grossett MP, Lacock Abbey, 23 April 1814 – re. pictures 'family portraits badly executed ... that a collection of indifferent pictures are best past over in silence – Henry 8 – Charles I and two arts and sciences may be mentioned' Notton House, Memorial Inscriptions in Lacock Church – Sir William Sheringtone [sic], Sir John Talbot, a Bishop of Worcester
- 2062.67 J R Gossett MP, Lacock Abbey.: 13 December 1815 – lists some errors in Sketches of Wiltshire, note on story of Darrell of Littlecote
- 2062.68.1 J R Gossett MP, Lacock Abbey : 12 May 1817 – submitting translation of Abbess Ela's epitaph which he thinks more appropriate than the ones in Mr Gaty's manuscript which he is returning. Mentions a small monumental cross at Inverary in Argyllshire
- 2062.68.2 J R Gossett 48 Wimpole Street : 4 June 1842 – returning manuscript and ordering volumes of 'Beauties of Wiltshire'
- 2062.69 C Goddard, Swindon : 13 January 1841 – letter and subscription
- 2062.70 no name : no date – instructions for an unnamed monument to be placed in a Chippenham churchyard costing no less than £6000
- 2062.71.1 Benjamin W Greenfield, Shirley Southampton : 19 December 1842 – enclosing abstracts of proof for different owners of Great Priory Farm, Kington St. Michael asks if the publications of the Wiltshire Topographical Society may be purchased by non-members
- 2062.71.2 signature illegible, Kemble House Cirencester : 30 May 1842 – asking to see reports on Grittleton and Castle Combe in print before producing his own on Kemble
- 2062.72.1 William Henry Halpin, Salisbury and Wiltshire Herald : 22 December 1840 – rates for advertising in the papers is having difficulty in deciding how much to charge for each insertion
- 2062.72.2 William Halpin, Salisbury Herald Office : 30 December 1841 – covering letter forwarding a letter from Mr Whitley (not in collection)
- 2062.72.3 William Halpin, Salisbury and Wiltshire Herald : 15 March 1841 – letter from J Britton passed to sculptor Mr Osmond

- 2062.73 B Harman, Dawlish : 27 November 1804 – unable to give information of Monks and Bowden, suggested applying to Mr Dickenson, the owner of both
- 2062.74 Richard Harris, Westbury Leigh : 12 December 1814 – has been making collections of topographical material on Westbury for some time, but has no intention on publishing his notes. Henry Wansey is now making a collection of topographical descriptions of Warminster and neighbouring villages for publication.
- 2062.75 Richard Harris, Westbury Leigh : 10 April 1816 – a very detailed account of the parish church and rectory. Sir Manasseh Lopes now engaged on building in the town. Harris has carried out research at The Tower, Lambeth Palace, Salisbury and other places incurring expenses up to £30. Mentions John Lanfear, a broadcloth weaver who painted portraits and taught James Salisbury who paint Lord and Lady Bath and became a pupil of Benjamin West.
- 2062.76.1 Richard Harris, Westbury Leigh : 20 March 1818 – tells him about the discovery of Roman coins on the Ham near Westbury, the collection is in the possession of Mr Phipps of Westbury Leigh. Disputes position of Verluccio which he has placed near Heddington, but thinks it should be placed near Westbury. Gives details of the springs, rivers and streams in the area and points out errors on the map -'West Lavington' is wrong it should be Coulston. Mentions an Anglo Saxon Palace. (a very detailed letter)
- 2062.76.2 Richard Harris, Dilton Marsh : 31 July 1820 – requests for a copy of memorandum on a pilgrim buried in Edington church. Order for books.
- 2062.77 H Hatcher Salisbury : 14 October 1841 : thinks that the bustard story may be a hoax. He has some feathers from the last one caught by Mr Purchney of Wilsford. He was asked to complete cataloguing the library at Stourhead, but 'a levee of blood to the head had prevented him'.
- 2062.78 Sir Hugh Hoare, Fleet Street : 3 September 1843 – 'I am .....happy to meet your wishes as to examining the several works in my Library at Stourhead you allude to'.
- 2062.79.1 H M Hoare : 11 January 1841 – apologises for the delay in paying a subscription of ten guineas to the Wiltshire Topographical Society.
- 2062.79.2 Henry Hoare, Fleet Street : 1 August 1859 – request for the Architectural Dictionary and that History of Cassiobury ordered by the late Sir Richard Hoare to be sent to him.
- 2062.80.1 John Britton to H Merrick Hoare : 15 January 1841 – has written to Mr Nichols about the drawings in the Library at Stourhead. The portrait of Mr Cunnington can be taken out of the frame, packed in a case and transmitted backwards and forwards with the greatest of safety, Philip Crocker will take charge of it. Hatcher's volume on Salisbury shortly to be ready for publication.
- 2062.80.2 H M Hoare, Fleet Street : 19 Oct 1841 – refusal of permission to take tracings of drawings at Stourhead, suggest applying to Mr Buckler for copies of his drawings

- 2062.80.3 H Merrick Hoare, 31 York Place : 9 June 1824 – acknowledgement of his election to the council of the Wiltshire Topographical Society in the place of his late brother.
- 2062.81 Richard Colt Hoare : 16 November 1800 – has left Britton's MS with housekeeper can be collected. 'I shall not be able to do you a sketch as soon as you could wish. I have a drawing of the Bristol Cross by Carter of which you might take a copy if you pleased'.
- 2062.82 Richard Hoare, Cheltenham : 3 May 1831 – Headed 'good and kind advice' in Britton's handwriting. Congratulations on latest publication with some comments on print type and Stonehenge. Makes suggestions and advice for further works ' As for Cumberland I would not advise you to give any view of The Lakes – they are all ready so hackneyed a subject ... '
- 2062.83 Richard Hoare, Cheltenham : April 1801 – Pleased with latest edition of 'Beauties of England and Wales', suggestions for Cardiganshire etc., but thinks that too many views of the castles at Harlech, Conway and Caenarvon have been drawn already
- 2062.84.1 Richard Hoare, Stourhead : 5 April 1801 – asks for his name to be put down as a subscriber for his new publication. order for two copies of Beauties of Wiltshire on large paper & proofs .... has promised the papers on Wiltshire to Mr Coxe ... Mr Lysons intends to publish a revision of an old work entitled Magna Britannia.
- 2062.84.2 Richard Hoare, Stourhead : September 1801 – further suggestions about publications. Says he is 'totally unacquainted with the Northern part of the county' and that Britton should find some knowledgeable person to read his MS before publication. Lists places of where he has sketches that Britton might use. eg. Sudeley Castle and Beeston Castle
- 2062.85 H Merrick Hoare for Sir H H Hoare, Fleet Street : 18 June – will join the Wiltshire Topographical Society
- 2062.86 Sir H Hugh Hoare, Fleet Street : 25 May 1842 – will continue with subscription that his late father did to the WTS. , Will give instructions to Mr Baker the present resident steward at Stourhead to allow him to inspect the books he names. 'thought I feel no small degree of Scruple from the extreme Tenacity my Father displayed in my Visit to him, of any one having access to the Library – or removing a single Volume out of his presence.' His attitude is very different .
- 2062.87 Henry Merrick Hoare, Fleet Street : 25 January 1841 – subscriptions for Sir H H Hoare and Mr Ambrose Hoare will be paid to Messrs Coutts. Mr Nichols suggests that J Britton apply to Mr Buckler for tracings of the drawings he requires.
- 2062.88 John Hobhouse, Erlestoke : 25 December – apologises for having no time to do drawings of Bratton and Erlestoke
- 2062.89 G Holford, Tetbury : 3 February 1840 – he is not the purchaser of New Park. Sending 10gns. Life Subscription to the Wiltshire Topographical Society
- 2062.90 George Holford, Westonbirt : 23 June 1814 – states that no part of the parish of Westonbirt is in Wiltshire. It is always described as being in Gloucestershire. There is one cottage on Sherston Lane at the end of the village which is in Wiltshire. He

hopes that for the credibility of Britton's work that he will not include Westonbirt in Wiltshire on the strength of one cottage. The manor and estate belong to his brother and himself. The stream Sherborne only runs after heavy rain for a week or 10 days.

- 2062.91 J Ingram, Trinity College, Oxford : 2 February 180... - discussing the origins of crosses which he think may date from the Crusades, crosses in market towns, Eleanor crosses; Malmesbury which is only mentioned once in the Saxon Chronicle and the founders of the Abbey; Marlborough church,
- 2062.92 Col. J Houlton, Grittleton House : 27 January 1805 – ' the estate I live in comes by marriage to us from the White family, Colonial and Governor of the Fort at Bristol under Oliver Cromwell. I have added only two paintings since I saw you, one an excellent painting by Loutherbough, the other by Pinas.' re. paintings of Farley – Benjamin Barker has drawn a very fine view of the Castle and will pay for others to be done, details of inheritance of Farleigh Castle and the Houltons.
- 2062.93.1 J Houlton Farleigh Castle : Tuesday 17 – Apologies for delay in writing, but has just moved house, his wife has had twins and his books are all over the place. Hungerford topics mentioned – paintings in the Hungerford Chapel; Hungerford memorials in the Wellow church; Salisbury, Little Bedwyn church, Hinton Charterhouse. Describes some of the family genealogy - living descendants of the Hungerfords - Lord Moira, Miss Hungerford
- 2062.93.2 J Houlton Farleigh Castle: 25 December 1815 – observations of Miss Long, daughter of the MP for Wiltshire asking about cost for plate of Rowde/Rood Ashton church. Correcting ownership of Warley House and acreage of Grittleton with a long list of other corrections.
- 2062.94 Charles Hoyle, Overton nr Marlborough : 6 July 1840 – who feels he is too old to contribute to topographical enquiries
- 2062.95 James Henry Hughes, chaplain of Bmlay estate Mhur and Mdne Malwa : 24 February 1844 – request for membership of the Wiltshire Topographical Society, acknowledges receipt of two volumes
- 2062.96.1 Joseph Hunter, Ainslie's Belvedere, Bath : 4 April 1817 – details both the exterior and interior of Colerne church
- 2062.96.2 Joseph Hunter, Ainslie's Belvedere, Bath : 9 August 1817 – details of South Wraxall and Monkton Farley churches including monumental inscriptions to the Long family
- 2062.97 Joseph Hunter : no date – lists corrections to Wiltshire with page numbers; Dissenters of Malmesbury. Ancestry of the Earl of Suffolk. Thomas Morgan MD 18th century minister of Presbyterian church, Bath; ejected ministers
- 2062.98 Rev Dr J Ingram : no date – notifies Britton of his intention to present Britton with the Stukeley medal
- 2062.99 H Jeffrey : 11 December – notes on Eyre family dating back to the 16th century at St. Stevens in Colerne and St. Thomas's church, Salisbury

- 2062.100.1 J E Jackson Farleigh nr. Beckington : 16 November 1840 – Henry William Hobhouse Esq., of Farleigh Castle will join the Wiltshire Topographical Society. Mentions his own work on the manor of Grittleton which is almost complete with pedigrees etc of the White and Houlton families. Has found a large amount of material on the Hungerford family
- 2062.100.2 J E Jackson, Farleigh Castle : no date – Is going to Ireland for 3 months, further notes on Grittleton; pedigree of Greene of Foscot. 'Mr Houlton (the owner of Farleigh Castle) takes no interest in the proceedings & seldom comes here'
- 2062.101.1 J E Jackson, Mullantain, Stewartstown Ireland : 20 March 1843 – has received a supplementary MSS on Grittleton notes which he will use. Asks him to show earlier writings to Mr Baker for any errors to be corrected.
- 2062.101.2 J E Jackson, Farleigh Beckington : 4 September 1843 – The Grittleton memoir has arrived safely but was very badly wrapped. When the work is published will it be for members only or for sale? Notes a few errors.
- 2062.101.3 J E Jackson, Farleigh Beckington : Mr Houlton does not wish to continue being a member 'taking no interest in the subjects of our pursuit.'
- 2062.102 Thomas Jones, South Cerney : 6 October 1841 – note of descent of estate in the parish of Charlton adjoining Malmesbury which had belonged to Thomas Jones Esq. Of Old Sodbury and South Cerney in 1758, then sold it to the Duke of Suffolk in 1801 etc.
- 2062.103.1 J Kibblewhite, West End Hampstead : 11 June 1840 – is unable to attend the inaugural meeting of the Wiltshire Topographical Society at the Freemasons Tavern, promises to send notes on North Wiltshire and Lord Shaftesbury's estates.
- 2062.103.2 J M Kyte, Yatesbury Rectory : 9 September 1845 – gives details of personal financial problems
- 2062.104 A B Lambert, Bayton House : 28 July 1824 – has nothing to add to the paper which Britton sent him. Sir Richard Hoare has printed a full account of my three parishes South Easton, Bayton and Sherrington in his Hundred of Heytesbury
- 2062.105 R E Law, Christian Malford : 13 April 1841 – re. The parish boundaries – to the north is Dauntsey, the east with Lyneham, the boundary 'is intertwined with Bremhill' but Mr Weaver of the Tithe Commission has recently surveyed it and could give accurate information
- 2062.106 J T Lawes, Marlborough : 2 September 1814 – from the headmaster of the school (Marlborough College) stating that the account in Beauties of England and Wales is incorrect and gives his establishment as the only school in Marlborough which was founded 4 Edward VI; further details on the running of the school
- 2062.107 R Lemon, State Paper Office : 10 April 1843 – No charge is made to any visitor who has 'permission to inspect our treasures' but a charge will be made if a clerk is required to transcribe 'after office hours'.

- 2062.108 R D Little, Chippenham : 30 May 1844 – protesting that the Tithe Commission has supplied copies of maps which had been handed to them for safe keeping. R D Little was the surveyor and map maker who had done Kington St. Michael and had intended to describe the geological features in the area for John Britton.
- 2062.109 The family of Wadham Locke of Rowdeford House – monumental inscriptions in Rowdeford church.
- 2062.110 R Long : no date – apologises for not being at home when John Britton called and invites him to call the next day
- 2062.111.1 C E Long, Rood Ashton : 10 June 1840 – would be glad to be added to the list of subscribers
- 2062.111.2 Walter Long, Rood Ashton : 18 September 1840 – will have much pleasure in becoming a member of the Wilts Topographical Society
- 2062.111.3 Walter Long, Rood Ashton : July 1841 -sends a cheque for 2 gns for the subscription of the second year of the Society; when in London thanks Britton for showing him several memoranda relating to his family and asks if he might lend them to him so that a clerk could copy them before he returns the papers
- 2062.111.4 C E Long : 3 November 1841 – Declines to write a history of Draycot 'superficial skimming of the subject would not satisfy me' .... but 'I shall be tempted perhaps when you get towards Aldbourne.'
- 2062.112.1 C E Long, 7 Upper Brook Street : 2 March 1842 – re. Mr Richard Mullings who is the steward of the manor of Netheravon had written to C E Long's relative Long of Hampton Long and said that he would let him know if he found out anything about his ancestors particularly Longs in 1610 and between 1560 and 1570.
- 2062.112.2 C E Long 52 Upper Brook Street : 15 July 1843 – has been unable to get a copy of his book when he called, and is now sending someone with the money in the hope of finding him in.
- 2062.112.3 C E Long, Hampton Lodge : 22 September 1843 – problems in receiving the parcel with the book, suggests he send it by Red Rover Southampton coach which leaves the Gloucester Coffee House, Piccadilly at quarter before nine in the morning to be left at the King's Arms Hog's back. He will then send someone to fetch it.
- 2062.112.4 C E Long : no date – urges the production of a History of Wiltshire. He knows two 'good and zealous antiquarians to combine in order to complete Sir Richard Hoare's work.' Some of the 'dirty work' has already been done by Sir Thomas Phillips and Aubrey
- 2062.113 Richard Long, Tavistock Court, Barnstaple : 30 May 1824 – is away from home and therefore unable to show him the necessary documents to which he should refer. Mr Walter Long is drawing up a detailed pedigree corrections re. Long of South Wraxall, in the Long possessions since 1433; two family members created baronets by Charles II. 'With regard to the sketch of Rood Ashton we consider it by far too flattering, and the place itself altogether unworthy to be included among The Beauties of Wiltshire.'

- 2062.114 Rev. Thomas A Methuen, All Cannings : 20 July ... - unable to supply information on the parish of All Cannings, his neighbour who might supply him with information is out. Advises him to come to see for himself. The houses are built chiefly of mud and the soil is clayey, Etchilhampton is a chapelry to it and Allington a small hamlet where there was formerly a religious house.
- 2062.115 Job Lousley, Hampstead Norris : 27 July 1840 – thanks him for his prospectus and book list but at present is unable to make any more purchases as he has not completed building his new Library and his books are not in any way sorted 'and quite in confusion. Although an uneducated and plain Farmer yet I have collected I think as good a private Library as anyone in this county – I presume I have on all subjects 10,000 volumes and a fair proportion are antiquarian works.' Lists some of these. He must at present not buy any more books.
- 2062.116 Rev. W Macdonald, Bishops Cannings : 11 June 1840 – would be pleased to become a member of the Wiltshire Topographical Society as it 'is not likely to involve me in serious expense.'
- 2062.117 Rev. W Macdonald, Bishops Cannings : 28 April 1840 – gives corrections to his notes on Bishops Cannings, the Ernle family and All Cannings
- 2062.118 Sir Charles Malet, Wilbury House, Newton Tony : 19 July 1805 – some corrections to a map showing Wilbury House by Mr Foster and points out that Wilbury is in the parish of Newton Tony. Asks for the 3rd volume of Beauties of Wiltshire as soon as it is printed
- 2062.119 George Matcham, Newhouse, Downton : 17 October 1840 – will become a member of the Wiltshire Topographical Society. When writing such a large book 'it appears that no one individual can be equal to such an undertaking, if it is expected to be both full & correct – I should beg to suggest that some of your resources be expended in engaging a competent person to examine the great public depositories of MS documents.' e.g British Museum, muniments of the Bishop of Salisbury etc.
- 2062.120 W Matchwick, 24 Norton St. Fitzroy Square : 2 October 1840 – offers to transcribe Latin and Norman French records and to search at the British Museum. Asking for 1 1/2d or 2d. Per 72 words or would devote the whole or part of a day for a very modest salary
- 2062.121 John Martin, Mount Street : 10 July 1827 – requests a print of Lacock Abbey before extensive repairs and alterations are carried out to the building
- 2062.122.1 John S Mayne, Inner Temple : 10 July 1816 – sends him a statistical account of Bruton & Teffont, a drawing of his manor at Teffont
- 2062.122.2 John S Mayne, Inner Temple : 22 May 1823 – Rawle has corrected the plate of his house and returns it with a description of the village of Teffont Evias
- 2062.122.3 John S Mayne, Inner Temple : 13 May 1824 – is sending a drawing of his house with his recent alterations having spent thousands of pounds in improving the house which he expects John Britton to include in his Beauties of Wiltshire. Writes of 'jealousies among some of my neighbours and unfavourable whispers following the



'great alteration which has recently taken place in my own fortune and situation in life'.

- 2062.123.1 Samuel B Merriman, Brook House, Marlborough : 12 August 1839 – secretary to the Wiltshire Society is happy to subscribe 'towards obtaining topographical or antiquarian information respecting our native county.'
- 2062.123.2 Samuel B Merriman, Brook House, Marlborough : 19 March 1840 – the only way of applying to Lord Ailesbury is through Mr Ward 'and I am not sure that he would like to ask his lordship to accept the office of President, especially as he has .... declined to belong to the Society. .... Would not a direct application from the Committee be the more appropriate mode of addressing the Marquess?'
- 2062.124.1 Samuel B Merriman, Brook House, Marlborough : 8 August 1840 – accepting the position of provisional Hon. Secretary
- 2062.124.2 Samuel B Merriman, Brook House, Marlborough : 25 June 1841 – re. subscriptions
- 2062.125.1 Alworth M....ster, Castlefields Calne : 31 October 1840 – says he is unable to contribute to Britton's work
- 2062.125.2 John Merriwether : 15 June 1844 -
- 2062.126 James Stoughton Money : no date – part of letter cut out
- 2062.127 Paul Cobb Methuen, Corsham House : 27 October 1807 – accepting the dedication of the third volume of Beauties of Wiltshire. He will not hang the pictures until next summer and promising a present of game though' there is a great scarcity of birds'.
- 2062.128 Mr Malham, 3 Essex Street, Hoxton : 27 August 1808 – lists 46 books in his possession from which he could extract information which would be useful to Mr. Britton
- 2062.129.1 Paul Methuen, 35 Upper Brook Street : 3 March 1832 – asks him if he can call any morning about eleven. 'To my evidence closet you shall have full opportunity of consulting it.'
- 2062.129.2 Janet Methuen, Corsham : 5 January ... - thanks him for the beautiful print of Corsham House and requests to add P Methuen to list of subscribers
- 2062.130 Rev. J M Moffatt, Malmesbury : 29 December 1800 – Notes on the history of Malmesbury which is celebrated not only for it's Abbey, but also woollen manufacturing and back to the time of king Athelstan; recently several decent buildings have been erected and an Act of Parliament has been obtained for lights in the streets and paving the footways. Suggests writing to Mr Darley of Hullavington who he had heard was one of the architects of Charlton House.
- 2062.131 Rev. J M Moffatt, Malmesbury : 4 September 1801 : (right edge of document missing)  
notes that Mr Jeffrey of Salisbury has in his possession King Athelstan's charter to the Borough of Malmesbury which he has translated. Mr Caley says there is a copy in the British Museum

- 2062.132 Jack Moffat, Bridport : 6 November 1805 – is sending him the history of Malmesbury written by his late father Rev. J M Moffat together with 'the Sketches relating to Melksham' and has been promised some more information. re. Laycock [sic] Ela Countess of Salisbury, the founder of the nunnery was said to be buried at Laycock in the reign of Henry III. 'About 50 years ago a skeleton and an ornamented stone coffin was found on the surface of the ground on removing some pavement on the spot where Ela is said to be buried.' (this would be in the 1750s when large scale alterations were being made to designs by Sanderson Miller : SJH)
- 2062.133 Edward Montagu, Wilcot : 13 July 1824 – notes on Wilcot; Sir George Montagu lives at Stowell Lodge and Miss Wroughton is the Lady of the Manor and lives at Wilcot House which he understands was a nunnery
- 2062.134 George Mullings, Box : 4 January 1820 – notes on the parish of Box - boundaries; an endowed school (C of E) for 30 children with an endowment of 20 cres of land, a house for the master and a school room built by subscription; a tessellated pavement found near the church; an old manor at Haslebury [sic] consisting of Free Warren about 100 acres; a Fair about Michelmas
- 2062.135 J Stoughton Money, Whetham : no date – an invitation to Mr and Mrs Britton to visit; three drawings of a cromlech at Nettleton
- 2062.136 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 29 January 1806 – notes on a kiln recently found at Alderbury and not a Roman road. He seems to be describing some plan or sketch of the kiln. Coleshill House – 1. architect was Inigo Jones c.1650 and is built of stone. 2. Few pictures except family portraits. 3. The Hall, Staircase and Saloon on the first floor are handsome. 4. 'The House is supplied with Water from an artificial excavation of the Hill from which a Collection of exceedingly small Threads of Water a large Reservoir is constantly filled.' (5, 6 and 7 appear to be missing) 8. It is 74 miles from London and 4 from Faringdon. 9. House built by his ancestor George Pratt.
- 2062.137.1 Edward Mullins, 1 Great James Street, Bedford Row : 6 October 1841 – has information on Box and Ditteridge and is puzzled about the endowment of Box. Nothing has been found at Salisbury, a friend is searching at the Vatican
- 2062.137.2 Edward Mullins, : 21 October 1841 – has employed an artist at Bath to make drawings of Chapel Plaister, Ditteridge Church, Charing/ Cluny Court House, the Fonts, a reduced plan of the parishes of Box and Ditteridge, a drawing of the tessellated pavement – 'I have found that the Chapel called Plaister was in 1300 called Capella de Pleistede – what is the meaning of Pleistede?'  
'I went to Brunel about the Tunnel but have not heard from him – Do you know him if so perhaps you would kindly remind him of my letter.'
- 2062.138.1 Richard Mullins, Cirencester : 20 January 1840 – has just read in the Bristol Journal that a prospectus has been issued for collecting materials for publishing a Topographical History of Wiltshire. He offers to supply deeds and genalogical material on North Wiltshire.
- 2062.138.2 Richard Mullins, Cirencester : 30 January 1840 – 'is happy to have my name enrolled as a member of the Society.' He will restrict his research to the hundreds of Cricklade and Staple and offers information on Broad Hinton, Chiseldon,

Wroughton and Lydiard Tregoze. He understands that Sir Thomas Phillips has collected a great deal of interesting information on North Wiltshire

- 2062.139.1 Edward Mullins, 19 St James St : 5 June 1846 – is unable to attend the meeting
- 2062.139.2 Richard Mullins, Cirencester : 20 February 1840 – plans to be in London in the Spring and will call on Britton. He has several early manuscripts which the Society has found seven new subscribers, very busy with Assizes; gives a list of places he can research
- 2062.140.1 Richard Mullins, Cirencester : 15 May 1843 - apologises for not replying but has been very busy dealing with bankruptcy cases, names five members who have died and to be removed from the lists
- 2062.140.2 Richard Mullins, Cirencester : 28 September 1843 – sorry that he was unable to get over to Chiseldon to meet him when he was staying there, but is too busy to be helpful
- 2062.141 J B Nichols : 26 August 1843 - is sending to him a list of sheets and plates of Salisbury; has sent a bound copy to Mr Hatcher; J W Benson has written an excellent preface
- 2062.142 Thomas Owen, Rhinlas, Anglesey : 24 September 1846 - is in Anglesea for health reasons; in reply to the question of what he has published 'it is a translation, with notes, on the Latin and Greek authors on the Husbandry of the Ancients .... and am now printing the agricultural Treatise of Palladins'
- 2062.143 J B Nichols : July 1841 – Has seen Mr Merrick Hoare and the drawings which Britton requested are bound into a volume and cannot leave Stourhead. He suggests asking Buckler to make copies of drawings as he has the original sketches
- 2062.144.1 J B Nichols : 4 April 1840 – has no influence with Sir Hugh Hoare though he has been 'very civil whilst staying at Stourhead.' He is chiefly interested in field sports and therefore not likely to take any interest in the Society. 'The Buckler Drawings are heirlooms and could not be lent out for engravings.' W Buckler could easily furnish copies of the drawings
- 2062.144.2 J B Nichols ; 7 August 1841 - had intended to meet him in the afternoon, but after a day in the City is 'dead tired' and has promised to meet his 'wife at Dinner at Camberwell this afternoon'
- 2062.144.3 J Gough Nichols : 12 August 1841 – has been 'led astray from .... English topographising' in order to accompany a friend on a German tour. Has done some work on Bradenstoke and Mr Hands has copied some of a cartulary at the Museum 'topography and genealogy are really so laborious if properly done'
- 2062.144.4 J G Nichols : 25 Parliament Square : 21 February 1842 – will look over Christian Malford again and is now preparing 'an account of the late Mr Charles Clarke FSA the Magazine' and asks for the date of his death.
- 2062.145 William Osmund jun. Salisbury : 19 March 1844 – 'The chapter House remains in status quo. We are making a restoration in another part which you will be pleased

to hear --- That which was formerly an entrance to the Cloister from the SW corner of the Nave has for many years been blocked up & used as an Ecclesiastical Court - this we have now cleared out and restoring to its original design. many parts had been much mutilated for the reception of partitions, seats etc.' In the summer he will make more sketches

- 2062.146.1 Francis Palgrave, Deputy Keeper of the Records, Rolls House : 10 April 1843 – access to the records almost free, Rolls may be copied in pencil
- 2062.146.2 Thomas Phillipps, Middle Hill Broadway : 30 October 1839 – is working on the Marquis of Salisbury's papers and intends to take a house here 'in order to be on the spot' to add to his extensive collection of papers on Wiltshire. 'It is satisfactory to find that the gentlemen of Wiltshire are still desirous of obtaining a History of their county, a fact of which I was very doubtful at one time.'
- 2062.147 Edward Poore, North Tidworth : January 1790 – his thoughts and reflections with notes on the late Dr. Cleghorn who wrote a 'little book on the diseases of Minorca' and James Stuart d. 1787, author of 'Antiquities of Athens' which contains a Plan and view of the Acropolis, lists the major sights.  
'When in Rome I had occasion to see many beautiful drawings made in Greece and other parts of the East by M Cassus a young artist ... the architecture was in particular executed with great skill and care.'
- 2062.148 Edward Poore, North Tidworth : no date – addressed to My Lord, almost illegible and rambling
- 2062.149-151 Edward Poore, North Tidworth : no date – three letters unsigned but headed Edward Poore with an obscure discussion on Bernoulli's tracts and philosophical and mathematical discourses
- 2062.152 John Provis Chippenham : 15 January 1820 – invites Mr and Mrs Britton to stay with him. Offers to assist him with the work on the Hundreds of Chippenham and North Damerham
- 2062.153 James Paine (architect of Wardour House), Salisbury Street : 5 September 1783 - Wardour House in Wiltshire the principal seat of the Hon Lord Arundel of Wardour in the basement storey of this house you enter at the centre of the North front into a Hall; straightforward is an elegant great Staircase which leads to the principal floor by a double flight of circular steps. At the back of this staircase is a private passage leading to the different offices & without being seen from the principal apartment. From the great staircase before mentioned passing straightforward, you enter the south hall, on the East side is a common Dining Room & on the West is an apartment adapted to his Lordship's use & the use of Stewards and agents. On the left hand of the North hall or first Entrance is the audit room, & upon the left is the Servants' Hall, arched at the top. The other rooms are the Butlers Pantry & Plate Room & passages leading to the Wings.  
The common entrance in the East wing is by a vestibule & passage on the left of the passage & facing the South is the Stewards dining Parlour & housekeepers room..  
On the North of this Wing adjoining to the Vestibule is the Clerk of the Kitchens room, the wett [sic] larder & Scullery, a passage leading to the Kitchen, the Kitchen, dry Larder & pantry.

The common entrance to the West Wing is by the Vestibule near which is the Chapel & Chaplains apartments, near this is the Laundry, wash house & drying yards. Beyond the West Wing is inclosed a large court with offices for the Laundry uses, dairies Brew house, then at the end of the East Wing is inclosed another large Court in which are erected the Bake house & several other Offices, both Courts conceal'd from the external View by Plantations.

The Principal floor of the house to which you ascend by the principal staircase & which leads into a peristyle of the Corinthian order conducting to the several apartments. first you enter an anti Chamber turning to the left hand is the Drawing room from thence you pass into the Salon, from thence into a common dining Parlour which communicates with the peristyle in the great Staircase. On the left towards the West is the Library & a complete apartment which has communication with the Ante Chamber first mentioned. From the Library you enter another complete apartment in the West Wing, facing the South another Do. over these apartments in the Centre of the South & North fronts are Bed Chambers for Servants, in the middle of this Wing is the Chapel; the Tribune of which you enter by the Antechambers before mentioned & a small staircase.

The East Wing contains the Lord and Ladys apartment ... The South contains the Lord and Ladys dressing rooms, a book room & over chambers for Servants  
The Mezzette Story contains Six Bed rooms four of whihc have dressing rooms  
The Attic contains eight Bed rooms with good dressing rooms to each.

This is a transcript of Paine's transcript from his Father's publication

- 2062.154 Edward Phillips, Chairman of the Melksham Spa Building Company: 22 February 1817 – has asked Mr West of Bath to make a sketch of the Pump Room Baths & Lodging Houses
- 2062.155 Edward Popham DD, Chilton Hungerford, rector Chilton Foliat : 4 August 1807 – Savernake Forest is 'the only Forest in the Kingdom independent of the Crown; the whole belonging to the Earl of Ailesbury; the Vicar of Ramsbury says that the Church there was the mother Church ... of Salisbury Cathedral; Ramsbury Manor is owned by Sir Francis Burdett through his mother whose grandfather purchased the estate from the family of the Earl of Pembroke for £6,000. 'The `house was built by Inigo Jones's nephew; the Rooms are handsome and well proportioned, but the Roof of the House very unsightly. The Gateway ... The Bridge, Lake and Lawn were all improvements made by Lady Jones.' Littlecote Park belongs to the Pophams descendants of Lord Chief Justice Popham who purchased it from the Darrells in the time of Queen Elizabeth. 'The Park is singularly beautiful, the house large & supposed to have been built above 300 years ago. The Great Hall is decorated with ancient armoury, buff coats, Helmets of great size &c &c. a Roman tessellated pavement was discovered near the river about a Hundred Yards from the House' problems of Popham family inheritance mentions Barbury Castle, Marlborough, Cunetio Froxfield almshouses (some script missing due to tears) for \_\_\_\_ widows, 30 clergy, 20 Lay widows founded by the Duchess of Somerset. lists allowances
- 2062.156 Dr Edward Popham, Chilton Foliat : 15 November 1802 – Tottenham Park - the 'pictures are chiefly Family Portraits; Lord Burlington was the architect, the house which is of brick is very inadequate to the grandeur of a Forest, the apartments are

all on too small a scale.' Chilton Lodge was built 4 years ago by Mr Pearce on land which had been sold 30 years ago by the descendant of Bulstrode Whitelock, Secretary to Oliver Cromwell

Details of Somerset Hospital Charity, founded by Sarah Duchess of Somerset for widows and poor apprentice boys The building is 113 yards 1 foot long built around a quadrangle containing fifty tenements. 'Each tenement consists of a small parlour & pantry, with bedchamber over.' ... In the quadrangle is a Chapel when the whole morning duty is performed on Sundays and prayers are read every Wednesday & Friday mornings; the Chaplain's salary is £40 per annum, besides a living about £160 pa: .... The widows are allowed Nurses and all medical assistance with a salary of 5gns paid quarterly to each widow.' Details of selection of persons eligible.

Lacock Abbey- improvements ' the Hall was widened and brought forward in front from its original size about 6 feet, the front & flight of steps are all modern - the Figures in the Niches in this Hall were executed by a German Artist about the year 1750. His mode of working then was as I was informed by John Talbot Esq. to have a large mass of clay, with a bucket of water near him, with which he wetted the clay, and with a trowel formed the figure intended, which when sufficiently dry was placed in a temporary oven till it became hardened. When he worked any particular figure he generally had before him an engraved print of the the figure he was to form. Some of the figures are very indecent.'- - - describes the interior and pictures including a painting depicting the Arts and Sciences which hung over the chimney in the Great Hall which he describes as indecent, it was sent to the painter Mr. Hoare of Bath to be painted over (*not very successfully apparently*)The large barn close to the Abbey is not a chapel and gives the motto on the 3 legged pot or the 'Lady Abbess's private boiler'.

- 2062.157.1 Thomas Phillipps Middle Hill : 31 May 1840 – 'Having made extensive collections for the History of Wiltshire for the last twenty years I could not but be surprised to see a Society of gentlemen start up in opposition to me, and yourself among the number to whom I gave in my younger days 20 guineas for some very scanty additions to your octavo volumes.' ....
- 2062.157.2 ?G Phillips Melksham : 8 June 1840 – will collect material for notes on Melksham
- 2062.157.3 Thomas Phillipps, Athenaeum : 17 May 1843 – thanks him for his designs &c 'On the other point of your letter as I have not yet laid aside the design of my Wilts. History you will acknowledge that what you require will appear with greater propriety in my own words than in anybody else's. I cannot subscribe to your opinion that a County History is better performed by a Body of Men than by an Individual, for in the former case the diversity of taste & opinion among so many, the work must necessarily appear like a patchwork garment.
- 2062.158.1 J L Phillips, Melksham : 25 November 1845 – suggesting J W Stapleton, surgeon of Trowbridge as secretary of the Society. Mr Mayne of Teffont has some information on Trowbridge. 'In your future communications I think the society should pay postage, I had eight pence to pay for your enclosure which in these cheap times of postage seems enormous.'
- 2062.158.2 J L Phillips, Melksham : 19 January 1841 – will be unable to continue collecting material on Melksham as he is much occupied with his trade

- 2062.158.3 J L Phillips, Melksham : 25 November 1845 - found that when he got to Bath that Britton had left, but hopes to see him in London
- 2062.158.4 J L Phillips, Melksham : 6 Dec 1845 – sends his subscription and asks to have his name put on Britton's testimonial. Has read Britton's biography of John Aubrey. 'It is curious and interesting, but scarcely enough in my judgement to deserve a separate volume in a history of Wiltshire. The history of Grittleton should have mentioned the Baptist Chapel in the grounds of Grittleton House which was patronised by Admiral Houlton 'the Admiral being one of that religious body, but I suppose the clerical author did not like meddling with dissenters.' He thinks someone living in Wiltshire should be employed to ride from town to town collecting material.
- 2062.159 Lewis Purbrick, Chippenham : 21 October 1841 – re. the Burnet monument which is apparently not feasible 'I do see objections without end to the erection of a monumental chapel' and questions the size of the structure
- 2062.160 Edward Rowlandson, Kington : September 1846 - extremely verbose letter saying he is willing to help collect material for Britton
- 2062.161.1 William Salmon, Southbroom, Devizes : 12 June 1840 - asks the price of a subscription to the Society
- 2062.161.2 William Salmon, Southbroom, Devizes : 6 May 1841- encloses a cheque for a life subscription
- 2062.162.1 Thomas Saunders, Bradford : 7 October 1840 - has not been able to get any new members around Bradford[on-Avon]. Hopes to visit Verlucio to see the Roman villa before returning to town. If he is in the neighbourhood before the end of the month they will find him a bed.
- 2062.162.2 Thomas Saunders, Bradford : 11 December 1840 - the packet sent by Britton has not reached him as his Chambers are being demolished by his landlord. Has recently purchased a lithographic sketch of Bradford by Mr Hare.
- 2062.163.1 Lord Radnor, Grafton Street : 1 May 1801 – re. on reading the Beauties of Wiltshire 'I have been pleased & edified with your Performance and tho' I will not say I subscribe to every Thing I find in it, I have been surprized at the Variety of Information which you have collected.' Offers the plate of Coleshill house for his other book.
- 2062.163.2 Lord Radnor : 16 February 1814 – note and diagram on the stonework of the walls of Longford Castle, correcting a statement made by John Britton
- 2062.163.3 Lord Radnor : 4 January 1804 - is pleased that he has given him the plate for his Wiltshire book
- 2062.164 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 5 November 1804 – the niches and busts have been replaced and thinks the heads are more modern than they purport to be, he corrects one of Britton's dates. The Statue of Bevis , Earl of Southampton stood at the town gate of Southampton. There was a large arch S E of the White Horse Inn with buildings that reached to the foot of the Mount. Notes on owners of Manor of Standlynch

- 2062.165 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 26 January 1806 – his workman whilst digging to plant some trees have found foundations, 'merely tiles' .... very like Woodchester. Much has perished, but he 'has directed that the outline of the whole to be uncovered, that I may know the Size & Shape - no. of Letters - or Figures discovered - No. Coins - nor any marks of Fire. There was no idea of any Roman Edifice in the Neighbourhood.' He asks if Britton is interested in the details.
- 2062.166 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 9 January 1813 – will answer some of the questions John Britton has sent, but asks not to be quoted as the authority. 'Some of your questions I must decline answering - The Subjects I did not think proper for your Book - I think would give great offence.' He does give information on Old Sarum, Downton, Lord Feversham, Clarendon, West Dean, Barford, Richworth
- 2062.167 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 19 February 1814 – returning proofs, querying a few items - the name 'Britford' and its derivations
- 2062.168 Lord Radnor, Longford Castle : 4 January 1816 – has received his 'volume with considerable pleasure', and makes a list of corrections with page numbers.
- 2062.169 Lord Radnor : no date - a list of corrections
- 2062.170 Lord Radnor : no date – list of points marked M, N and O (could these refer to a map?)
- 2062.171 Mrs Newman Rogers, daughter of the vicar of Headington : 4 July 1825 – re. the Property at Rainscombe, North Newton was granted to her ancestor by the Earl of Pembroke dated 8th September 1578 and she describes it's ownership over time. The present house was built in 1715 or 1718 by her father's great uncle one of the partners in the banking house of Child & Co., Temple Bar and altered in 1810. Before that a 'very old house stood in the lowest part of the Wood ..... I should fancy was of a Saxon fashion.' The living at Headington had been bought by an ancestor in Elizabeth's reign and remains in the family.
- 2062.172 R Sadler : no date – (15 page loquacious letter) detailing the founding and development of the Moravian church in Tytherton. Manufacturing and Mills, Corsham, the decline of the clothiers business in Chippenham. Will visit Mrs Hyat at Rudlow House. High Steward of Malmesbury, Mr Pitt MP for Cricklade. Chalybeate spring in Judges Walk and more along the banks of the Avon, Chippenham. Water at wells in new houses nearby strongly flavoured with iron at some times of the year, totally unfit for culinary purposes. A slight shake of an earthquake felt in Bradford and Bath; a short discourse on painting, Radcliffe Church, architectural antiquities, the Picturesque and the pleasures of eating
- 2062.173 R Sadler ; no date – Moravian settlement at Tytherton founded by a follower of Wesley &c. called Connick who spent some of his inheritance in building meeting houses. This is expanded on at length including general organisation of the community, qualifications for entry, rules
- 2062.174 W Scrope, Castle Combe : 20 November .. -criticises his account of Castle Combe which is incorrect, with 'glaring mistakes' in translation of Latin inscription and sends the correct translation; offers his assistance in any other undertaking



- 2062.175 W Scrope : no date – claims the Scrope family is the oldest in Wiltshire
- 2062.176 Rev. E Skurry : no date - sent him a small volume of poems, but as he has received no reply thinks that it may have been lost in transit. Has heard that 'his' church of Lullington has been engraved for a publication and would like to have two copies
- 2062.177 George Smith : 8 May 1841 – if he is intending to 'embellish his forthcoming History' then he can offer drawings of the churches at Leigh Delamere and Slaughterford. re. Corsham the burial records show a duel was fought there and Mr Arnold collected much historical material. Note on the barrows at Allington near Chippenham now called 'Bushy Barrows'.
- 2062.178 Rev. Samuel Smith, Easton Gray : 19 September 1812 – will be pleased to give him all his information on Stanton St. Quintin. Describes the church in detail with its Saxon arches. The parish consists of 42 houses and 216 inhabitants &c. Apologises for not knowing more
- 2062.179 Thomas Smith, Easton Gray : 19 March - as Britton had asked for any errors to be pointed out - 'the Manor house belongs to Lord Holland & what remains of it is occupied by Mr Howel' (tenant). The Manor of Oaksey which belonged to Mr Adamson was sold 30 years ago, details the occupants.
- 2062.180 Thomas Smith, Easton Gray : 5 May 1813 – has lived here only a short time; the Fosse Way forms the parish border on one side; the foundation of houses, plus coins and pottery have been turned up by plough. An ancient earthwork is in the wood. Unremarkable church but interesting monuments. Notes on topography and soil in the parish.
- 2062.181.1 Thomas B Smith, Devizes : 8 December 1825 – thanks him for sending books and engravings, mentions a new accurate plan of Devizes, Mr Browne of Amesbury is going to give a series of geological lectures in Bath; points out some typographical errors in the third volume on a separate sheet
- 2062.181.2 Thomas Smith, Easton Gray : 30 January .... - has not been able to add any more information. Has sent the notes on Foxley, Sopworth and Alderton to Mr Carter to check over
- 2062.182.1 Thomas B Smith, Devizes : 19 February 1840 – G G C Halford has recently purchased New Park from the heirs of Mrs Sutton, widow of the late James Sutton Esq. Halford is making extensive alterations; at Erlestoke the tenant is Sir John Cain Hobhouse; Spye Park is occupied by J E Starkey; Southbroom House by Rev J E Savage. The Literary Institute still exists but with fewer members in spite of good lectures
- 2062.182.2 Sothern, Bowden Park : 18 October ... -will subscribe to the Society as a Life Member
- 2062.183.1 J Whittaker Stapleton : 12 July 1840 – although he has not been told of the duties he agrees to become Provincial Secretary. His particular interest is in its Natural History and has been instrumental in the formation of the Trowbridge Literary and Scientific Institute which might have useful information

- 2062.183.2 J W Stapleton : 1 September 1840 – is disappointed at the lack of interest in Trowbridge with only a few members 'but I am sorry to say that more matter of fact speculations & the amassing of wealth almost exclusively occupy the attention of those who possess many opportunities of furthering your proposals.' Offers various bits of information on the castle of Trowbridge. Has not been to the Exhibition at Devizes, but hopes that when it comes to Trowbridge it may stimulate interest there.
- 2062.184 J E A Starkey, Spye Park : 27 November 1840 – mostly illegible but gives the address of T H Smith Fosberry Grove, Nr Newbury
- 2062.185.1 H F Talbot, Lacock Abbey : 6 June 1840 – declines to join the Society as he already belongs to so many, but sending 'photogenic drawings' of Bowood and Lacock Abbey.
- 2062.185.2 B C Thomas, Malmesbury : 13 January 1840 - will be happy to join the Society. Does not see that 'Sir Thomas Phillips is a member he is corresponding with and employing Mr Edgar Escourt ... to collect and furnish him with materials for a similar object to that of your Society.'
- 2062.186 C H Tatham, Queen Street ; no date – will give papers to Robert Miston at Broxmore, near Romsey and Francis Egerton at Roche Court
- 2062.187 W Taylor : 10 July 1826 – covering note note with the end of letter from J W Williams (*the enclosure is missing*)
- 2062.188 Rev E Popham, Chilton : 12 August 1802 – he is the vicar of Lacock and lived there for 20 years, much of his information came from the owner John Talbot Esq. Recounts the origins of the Abbey which was originally called Snail Mead Abbey founded by Ela. 'At the Dissolution it was granted to Sir William Sharrington from whom it came by marriage to the Talbots. the Stone Tower was built by Sharrington as a Room to preserve deeds, papers &c&c of value ... The Nunnery was enclosed with a dry freestone wall 10 feet high, 4 thick; whose foundation was alid on oak branches, The great Hall was enlarged considerably & lifted up as it now remains ... about 1756. .... The Nunnery boiler was sold by Ivory Talbot ... in the year 1716 for £50 at 5d a Pound, though worth much more, it was of the finest bell metal.' (gives dimensions) Details of the water supply, the Matins Bell, a Roman stationary camp at the top of Naish Hill ... 'John Talbot was the first person to receive Charles II upon landing in England. His letter to his daughter, and the Caldron which stands in the garden.
- 2062.189.1 Rev D Popham Chilton Foliat : 25 April 1803 – [Auburn] notes on the site of Aldbourne, Tuesday market, Fustian manufacturing and bell foundry. 'A mile from the town is a famous rabbit warren of great extent which supplies the London market with many hundred couple of from Michelmas till after Christmas. Lists famous Wiltshire inhabitants. Some detailed botanical notes on Wiltshire flora.
- 2062.189.2 R Barker, Hungerford : 25 February 1816 – following the death of Dr Popham his widow is the executrix and has the possession of his books. Dr Popham was born at 'Littlecote 27 October 1738 originally of St Mary Hall and afterwards of Oriel College Oxford. Died 16 September 1815

- 2062.190 B C Thomas, Malmesbury : 13 February 1824 – has written to the Gentleman's Magazine about the age of the south porch of Malmesbury Abbey and the 'Western Fragment' are both of the time of King Stephen and built by Roger Bishop of Salisbury
- 2062.191 B C Thomas, Malmesbury : 1 December 1822 – a covering note returning papers
- 2062.192.1 James Thomson, 57 Devonshire Street : 18 September 1843 – thanking J Britton for History of Grittleton is amazed that there is 'so much of antiquarian interested elicited from a single Parish'
- 2062.192.2 James Thomson, 57 Devonshire Street : 25 April 1841 – is sending drawings of Leigh Delamere church
- 2062.192.3 J A Trenchard, Stanton House : 8 October 1841 – will subscribe to the society but is unable to give any information at present. The Trenchard pedigree is in Burke's commoners vol.4
- 2062.193 Rev. John Ward, Rural Dean, Bedwyn : no date – is very busy preparing for the forthcoming Dean's Visitation. He cannot afford to join the Society, but is willing to assist and has ground plans of all the churches in the Hundred
- 2062.194 Mr Turner, 3 New Bond Street : 17 May 1802 – searching for particulars of Oliver St. John of Lydiard Tregoze. He has some drawings which Mr Britton might find useful.
- 2062.195 H Wansey, Warminster : 1 September 1826 – he gives a long list of corrections with page numbers to the third volume of Beauties of Wiltshire. 'I hope you will consider these remarks as prompted by the best of motives and with a view if rendering your excellent work more perfect.'
- 2062.196 James Waylen, Devizes : 4 July 1841 – sending designs and etchings intended for his own paper on Wiltshire during the Civil War.
- 2062.197 Hill Dawe Wickham, Frome area : no date, postmark 1840 : is sending his subscription to join the Society 'relating to the formation of a Library 'I hope no great proportion of the funds will be appropriated to this object in which few will be interested'. May be able to send him some pages on Frome Woodlands where there was a small chapel in a farmhouse dedicated to St. Algar. Describes it as a lawless area.
- 2062.198.1 Wadham Wyndham, Arthur's Club, St. James' : 8 June 1840 – asks to be added to list of Subscribers to complete the work of Sir R Hoare
- 2062.198.2 Wadham Wyndham, Arthur's Club, St. James' : no date - his namesake Wadham Wyndham has houses in London and Great Marlow and books have been mistakenly sent to him. Asks that future correspondence be sent to Salisbury
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- 2062.201 James Smith, editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal : 27 November 1850 – has been trying to purchase a copy of Aubrey's Natural History of Wiltshire without success writing a history of Wilton 'Wilton and it's Associations' 'a parlour window book' light and easy of digestion' Gives a summary of contents. .
- 2062.201.2 printed sheet : Wilton and Its Associations by the editor of the Salisbury and Winchester Journal with twenty five illustrations designed and drawn on wood by W F Tiffin synopsis of contents List of Subscribers
- 2062.201.3 newspaper advertisement for Wilton and Its Associations
- 2062.201.4 single page excerpt from his book
- 2062.202 James Waylen, 11 Duke Street .. Adelphi : 30 January 1852 – asking where he can find the letter sent by Lt. General Cromwell alluding to the storming and taking of Devizes Castle on 22nd September 1645 to S Bedford scout master mentioned by John Britton in his Wiltshire Book
- 2062.203 E Wickins The Close : 21 July ... - has made a list if items of interest in Salisbury and has drawings of house in Silver Street 'a fine specimen of ancient weathertile with highly ornamented gable beams and another similar in High Street which has been demolished. He has drawings and models which he could show Mr Britton
- 2062.204 William Wyndham, Dinton : 7 July 1824 – sending drawing of his house which was formerly amongst the possessions of the Abbey of Shaftesbury in which lived six nuns who formed a cell. At one time it belonged to the Mayhews
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- 2062.206 Elizabeth Wickins, The Close Salisbury : 13 September 1830 : praises the engravings but points out errors, Silver Street should be Minster Street. Offers to show some curious carvings in King's House, property of a near relative Lt Gen Slade. also drawings and models of ancient remains. The Church and Parish of Idmiston has a fine Gothic screen remains of an ancient hall & a terraced garden. Also notes the font at Newton Tony and Bishopstone church, Saxon arch at Harnham church
- 2062.207 Edward Wilson, Steeple Ashton to J T Mayne: 13 January 1817 – list of corrections and explanation of how advowson came to St Mary Magdalen College, Cambridge where the master is the sole Patron of the living at Steeple Ashton

