

SIR RICHARD COLT HOARE : AQ6

Box AQ6 Correspondence

- 735.1 handwritten copy (contemporary with the original) of a letter from Robert Clutterbuck of Watford [who was writing a History of Hertfordshire]to Sir Walter Scott on 4 July 1825. He is sending a sketch of the life of Ralph Sadler of Standon as a 'small return' for information which ha had received from Scott. Through a meeting with Mr Fenton he has found some information about Ralph's son Richard who was probably illegitimate
- 735.2 (12 April 1820) Stourhead : Sir Richard Colt Hoare to Robert Clutterbuck - writing as 'a County Biographer' he is replying in response to a query in Clutterbuck's letter to his friend Mr Fenton re. a portrait of Sir Ralph Sadler - if he wishes to have a copy then RCH will arrange it with Mr Astley. 'What artist do you employ to copy portraits - I employ for my Wiltshire collection Mr Roth who lives at No 10 Richmond Buildings, Dean Street, Soho and with whom I am very satisfied.' Roth is coming to Marlborough to make a copy of a portrait of the Protector Somerset which is near to Everley.'I have always considered portraits especially those which have never been engraved as the most interesting illustrations of Topography.'
- 736.1 (6 May 1800) Devizes : William Salmon to Mr Sowerby No 2 Mead Place near the Asylum, London {English naturalist, mineralogist and illustrator 1757- 1822]although he is unknown to Sowerby he is sending him a plant which he is unable to find in any British flora. It appears to be a variety of Colchicum autumnale and there are a great number growing in the town. He gives details of his observations over the years and has packed up a specimen in a basket and sent it to him on the Bath coach. He would be grateful if he would give his opinion on the plant
- 736.2 (21 May 1801) Devizes : William Salmon to Mr Sowerby No 2 Mead Place - he was fortunate to find the previous evening 'several specimens of venal Colchicum in a less advanced state than that before sent you'. Salmon is sending him some specimens together with a Vetchling with scarlet flowers. Describes his observations in detail. Has remembered Sowerby's request for fossils which he hopes to find in 'our chalk pits'. Hopes soon to send him some Cockscomb Oysters
- 736.3 (17 September 1810) Devizes : M Gent to James Sowerby - as promised is sending him some Wiltshire fossils 'in a small box by Grobety's Waggon which will be at the White Swan, Holborn Bridge next Wednesday I hope those in the light brown paper will prove worth of your acceptance' ... 'The bit of stone marked Grey Wether is from the Valley of Stones you pass on the right of the road fro Marlborough to Devizes & is I think very similar to the finest grained stone of Stonehenge. The Flower Root is a white variety of the Colchicum Autumnale found in a field near Devizes. the fossils in the blue paper I will thank you to return ... as I have not duplicates & they are my own finding except the bit of xtallized [crystallised] Nautilus & the unique dug out of Cane Hill, do me the favour to inform me what you imagine it is.' Is sorry that he was unable to attend his lecture and asks that the Crystallography modes which he used could be sent to him if they will fit into his box. Hopes that Sowerby has not discontinued his British mineralogy and will enquire about it with his Booksellers. Would welcome any specimens
Sowerby has draughted a reply in pencil on the back of the letter which is very feint
- 736.4 The Old Cottage, Great Rissington to Mr Sandell : 27 October - thanks him for the Xerox copies of Britton's Autobiography. She has looked through her collection of Sowerby letters and found three from Devizes which she hopes 'are acceptable for the library.' asks if the colchicums still bloom in a field near Devizes
- 747 Mr Salmon to Con. James concerning a bank note he was robbed of. He is giving

details of three notes and the circumstances in which they disappeared in case they should be presented for payment.

751. 1-56 *55 letters and a list from Sir Richard Colt Hoare to the Lysons
Daniel Lysons (1762-1834) of Rodmarton Gloucestershire educ. Bath Grammar and
Oxford. He became a curate in Putney and began a survey of London encouraged by
Horace Walpole and became his chaplain. He wrote 'The Environs of London' in
4 vols. and collaborated with his younger brother Samuel on 'Magna Britannia'.*

*Samuel Lysons (1763-1819) of Rodmarton educ Bath Grammar School and Inner
Temple, practiced Law on the Oxford circuit. A noted antiquarian and engraver Lysons
was Keeper of Records in the Tower (of London) from 1803 then director of the
Society of Antiquaries. He was helping with documents relating to the history of Mere and
also with information about Roman pavements. He was one of the first to investigate
Roman sites.*

*Rev. Samuel Lysons (1806 - 1877) the eldest surviving son of Daniel Lysons. He wrote
'The Romans in Gloucestershire' and 'Gloucestershire illustrations'*

751.1 (4 January 1807) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - this is being delivered by Mr Fenton
who is working on a history of Pembrokeshire.

'I am very anxious to know if your interesting mosaic discoveries are likely to
see the light. I mean those you found in Dorset. Can you give me the address of a man in
Lincolnshire (I think) who drew a great many of them. I begin now to think seriously if
my Ancient Wiltshire, but I almost shrink from the expense & magnitude of the undertaking
though I have every encouragement.' ...

Lysons' draft reply written on the same letter. January 18th. - saying he was
away when Mr Fenton came, but would be happy to assist him in his work.

here is then a section which is crossed through in which has he hopes to
finish his collection of Roman Antiquities when he has a plate of the
Dorsetshire pavement., though sales are few and costs high due to 'the state of the
continual war'.

The man to do the drawings was Fowler from Winterton in Lincolnshire who was
a carpenter and a Methodist preacher 'he had published a wretched plate of the ?
Horkstone pavement in which the figures are not represented in the same position as in
the original in order to make more room as he said. I lent him some plates of pavements
& he is much improved & does the ornamental part very well ... he has travelled over many parts of
England & has published many plates most of which I believe I have ... '

'It gives me great pleasure to find that you begin to think seriously of Ancient Wiltshire
which cannot fail to be a very interesting work.'

751.2 (16 June ?1813) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - asks if Lysons has any information
regarding the castle at High Knoll in the parish of Mere. the manor is vested in the
parish of Mere and there are still some remains of an old walled castle, but has been
unable to find out anything more. - 'I am hard at work in preparing a portion of my
Ancient Wiltshire for the press next autumn - and hope you are going on briskly with your
Herculean Labor [sic]'

751.3 (23 December 1813) Miller's Hotel : Friday night to Samuel Lysons - is disappointed
not to have found him in London and does not think he will be there in the Spring. He had
left a copy of Hoare family records with his bookbinder Mr Lewis of Duke Street St. James'
which he hopes Lysons will accept.

751.4 (?1815) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons- wants to know 'what has been goin on in our
Society and on what subjects Nash has been employed.' He has taken a number of

excursions this summer as his house is full of workmen.

'My first ride was on the British trackway from Marden over the hills to Berkshire, through the Vale of White Horse &c. which was truly interesting and novel to me. I had the good fortune to ascertain with every ground of possibility the Roman Station at Tamesim.

My second trip was into Hampshire to see the junction of my River Stour with the Avon and sea at Christ Church, next to Rumsey, Winchester, St. Cross Netley Abbey &c. Three of these places highly deserve the attention of the antiquary society as producing most exemplary specimens of Saxon architecture.

My third and last excursion was into my neighbouring county Dorsetshire where I was accompanied by my Land Surveyor. My chief was to examine some of the fine camps with which this county abounds. Of these we surveyed Maiden Castle, Badbury Rings, Hod Hill and shall during this autumn survey the astonishing camp on the adjoining hill whenever you reach Dorsetshire with your pen these surveys are at your service. the ride over the ridgeway between Dorchester and Weymouth is truly interesting : and beg before you and your brother ride in to that county, you will let me know as I may be able to point out some antiquities to you.'

Asks if he has a copy of the grant of fishery for the full extent of the River Stour and for 'a certain distance into the sea' which was given to the Stourton family and he thinks is kept in the Tower.

751.5 (7 October 1816) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - 'My love of topography increases every day'. RCH is collecting historical and local information for the hundred of Mere in which are the parishes of Maiden Bradley, Mere and Stourton. asks him for a copy of the grant of free warren and fair to John de Stourton temp. Henry VI and sees in his index another record - Maneria concessa Domino Wilhelmo de Stourton in Com. Dorset, Somerset et Wilts temp. Hen: VIII which will contain useful information. He is willing to pay to have them copied.

'I have at last completed my British labors in North Wilts - and next summer shall devote my whole time to the Romans.'

Asks how Lysons Britannica Romana is proceeding and looks forwards to the publication of his next county Derbyshire as it is 'a terra incognita to us - and it abounds with local curiosities.'

751.6 (20 February 1817) Luscombe Devon to Samuel Lysons - RCH is sending him the 'prospectus of every picturesque view of the town of Chudleigh which I have allowed a very ingenious young man to etch' He hopes Lysons will use them in his history of Devon. ... 'May I beg you to present your amanuensis at the Tower with the enclosed note.'

When he has time he will write up 'our researches in the very curious stone barrow near Bath and will send a plan.'

'Have you seen a curious book called Vulgar Errors by Dyer a rich old bookseller at Exeter proving us all in the wrong as to the Roman Stations &c - it may be had at Nichols.'

751.7 (2 May 1817) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - RCH is sending a note with his brother Charles on his way to Devon 'to say that I have drawn up an account of the Wellow stone barrow and sent it to Mr Carlisle. I have also desired Mr Symons to set the two skulls he exhibited at the same time. ... I am soon going to Leamington near Warwick to endeavour to drink away the Gout & Rheumatism which have long plagued me. I will endeavour to get a sight at Bath of Mr Ensor's drawings of the Wellow mosaic as I could wish you to insert it in your magnificent Britannia Romana ... '

I will not forget Mr Barley in next years Game list.

751.8 (25 May ?1817) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - '.... My increased deafness renders me totally unfit for society, but as long as the head & hands are sound, I ought not to complain. I am very anxious to see your Britannia Romana proclaimed - & I shall endeavour to save £50 for it as I wish to alter the title page to my account of the Roman era in Wilts, can you

recommend me to anyone who can make a drawing of one adapted to the period - for the one to my first livraison of North Wilts (ready for the press) has a cromlech - and that will not suit the Romans. I have already surveyed the following Roman iters

1. from Sabrodunum to Vindolgladia
2. from Do to Venta Belgarum
3. from Venta to Calleva which I place at Silchester - contrary to the opinion of many of the learned.

Crocker has made a delightful plan of Silchester - it is a place of great importance and the thorough investigation of it's exits and entrances would require a month's attendance.'

Has found the previously unknown stations of Brige and Vindomic. His next expedition will be to the via from Sobrodunum 'over the black ridge of Mendip to some part of the Severn. 'I heard of a roman pavement lately discovered at Crondall in Hants. which must be near some via between Silchester and Farnham.' RCH would like to meet up at Melbury to examine the nearly discovered pavement which must be on the road between Iscalis & Durnovaria.

RCH has spent much of the summer trying to find the connection between his family and the Hores of Risford at Chagford, Devon whose arms are the same. There are other Hores in Bucks. He is trying to make a list Wiltshire MPs, but is unable to find anyone between 1493 and 1547. Also trying to make a list of sheriffs, and asks for information about disforested the forests of Selwood and Marston in Somerset

'I hope soon to have got rid of the Old Gentleman in Wilts and am busy making acquaintance with the new one. I have gained a great deal of information (but not quite all) respecting the illustrious family of Hungerford.

751.9 (22 June ?1817) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - asks if he can obtain from him a list of the lords of the Manor of Mere from the Duchy of Lancaster's office. Everard Arundell is collecting materials for the hundred adjoining Mere and has given him a list of some of the Lords. RCH has been confined to his house for the past six weeks with severe gout and if going to Aqua Sulis (Bath) the next day where 'he hopes to regain his strength'. 'I shall endeavour to scrape acquaintance with Mr Ensor who took accurate drawings of the Wellow pavement - which ought and I hope will be added to your Britannia Romana.

Is looking forward to seeing his Derbyshire and thinks that he will find Devon 'an arduous task. ...

"My friend Skinner has been opening several British barrows in the Isle of Wight and has found a Roman burial place. He is now employed on the vicus in his own neighbourhood at Camerton. Is Nash employed this summer?'

751.10 (8 August 1817) Ilchester : 'My engineer is at present engaged in surveying the very interesting camp at Hamdon Hill, and is making drawings of the antiquities lately discovered there which I hope to communicate to our Society next winter.

I have been passing a few days with my friend Skinner at Camerton who has uncovered the foundations of another of the tenement in his vicus on the fosse - but has not found anything curious - a great variety of coins - & a little brass figure.

He is strongly of the opinion that the whole of the Roman pavement at Wellow has not yet been uncovered and will be most happy to lodge you at Camerton or give you any assistance with his spade. I hope you will add this pavement to your Britannia Romana especially as the engravings made of it is so very incorrect - nor is it all given - and more probably may be discovered. Mr Ensor will readily send his drawings - and Mr Skinner would get a part uncovered that you might attain the proper colours - I think we could save you a good deal of trouble by previous preparation before your own visit.

A very singular and curious relict has been found at this place by a poor woman digging in her garden - it is a gold ring weighing above an ounce in which is set a gold coin of Alexander Severus and in the highest state of preservation. She says she has refused £40 for it but I think very imprudently.'

RCH is now carrying on with the hundred of Mere and asks if SL has seen the new Roman pavement at Stonesfield?

751.11 (23 January 1818) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - RCH realises that all information about Roman pavements go straight to Lysons, but wants to tell him about one newly discovered one near Halstock in Dorset 'just sent to me by a Brother A.S.S. Mr Racket together with a drawing. It appears richly ornamented with a Medusa head in the centre and four other heads in the angles. It really appears worthy of your notice.' He hopes to see it in the spring when he visits Lord Ilchester.

Has received Lysons Derbyshire and is still pressing on with Wilts. The views of Chudleigh are nearly completed. Comments on a curious book by Dibdin.

draft letter from Lysons on the unused page of the letter - is pleased that he is making such good progress. He has just sent to press the proceedings of the Court of Chancery a bill filed by Sir Walter Hungerford & John Stourton as guardians of the priory of Ivy-church (temp. Henry VI). Had not heard of the Roman pavement at Ilchester until his letter. Has sufficient material for his book and plans to finish with Bignor villa as he has already spent £6,000

751.12 (January or February 1818) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - thanks him for his trouble taken re. his mosaics. RCH will not have the frontispiece in colour, but thinks that one plate should be in colour 'to show the method adopted, and as I know that of Bromham - perhaps that would be the fittest to colour. I do not think an urn in Mosaic enough would look well as a vignette - I should prefer some Roman urn as a contrast to the British, and I know of one that I think will do so that the space may be open both for letters and vignettes'

RCH is interested in Lysons chancery bill. Has just 'received a letter from Mr Frampton whom we met at Melbury saying he has with some difficulty procured some of the Coal Money for me - this seems to me unexplained and should be mentioned in your Dorsetshire. Thinks that there is a great deal more to be found. ...'tho' friend Skinner may not be able to prove the Camuladonum of Tacitus to have been at Cameston (Kempston, Bedfordshire) yet he certainly has some grounds whereon to rest his hypothesis at all events both his British as well as his Roman discoveries are very important' ... 'taken in very early times and probably antecedent to the permanent settlement at Aqua Sulis.' [hole created by the seal being cut out] Would like to know who did the etchings of arms

751.13 (13 December 1818) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - Imprimis asks when and where a basket of game would be most acceptable

Secondly where can he find a print by Vander Gucht (Gerard Van der Gucht 1696-1776) of the mosaic at Rudge

Thirdly asks if he thinks his engraver Basire is up to making an engraving of 'my mosaic at Bromham & to reduce that at Littlecote - for they are all to be given, as well as appropriate frontispiece.' ...

Asks that when Lysons passes by the booksellers Cadells he asks them to send him a copy of the third volume of Lysons reliquaries

751.14 (24 January 1819) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons at Rodmarton - has sent 'the Bromham pavement with the sketch of my intended frontispiece to Mr Worthington, 15 Compton Street, Brunswick Square who is engaged about some portraits for me - I have made inquiry about the brass vessel of Cavellana &c and find it is still in the Duke of Northumberland's possession in London - he says I am at liberty to inspect it, but thinks that Horsleys engraving is very correct. I shall be able I hope to procure the pavement of Rudge without troubling you - I should wish to send my ancient Wilts as complete as possible & to give outlines at least of all the Wiltshire pavements as we have no real authority for the colouring of the one at Littlecote, perhaps no colouring will be necessary. ... I know not what our etymological friend will make of his new Camalodunum certainly his discoveries are very curious being the remains of a town of very great antiquity as part has been found beneath the fosse way & the whole environs abound in British remains. We propoese having a further

investigation of Wellow and accurate plans of all environs - I wish I could find some account
of the pavement at Hedington - I cannot see it mentioned in the Index of the G Mag
[Gentleman's Magazine]

751.15 (1819) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - ... 'You are perfectly correct about the
intended size of the Frontispiece and Bromham pavement which must correspond with
those of the page : and I have had the Littlecote & Ridge reduced to the same size ... I shall be
much obliged if you would give Basire an outline plate of your Littlecote in order to point out
to him the manner in which I wish to have the etchings done - I remember hearing when opening the
pavement at Bromham that there was another in the neighbourhood. My Roman items will
take me once more to Corinium over the fosse when I will not fail to call upon your brother
and visit the Roman works under his able guidance'

Enclosed note -

as my fair Rosamund is very coy & difficult to propagate except by the
following Receipt which is infallible

In Jany or Feby take off the young shoots & put one in each small pot - place
them in the shade behind or between the other pots & keep them moist.

751.16 (26 February 1819) Stourhead : to Samuel Lysons - realises that Lysons is 'in town'.

RCH has been mainly employed on 'Ancient Wilts which is nearly all printed' and he is
now thinking of the Romans. 'The Mosaics will form more plates than I had at first imagined,
but that except at Bromham whose colouring I know, the others will be given in outline like your
own; and I should hope Basire would execute them con spirito for etching depends a good
deal on spirit. Discusses the layout of the etchings..

'I'm much puzzled about the pavement at Pitt Mead and fear I must have it
again opened in order to procure a correct plan' ...

Hopes to see more pavements in the coming summer including one at
Horstock and hopes they will meet up. Asks if Lysons can send him an accurate plan of
the pavement at Pitt Mead.

751.17 (?1819) No.2 Queen Square, Bath : to Samuel Lysons - RCH would like to know how

Lysons is and how their artists are proceeding with RCH's mosaics. He is in Bath to get
stronger and has spent most of the spring tracing Roman roads and investigating
stations &c. Describes a visit to his brother in Luscombe, Devon when he visits
Hembury and Exeter where he found the new altar screen 'heavy', then to Chagford in
search of the stones. He met a 'very civil vicar' who would like to meet Lysons. Visits the
Cromlech at Stanton Drew. Thinks that if Hollis's views are not too large that they would
make good illustrations and asks him to put in a good word for him to Cadell.

Enquires if George Cooke has completed his task and that the third volume of Lysons
mosaics is completed. He thinks their friend Lord Ilchester should take more exercise as
he spends all his days in his Library.

'After my penance at this place' he intends to revisit Cambria & 'my friend Leicester' &
will return home in September. His friend Leman has 'a good pedigree book of
Devon'.... 'I shall send Buckler down there this autumn to take some views of
Luscombe if he can be any use to you'. Asks that if he sees two pictures in London
would he tell him about them. Hopes to see Sir W Hicks mosaic as he passes through
Gloucester. There is a public day but is thinking of writing to him for 'a private sight on
some other day. If the engravers have completed RCH's mosaics will he ask them to send the
proofs between boards.

751.18 (?1819) to Samuel Lysons at Rodmarton - thanks him for his offer of help which he will

need with the mosaics and will send him a sketch of the Bromham pavement. He is
puzzled about the size of the Littlecote engraving and how it will fit into the book.

RCH wants to give a 'soupcon of everything that has been discovered in our county.' Is
glad that Lysons has visited Stonefield - 'the baths appeared to me the most interesting
part of the work - but was not a prior pavement found there some years ago & printed also
engraved by Fowler - I long to see Sir H Wicks fine discoveries.

'I have made some mistake about the Reliquee Romanee as you say that the old account of Woodchester forms the first volume & I have got others from Cadell so that Bignor remains for the present.'

Skinner has just left

Draft reply from Lysons - thanks him for the basket of game. Discusses the Littlecote pavement and how he made it fit when printed by reducing the outline. Describes other pavements.

751.19 (?1819) Samuel Lysons - sets out how he would like the two drawings.
No.1 Frontispiece, the scroll with corners. I shall the writing and vignette filled up hereafter
No. 2 The Bromham pavement of the same size as the drawing which will make a plate of the same size as the drawing
What do you recommend as to colouring - and would it not be almost as cheap to have only the outline engraved & the remainder coloured by hand as there is so little of it and the effect would certainly be satisfactory . I leave this arrangement entirely to you and your artists & shall be glad to see the drawings when finished.
As to the Littlecote pavement I am much in doubt. I think it must be given in two plates which will be impropriety as it consists of two rooms - the largest will make a folding plate - the smallest a single one. I should like to have both of these also coloured and I will consult Basire about them.'

Will give Rudge one page and has written to the Duke of Northumberland to see if the vase still exists. The Pitt Mead and Hedington pavements will need a space.
'We are going on briskly with Wilts. Lord Arundell and Chas. Bowles are active adjudicators' hopes to have two hundred ready for next year, 'as the engravers are at work but I must get rid of ancient Wilts first - which is far from advanced and part 1 is in the press.'

751.20 (23 June 1819) Bath : to Samuel Lysons at Rodmarton - Thanks him for the package - 'The plates are admirably done & answer my purpose exactly. I do not quite like the effect of the coloured mosaic - it must have some lines drawn round as a border to give it a better finish.
Thanks his brother for an invitation to Rodmarton and would have liked to see the 'flower garden & mosaics' but regrets that he is obliged to return home for a few days. 'I do not know if his gardening researches extend to the tribe of geranium which is my favourite & has been particularly attended to - I have 500 species some raised from seed by self and very curious - should he wish for any of them I will gladly at a future season send him a selection of the best cuttings.'

Asks Lysons to let him know how much he owes his engravers and get them to send two more proofs of each on paper that will hold colour.

751.20A RCH's extracts from The Annals of Tacitus Lib. XII. 31 and 32 - Claudius' invasion of Britain and his march to Camulodunum

751.21 (4 October 1819) Stourhead : to Daniel Lysons - sends his condolences on the death of his brother Samuel [June 1819]. He had intended to visit him on the way back from Wales, but there was no accommodation in Gloucester, but hopes to see the newly discovered Roman pavement soon.

'I am very fond of flowers & especially the Geranium tribe. There is a most beautiful yellow oenothera [evening primrose] which would be a great ornament to your flower garden & is raised from cuttings in the autumn. I will send you some from Bath next week unless countermanded - place them singly in a pot with a little temperate heat.' - they take a little while to root.

Hopes that he can tell him about Devon about which he knows very little.
RCH has been trying to link his family pedigree with the Hores of Risford near Chagford. Is planning to come to Devon & Cornwall next year to chiefly see the

Druidical relicts, 'but I shall not omit the architecture & camps on your account.

Leman could give me the course of the Roman roads I should think also Mr Cranch a poor but ingenious Devonshire man residing at Bath could furnish some information as he is a good antiquary & lately sold an illustrated copy of Devon for a high price.

The plans of the Earthworks cannot be depended on in the Government Survey.' He had had to correct and add details to some in Wiltshire. Is looking forward to the publication of his new volume on mosaics. Has seen the camp at Blunsdon.

'The show of Dahlias at Sweets nursery at Clifton is surprizing especially his double purple.'

He is still suffering from total deafness.

751.22 (22 September 1820) Stourhead : to Rev. Mr Lysons at Rodmarton - has been unable to visit Devon & Cornwall as planned due to Chiragna[a sort of gout] in his hands. He can only send a little information and is sure that Lysons is aware of the enormity of the task as his brother left few notes and Devonshire is a 'maiden county'. 'Should you wish to avoid further trouble & further investigation of the county you might publish the works as Collections for the county left by your brother.' RCH visited Kenton church near Powderham and was 'much struck with the carved painted pulpit & Skreen [sic] - They are about making great improvements in Exeter cathedral by removing the pews in the nave & restoring the Lady Chapel to its former destination - a new stone altar has also lately been erected.

And now a word for Wiltshire In a letter dated 1800 Mr Cunnington informs me that you brother paid him a visit & he took him to the Roman villa at Pit mead lately discovered where your brother made some plans & drawings - Now if these exist, & are still in your possession, they would be of the greatest possible use to me, as I must describe the few Roman villas our county can boast of and Mrs Downes has given no plans in her account of Pitt Mead.

Hoping that the vegetable colony thrives
I have received the last vol. pf Britannia Romana and am highly delighted.

751.23 (?1820) Leamington to Rev Lysons at Rodmarton - will be leaving Leamington in the next few days as he has been 'summoned home'. Hopes to find a few hours in which to see the pavement at Whitcomb. Met Mr Smith at Easton Grey who gave him 'every necessary information and attention'.

751.24 Stourhead : Wednesday to Rev. Lysons at Rodmarton - 'I will give the necessary order for your accommodation & hope you will find them tolerably comfortable. Your gardener has solicited a few of my number and they shall be sent carefully packed to you next week directed to your gardener.' ...

751.25 (?1820) Stourhead : Tuesday to Rev. Lysons at Rodmarton - RCH is 'glad that you have fixed upon a time when you will see my Geraniums in their zenith of beauty & may pick and chuse those varieties which you have not. If you will send me a line of the day in which you intend coming, I will order accommodation at my small inn - a necessary precaution at a time of year when tourists begin to move about.' RCH has been suffering from gout all winter, but he hopes that Lysons will make use of his library - 'and your Ladies shall have a key to stroll ad libitum about my gardens.'

Is sorry that he can contribute only a little to the Camps and Antiquities of Devon as he was unwell for much of the time he was there and only visited Hembury fort near Honiton & Totnes to collect sepulchral memorials of the Seymour family.

'Leman has had an accident which might have proved vey serious - by riding with an umbrella in a storm of wind & rain that he was absolutely blown off his horse.

The government engineers attended very little to antiquities for Col: Mudge was much obliged to us for out notes in Wilts'

751.26 (16 July 1821) Stourhead : to to Rev. Lysons at Sydenham - although he was

unacquainted with Stothard 'except by his fine effigies' was sad to hear of his 'unfortunate end'. (*Charles Stothard born 1786 was killed in a fall from a ladder inside the church of Bere Ferrers when he fell and smashed his head against a 14th century effigy whilst taking a tracing of a stained glass window*). RCH recounts the story of one of his carpenters who fell to his death whilst repairing the Cupola in the Pantheon at Stourhead. RCH is still suffering from vertigo and other ailments.

Buckler has been with him and is now going to Land's End with RCH's friend Mr Parker who has spent nine hours drawing. When Buckler returns with his sketch book he will let him know if he has collected anything of note on Devon.

751.27 (2 September 1821) ?Stourhead to ? Rev. Lysons - 'The poor author may cry out on the Calamities which befall us - and am very sorry that you have encountered them, as well as myself for just as I was ready for the press with the hundred of Mere as a foundation of a Modern History of Wilts - so that I have had as damp thrown upon my literary researches & am at a loss how to proceed.

The conduct of the Beere Rector is both unacceptable, illiberal & highly improper and his proposal of selling the window most shameful.

I am very sorry to hear you have been obliged to take so distant journey as

Buxton but I hope you will be paid by health for the journey. If your complaint proceeds from rheumatism I recommend your trial of leather shirt & drawers, from which some friends of mine have received very essential benefits. I have put on the latter and find them very comfortable and on the commencement of cold weather I shall try the former - Shepherd, Northgate Street Bath make them ... He has not heard from Leman, but knows that he will always be on the look out 'he is a wonderful man for his advanced state.

Recommends visiting Chatsworth and Hardwick whilst in Derbyshire, plus the 'fine old home of the Duke of Rutland near Bakewell' (*Haddon Hall*)

751.28 (May 1822) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons, Queens Square Bath - 'I am happy in the thought of catching you on the Stour tho' I missed you on the Avon - & shall be very glad to compare our notes on Topography'. RCH is getting on with his Hundred of Mere and the Rev. Mr Offer with Heytesbury. They have been searching the old documents at Longleat and RCH hopes to see him at Stourhead on Monday ' & to enjoy your company in the early part of Tuesday morning when I hope to introduce you to a handsome display of pelargonium.'

751.29 (4 August 1822) Stourhead : to Rev Lysons Rodmarton - 'August is come - and you I hope will come to the western part of our abbey - The abbot has at length lowered his terms of admission - one ticket will now admit of two one & I am sure will bring in more guineas.' ... asks him to name a day when he will come and RCH says he will bring his neighbour John Still.

'Pray bring with you a plant or two of Geranium Ibericum.' When they meet they can exchange information about Devon and Wilts. 'Offer has been very busy with Sir Thomas Phillipps at the Museum

751.30 (June 1822) Stourhead : to Rev Lysons - RCH says he is very busy at home. 'I am glad you have seen the painting which I imagine had been designed for Sir Christopher & I am glad he has been commemorated by some artist, though I fear our Marlborough could not procure a very good one.

I should like to have a cutting of Katherine Stuart - & a plant of the Ibericum which I think you told me you had in plenty. I am at this time cutting down all my Geraniaceae that they may blow in autumn and winter.

The fate of Fonthill & its proud abbey is decided. Catalogues are making out & it will be visible from the beginning of July to 15th September when the whole (books excepted) will be submitted to the hammer - Do you intend a visit - my friend Stills house will be full for some time by his brothers family - but there are good beds at Hindon adjoining - Tickets a sovereign for one person & one view,

I hear that the spectacle at Wanstead House has produced above £10,000 - so much for spectacles.

RCH is on the eve of delivery of his propectus. The hundred of Mere will be 200 pages with 14 fine engravings.

751.31 (1822) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - he hopes to meet him & 'our friend Lambert' on 27th & take him to the abbey. 'There is a good road I believe from Melksham to Warminster by Westbury - from Warminster you go to Hindon & Berwick ...
Excuse chiragra in dextra

751.32 (1822) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - is happy to hear that he has returned home safely. Hopes they will meet again at the abbey 'for I shall escort my brother there from Luscombe on Friday the 13th - but shall return home after the sight.' he confirms that he still has a copy of the pedigree of Hore [sic]. There are 4 volumes [expands in detail]
Still has been made completely happy by escorting the Duke of Wellington round the abbey grounds

751.33 (1822) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - RCH is sending him four rails [water bird]. 'We are likely to have a good & minute account of Fonthill - by Rutter who wrote the guide and it has been patronized by the second abbot' asks if any of Lysons friends will honour him with their names.

Large paper 4o proofs 2gns

Small paper 1gn.

I have a Metrosideros in full bloom 700 blossoms on it

751.34 (July 1823) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - 'The concourse at our abbey is not like that of last year' but RCH thinks it prudent to book beds which RCH will do if Lysons notifies him of his plans

'Bad weather for outdoor geraniums'.

'If you write for beds to the inn - the address is S Scammell - Spread Eagle - Stourton

.....

To save you the trouble of writing I will order three beds for you and yours on Wednesday 30th.

751.35 (30th July 1823) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons- RCH is not surprised that Lysons is delaying his visit due to the awful weather. He wanted him to meet Still, but says that he will stay at home until the weather improves.

'You have excited my curiosity much by your account of Mr B's interesting discoveries - which I hope to see - but not during the present season. I cannot find that the title of Nodens [a Celtic god] was ever given to the god of Medicine: but I find there was a Deity called Nodinus who preside over the ears of barley ... I sincerely hope Mr B. will treat us with an account of his discoveries which may be done at a cheap rate in lithography.

The fine mosaic which your brother commenced in Dorsetshire must not be forgotten & I still have my eye on it from what has hitherto been discovered I think it will prove one of the finest in the kingdom.

None of the seeds of Scutatum [a variety of pelargonium] have produced flowers up to the present. I almost wish my geraniums were housed again, for so much wet will be fatal.'

'Have you visited Ld. Mountnorris's conservatories at Arley Hall?'

(Worcestershire by River Severn)

751.36 (21 August 1823) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - was sorry not to have seen him when Lysons was in Wiltshire. RCH has just returned from Sarum from where he visited the mosaic pavement at Thruxton where 'it far exceeded my expectations, tho' consisting only of one room & small dimensions the remainder of the villa (if more) having been probably destroyed - It is perfectly excellent in one corner, & the inscription [*small ink sketch showing the*

layout with Bacchus on a tiger surrounded by heads] B this corner is imperfect. A figure of Bacchus in centre, 4 small heads & arabesques in the second circle - 4 larger in the corner.

The letters are of a singular form - and parti coloured A most excellent drawing has been made of it on a large scale & I have advised it being reduced & lithographized.

Bad weather then indeed for the pelargonium tribe as well as corn - & there seems no chance of change. I have a very handsome specimen of the iguescens tribe [pelargonium iguescens] now in full bloom. My tender plants were in such a starving condition that I have housed them. the Scutatium does not come like it's parent from seed so I must send you a plant - I have let one creep along the ground which answers - as it is a fast grower & abundant flowerer - what is the direction to Mr Bathurst?

751.37 (?1823) Weymouth : to Rev Lysons - RCH has been in Weymouth for a month 'dipping every other day in warm salt water not that I was in immediate need of them when I came - but they did me so much good in the summer that out of gratitude I resorted to them again - in order if possible to guard against future attacks - for my legs have not yet acquired their proper strength.'

RCH is pleased that Lysons liked his 'little brochure' on the Hungerford family and that there will be a more detailed account in the hundred of Heytesbury. 50 pages are printed. Mr Cassan a neighbouring clergyman is adding important links to the history with a list of bishops since 705. There are 400 subscribers and 500 copies will be printed. 'It is very ably executed chiefly & in my own library.'

They are both pelargonium enthusiasts and RCH asks him to let him have a list of any that he would like to 'fill up the blanks in your catalogue', but he has nothing new since Lysons last visit to Stourhead.

'I have not seen the seedling raised by my brother but I mean to visit him in the Spring.

He tells Lysons about the beautiful mosaic found near Andover which has Bacchus riding a leopard (*does this letter pre-date 751.36?*) There is a disputation over the inscription, some of which is perfect and some damaged. Does it 'throw a new light on the tribe DOBUNI for here the inscription says Quintus Natalis Natalinus et BODENI - I want to hear what friend Leman says - this building was certainly a temple dedicated to Bacchus - Fosbroke has translated for me the Saxon articles in the Chartulary of Wilton. ...

The noise of the hammer has at long last ceased at the abbey ... great improvements in agr....ation to make it habitable.

751.38 (March 1824) Weymouth : to Rev Lysons at Brier Street Bath - 'I am very sorry to learn the cause of your absenting from us but think you act wisely in endeavouring to prevent future evil - and thro' it with a great sacrifice to leave your comfortable home and vegetable Colony, yet a trip to Italy must afford much gratification, especially to your son. How I shall envy you the sight of Pompeii now brought to light again and Paestum should be visited as affording an excellent example of Grecian architecture which Rome does not - I believe is a very good winter situation - Do not think of Montpellier which is bleak & cold - Nice & Hieres (Hyeres) are good - If you wish for the best summer situation in Italy I recommend Sienna the air being cool & healthy & the language spoken in the greatest purity. Having been absent from Italy for 30 years I can be of no use to you in introduction but my friend Lambert can in the botanical way particularly with Bonplan if he is still alive. You will find nothing interesting in the gardening line in Italy, but probably in France.'

Asks him to send a list of plants that he would like and the name of his gardener and in return could he see the drawing of the 'Halstock pavement' which his brother drew including a 50 foot passage

'My topographical labour for this are nearly terminated by the hundred of Heytesbury - the cream of our county - Longleat, the Hungerford family, Lambert's herbarium &c ' 'I made the Royal library (France) a present of my ancient Wilts, but the French are no antiquaries

751.39 (Thursday ?1824) Stourhead : has not been able to visit Devon because of his Chiragra

'so I did not get my brother's novelties - which I hope to have in the summer & you shall have their offspring hereafter. ...

I will send Young.. & Orleans to Barratts at Bath so as to be there (for a certainty) on Friday week. I will order him to forward them by out weekly caravan'.

He hopes that he will remember to bring with him his brother's draegings of the Halstock pavement. Asks if he has heard of some important recent discoveries at Wootton. Encloses a letter to Mr Jenkinson in the hope that he will admit Lysons to his garden. Has just read Sweet's trial

I hope to have many novelties for you when you announce your happy return - but my seedlings are not very promising of novelty. Let me hear from you when you visited Brompton & the Kings Road. (many prominent nurseries were situated in this area)

enclosed is a printed flier for the Hundred of Heytesbury in Modern Wilts dated November 1823

751.40 (?1824) : Rev Lysons Bath - 'I have sent you some of your desiderata & I hope you will come here yourself to select the rest which I cannot at present find'. RCH will be at home all June & hopes to see him then.

'Sweet has been liberated & it was said a conspiracy was formed to entrap him by some first rate horticulturalists jealous of him.' (*Robert Sweet was tried at the Old Bailey 'upon a charge alleged against him, for feloniously receiving a Box, containing Plants stolen from the Royal gardens at Kew 1824)*

T.B. I have a cutting of c..scans for Mrs Beadon. I have had some difficulties in sending some of your desiderata & of others I despair until I remove my plants, I can give you good plants of Bicolor Majer, tricolor fruscum, album [sic]

751.41 (March 1824/1825) Stourhead : to Daniel Lysons at chez L'Ambassadeur d'Angleterre Florence - 'I ought to have answered your letter sooner, but I awaited the arrival of your cyclamen roots which came safe, are potted, & I hope on some future day, will rival those I have now in bloom (12) finer than ever. I have little new in the Pelargonium my seedlings have failed so much that I have not of late collected much seed, and all sorts being mixed I cannot send any to your botanical friend at Florence - the original ignescens never produces seed but the major abounds ... & I will have some this year. neither have I sent any cuttings to yr gardener - but on your happy return to old England I hope you will come here & pick & choose for yourself.

My friend Sir Abraham Hume has sent me a very pretty Chinese primula which has been in constant bloom these three months - I hope to seed it.

My friend Lambert is in high force - tho' one of his favourite dogs ran mad & bit three of his servants, but luckily not him.' ' We have had -the mildest & wettest winter ever known - no frost or snow - the sheep have suffered dreadfully from the rot - all our political affairs look well - the Catholic aristocracy will be put down, by general approbation notwithstanding the long speeches of Hume, Broughan and Burdett.'

Asks that if he is in Rome would he ask about a book of a collection of letters in the Vatican from English manorials which are in 'several Volumes folio'.

Enquires if San Marino is still an independent republic?

751.42 (3 October 1824) Stourhead : to Mnsrs Lysons Florence - apologises for the long time in replying 'but I have wanted to send yr Florentine Gardener a few choice seeds

Rosamunda -Tricolour

Ignescens - Crassifolium

Miscellanea

some of which I hope will produce some beauty as well as novelty

Am glad to hear that you have been clambering up the Lucca hills in search of plants & hope you have been successful - All your cyclamen are alive & I am now following my usual process with them. You have an ardent botanist at Florence in Fox Strangeways to whom I have consigned the seeds for Longnor Preeioli / Prccioli - I talian will not do after English horticulture.'

Congratulates him on the forthcoming marriage in his family. Thinks it likely he will 'meet John Still Junior who has been advised to try a warmer climate - - he meets his sister Mrs Taylor in Switzerland & proceeds with her into Italy.'

RCH's legs are still weak, but generally he is in good health and his writings take up most of his time & he has printed a hundred more. He has had three excellent drawings of beautiful mosaics found in Hants & hopes to explore the one in Dorset which his brother started. There are no new varieties of Pelargoniums.

'Lambert in high spirits & receiving daily additions to his Hortus - we have another ardent botanist in Wilts. Mr Talbot of Laycock Abbey

751.43 (11 June 1827) Stourhead : to Rev Daniel Lysons 10 Duke Street Manchester Square welcomes him back to Britain. If he is passing through Warminster about 29th he will find that they are having a large family party, but write to let him know if he can come. 'tho' my geraniums will have passed their zenith the show will not be bad & you may collect a few novelties, but during your stay in town see Colville's collection. You will find chez Nichols 25 Parliament Street 2 more papers of my Wiltshire history viz Branch & Dole

Ambresbury &c

All your cyclamen routes prosper but do not come up in beauty or fragrance to those I had before

'John Still is in high health - I have had a most capital coloured drawing made from yr brother's sketches at Halstock in Dorsetshire.'

751.44 (?1827) Stourhead : to Rev Lysons at Rodmarton - thinks that they have not corresponded since Lysons came back to Britain and hopes he found everything he could have wished for 'as to the Pelargonium tribe - mine is flowering ... I can boast of little novelty & my own seedlings have not produced much beauty - but my beauties will be in force the latter end of May, when I hope you will come westward to pick & choose. I have some pots of yr Italian cyclamens but they will not do in point of beauty after those I had before.

John Still has married off both his daughters and he remains in good health with less rheumatism. RCH has published the hundred of Branch & Dole, plus Everley & Ambresbury. Asks if he has 'collected anything new & good on the continent'

751.45 (June 1827) Stourhead : to Rev Daniel Lysons at Rodmarton - a 5 page list of pelargoniums

592	Decorer	
576	Incomparable	
574	Amabile	failed
590	?Arbescens	HS
601	Pupureum micans	HS
512	Gyatts seedling Concolor	
248	Anna Maria (<i>crossed out</i>)	
555	Egregium	HS
388	Refulgens (<i>crossed out</i>)	HS
589	Pattens	HS
587	Feronia	
565	Colm	HS
552	Annette	
578	Exc.....m	
619	?Curantiacum	
575	Cordescens (<i>doubtful</i>)	
573	?Afflicens	
581	Flora	HS
427	Punctatum	HS
295	Iocundum	HS
567	Chrysanthemum	
556	Clarinda	HS

557	Myshilla		do
558	Sabina		do
559	Vacant		
560	Arabella (good)	do	
561	Batsheba		Salter
562	Columbine		HS
563	Fulgens		HS
564	Tendrosum		HS
565	- Colm - (good)		
566	Hoareanum vg		HS
567	Chrysanthemifolia - good		
568	Venustum (good)		
569	Maid of Orleans		
570	Youngii (good)		
571	Pancidentatum		
572	Saundersii		
573	Affluens		
574	Amabile		Jenkinson
575	Ardescens		do
576	Incomparable		do
577	Inscriptum		do
578	Imperatrice		HS
579	Hebe		Salter
580	Bellina		HS
581	Harvest		HS
582	Vacant		
583	do		
584	Celia		HS
585	Hoareanum vg	do	
586	do		do
587	Feronia (good)		
588	Mooriana do		
589	Pattens		HS
590	Albescens (good)		HS
591	Rubella	Jenkinson	
592	Decora		do
593	Spectabile purpureum		do
594	Rubilum maculatum		do
595	Rubicundum		do
596	Ignescens villosum	HS	
597	Latilobum (good)		Salter
598	Waverley (good)		
599	Melissinum do		Salter
600	Bishopii (good)		
601	Purpureum micans		HS
602	Hoareanum vg		do
603	Defiance		Jenkinson
604	?Palkii good		
605	Variifolium		Jenkinson
606	Lucidum superbum		do
607	Pulcherrimum		do
608	Bakerianum		do
609	Laviflora		Salter
610	Queenii	do	
611	Claudius Caesar		do
612	Kingii		
613	Flexuosum		

614 Tib ...sianum
 615 Wellsianum
 616 Incuroum
 617 Spectabile securvum
 618 do maculatum
 619 Aurantiacum
 620 Beaumontia

751.46 (12 July 1827) Stourhead : to Rev Daniel Lysons at 10 Duke Street Manchester Square -
 their letters have crossed in the post 'I hope your ladies will not think me ungallant in
 refusing them a breakfast on the 20th - as I have a house full of company & strangers to
 them - come therefore to breakfast at the Spread Eagle where I will order it as well as horses to
 take you to Frome & where yr ladies look round the gardens which are in their highest beauty,
we may look over the conservatories & I will add to your luggage Get Moore's Oratory and
 Bishopii . the two best descendants of ignescens - for I cannot as yet supply them.
 RCH has had a drawing made of Lysons' brother's mosaic which he hears has
 been destroyed

751.47 (18 July 1827) Stourhead : to Rev Daniel Lysons at 10 Duke Street Manchester Square
 hopes to catch him before he leaves and is sending a basket of Varieties to 19 Rivers
 Street on Tuesday 19th. 'I have raised but few that are new & good being an absentee
 from the Kings Road, I know not but by report what novelties are there produced.
 If you will send me the last number of my catalogue I will fill it up & I hope
 you will come in person next Spring to pick & choose. I am discarding a great many
 especially the tall stragglers. I have hardly any of those mentioned in yr letter.' Has
 printed two more portions of Wilts see Nichols 25 Parliament Street
 Call on Salter at London Road Bath who has a pretty collection. His namesake
 is a bankrupt

751.48 (early 1828) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons at Rodmarton - apologises for not writing, but
 has been away and found on his return 'my plants so trimmed that I could not supply your
 wants as well as I could wish. the Ladies have also trimmed them very much this year. You
 are the first on my list for next year & you must visit us the end of May & pick & chuse - I
 have very little novelty & I get my best from Salter at Bath. I gave a guinea for the Conqueror at
 Weymouth - very good. The defrance of the ignescens breed is very good but too tall is as fine a
 color as The Victory.

My collection became too extensive & want of room has obliged to discard
 nearly half

The Hymelia is delightful as a hardy one covering the ground with a most
 brilliant blossom

Our friend Lambert is very much depressed tho' I think his late loss was rather
 desirable. John Still is quite well. I am just returned from my topographical survey, & am
 glad to think that one week more next summer will complete all my outdoor work for damp
 churches do not accord well with rheumatics

I have published four parts Mere, Heytesbury- Branch & Dole & Ambresbury
 which is rendered interesting by Stonehenge & by memoirs of the celebrated Duchess of
 Queensbury with a beautiful portrait of her

A fifth portion has gone to press which will include Fonthill, Wardour &c full
 of engraving the richest hundred in out county

751.49 (12 March 1828) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons at Rodmarton - comments on the mild
 winter and asks if he is likely to be in the neighbourhood 'Selwyn is always ading
 some tasteful novelty to his garden: I have nothing new in my favourite tribe of plants
 where novelty seems exhausted, but I expect a handsome shew the end of May.
 We have lately discovered a magnificent Roman villa in Somerset -& I wish to
 send you plates & a account of it' ...

751.50 (20 August 1829) Stourhead : to Rev. Daniel Lysons at Rodmarton - 'I am just returned from seeing the new city, after a nine year absence from the old one, & you may easily conceive how my curiosity was gratified - I added a novares to my Pelargonia - and the best I found was flagrans a brilliant red produced by m.. ignescens - what a wonderful family has that said ignescens produced - I found Dennis at Chelsea the best cultivator, for Colville has fallen off since Sweet took off from him - You are right in chasing the Hymelia as the first of the hardy tribe - It has been christened Walkdin by Sweet, but I had it before him from friend Lamb who is over rich in exotics : but I do not think it accords well with Ibericum which is so much fuller & is out of bloom when the other comes in.

I am at a loss to know which plant of mine you called Melysinum for I have only one of that name, which is very pretty

You must come & visit us at the end of May to pick & choose for my neighbours are all infected with Horticultural Mania & my good neighbour Selwyn is the maddest of us all.

I have now in my conservatory the most magnificent plant I ever possessed - a datura arborea now christened Burgmansia - with nearly 200 blossoms on it - quite magnificent.

I have ordered the hundred of Dunworth to be sent to you - it is the finest in our county. How can you find room for all the new Pelargonia - I cannot and am obliged to discard. Still is visiting his daughter in the Northern Lakes.

751.51 (October 1829) Eve's Hotel, Bath : to Rev Daniel Lysons at Rodmarton - RCH is in Bath to gain health for the winter. He is glad Lysons has been successful with his cuttings. He visited London in August after a nine year absence & 'was delighted & surprized with all its novelties - i collected a few novelties from Dennis at Chelsea who is the best cultivator of Pelargoniums, but the best novelty (purple) of late has been raised at Dorchester by Miss Yeatman & called after her name. I shall be much obliged to you for seeds of the ?Swiss hard Geranium & the Lobelia ?ernus

I find that the double Oleanders will not do well with me without a little forcing of the blossom it is a great favourite with me

I have been much interested of late with a magnificent mosaic pavement found on the borders of Sedgemoor in Somerset & which I have had accurate drawings made.

Any parcel's directed at Ford's Library Bath will be safely forwarded

Selwyn's Garden improves daily in taste & beauty - & all my neighbours are infected with Garden Mania

751.52 (1829) Stourhead : to Lysons - as the geraniums are now on the decline he is trimming them and sending out cuttings . RCH has found that the basket he sent to Lysons went on the wrong coach and went via London so he is sending another via Bath. 'My houses have been in greater beauty than ever and in finer bloom - but mt seedlings never produced anything very good or new, but I have had numerous varieties all good from seed of fair Rosamund but not the one like her.'

Mentions the production of the hundred of Dunworth.

'I am going next week to open one of the finest Roman pavements in England it had eight figures five feet high in as many compartments & very perfect.'

'I wish you had seen Mr Phelps garden at Warminster for he is

Primus inter omnes

included on a separate sheet

Sir Richard Hoare will be glad to see Mr Lysons any time tomorrow morning after nine - as he is an early riser & breakfasts at eight. Though weak from the effects of gout he hopes to hobble down with him to the conservatories. The accident he hopes not serious & amount only to scarification. He has sent a key of admittance to the Gardens near the Inn should he wish for a walk

751.53 (1829) Stourhead : to Rev. Lysons - his memory is not what it was and cannot

remember if he has sent Lysons a copy of Registrum Wiltunense so he is sending him a copy now which should be bound with the hundred of Branch & Dole.

'I have not much novelty in my genus of Pelargonium. The best of late was raised by Miss Yeatman of Dorchester & bears her name - a rich purple deeply spotted. I can give you a plant

Dennis : Rival very good spotted white & purple
Many varieties from my ignescens - Rob Roy - good
Invites him again to come in May and mentions the datura
Thinks he had better keep the book until he goes to Bath and will send it from there

751.54 Stourhead : to Rev Lysons Bath - hopes that he has arrived in Bath safely and regrets that he is not well enough. 'I can supply some of your desiderata but not all of it as I have not all the new varieties. You shall have the cuttings by Lampard Mere carrier on Friday the 5th March.

Have you got 552&3 two pretty of Citron, also pictum & album bulbs.
Mrs Davey has robbed me of the name of my Ceriscans - which is extra fine - I cannot make the echinatum blow for it requires more heat than I can give it. My seedlings have produced nothing good as yet
Have you got Scutatum the best of the Ivy tribe an excellent creeper

751.55 (July 1832) Eve's Hotel Bath : to Rev. Lysons Rodmarton - his clippings have all gone to three Wiltshire Ladies and he is one week too late to join them, however he will be first on next year's list. 'Dennis has sent a few novelties but I do not like to purchase without a first sight and our neighbour who selects the best every year will supply me with the best - his collection improves every year & you will have much pleasure in seeing his garden [Wheeler]'

RCH is sending him a list of his new novelties

Flagrans	scarlet	fine
P/Brissell	d°	fine
Quercifolium superbum	scarlet	d°
Nutans	scarlet	
Burnett	d°	d°
Smith's Adelaide	deep purple	very fine
Drakea	bright purple	fine
Rival or Vinctum	spotted	very good
Fosterii	d°	
Compactum	striated	
Eldon	spotted	
Politum	d°	

751.56 Stourhead to Lysons - RCH has been unable to find Lysons in Bath after making many enquiries and is 'vexed' that they will not meet. He had wanted to converse with him about his foreign excursions

He has shortened his stock of Geraniums and is becoming more selective. He is sending Lysons a portion of his order

358 Rosamund
360 Variety of d°
251 Erodium Crass?
512 Wyatts seedlings
224 Ignescens major
240 Quinque vulnera
H.T. Hoares seedling

752 RCH letters to the Lysons - these have been catalogued with those in MSS 751

753 photocopy of a letter from Sir Richard Colt Hoare to Rev. William Bowles of Bremhill watermark 1816 : Stourhead - he has come across the most curious book on British

Antiquities ever printed. The author has royal blood in his veins but pennyless & cannot get a maintenance for himself & wife. I have been trying to get him into the British Museum as an assistant for which office he is fully qualified - but I almost despair as all public offices are so soon filled.' Asks if he can procure him a few subscribers'

- 882 three letters
- 882.1 Warminster (8 April 1797) J Axford to Rev Mr Barton of Stourton - to say that his wife has died of the palsy. He has been collecting for clergymen's widow and children. on the same sheet
(8 September 1797) J Axford to RCH - it is a year since he heard from him and thinks some of his letters may be lost between Stourhead and Italy. He is building a Library at his Villa which opens onto a Long Gallery (next page missing)
- 882.2 Extract of a letter from Dr. Johnson to Mrs Montague describing the death of Lord Lyttelton (RCH's father-in-law) and recounting his life
on the same sheet Mrs Montague's reply in which she thanks him for a letter which gave her such consolation
- 883 Letter from the Guildhall Library of London 14 March 1825 to RCH - thanking him for presenting them with a copy of the Journal of the Sherifalty for their Library
- 1394 correspondence between RCH and Sir Thomas Phillipps see separate file
- 2518 13 notes and letters to clients and booksellers in London - Nichols, Parliament Street; Messrs Hollingworth of 15 Watling Street; Cadell & Davies The Strand; France & Banting, Pall Mall; William Miller Esq., Paragon, Ramsgate; Stockdale Booksellers Piccadilly; Mr Barnett; Hurst & Robinson, Cheapside : 1795 - 1837
- 2519 *The 33 letters from Sir Richard Colt Hoare to John Britton have been catalogued in the order found in their bundle and not in chronological order. Many of the letters have neither date nor address, but some do have a postmark from which a date has been taken. + transcript of letters*
- 2519.1 (25 October -) Weymouth : '60 pages printed of Branch & Dole & the plates far advanced - Wilton will make a very prominent feature - & much new & interesting matter will come, The history of the Monastery - and a delightful engraving from Turner of the house before its fine front was shortened by Wyatt.
Am sorry that I cannot give you any account of the modern families in Wilts not known to them myself, especially in N Wilts.'
- 2519.2 (July 1833) Stourhead : part of a letter ' I am sorry to hear that your works are suspended but am not surprized- as nothing now answers to an author but a novel of a duodecimo. I hope for better times. I go on ... but have been lately dependent on the pens of others. Four additional hundreds are in the press ... so you see we are nearly come to the end of our labours.
- I wish there was any prospect for North Wilts - for tho' my friend Sir Thomas [Phillipps] is as eager as ever in copying & collecting. I fear that he does not think of composing tho' he has such a fund of materials.'
- 2519.3 part letter, no date or address : he likes what Britton has written about the charms of Bath and that it would make a good volume with Wells. RCH will pick out a set of prints for him, but has already given 'copper plates to the owners of the pictures. I have no fragments of urns to spare for your Museum - I fear Brown is very poor -& too wild

in his projects."

2519.4 (30 March) Stourhead : writes that all prints should be on India paper

2519.5 (4 April 1817) - 'I have lately put into the hands of an ingenious young engraver six views of the picturesque town of Chudleigh - two are nearly done - and are well done in Cooke's style of etching. They will form a good illustration for Lyson's Devon - which comes next after Derby. I can venture to recommend the work to your attention & patronage.'
'I am collecting materials for the hundred of Mere with a view to publish. I wish I could prevail on some of my countrymen to do the same.' ...

2519.6 (24 Dec) - in replying to Britton's letter he says that he has only printed 12 copies of Abury to give away, but has more of Hungerfordiana at 10/6

2519.7 'I should be glad of the Rudge pavement, as either a loan or a purchase though Mr Lyson's has offered me a sight of it, does not think it seeing saving, but I should like to judge of it myself. My not inserting your name after the hundred of Chippenham was an omission - as I shall be glad of every assistance with North Wiltshire with which I am less acquainted than the South tho' I by no means wish it should interfere with your more important undertakings - a county history is a much more difficult undertaking than I at first imagined. I hope we shall at least get through the Southern district.'

2519.8 RCH has written two letters of introduction for him at Wells in the hope they will help his researches. He 'must take a view of the Cathedral from Conduit field.' ... 'I have had a sad damp thrown on my literary labors [sic] by L's declining the publication of Modern Wilts stating the present depression of the trade & the heavy loss they sustained by Ancient Wilts - ar which I am not much surprized, it being so costly a publication, and so well got up.

I will now state the terms I proposed them viz.

To give all the plates which in the hundred of Mere alone cost me near £500 - on their paying for printing paper, & impressions

The LP to the same size & quality as the SP of . . . the small paper on full sized foolscap

To be published & sold in separate hundreds for the accommodation of those who wish to have their own local district

I hope you think this is a liberal offer on my part - for by my experience in Book trade you must be well aware that a Gentleman's book is very different from a Booksellers and I am resolved to do honer to the district in which I reside.

I can hardly have the courage to take the whole upon my self which Ls recommend - to print a smaller quantity.

..... would Longman's agree better terms?'

2519.9 (9 July) Stourhead : 'I lately saw at Gutch's in Bristol the drawings for your intended history of St Mary's Redcliffe and have since seen some of the plates which I am glad to find are improved for the drawings are but indifferent. ...

I have lately heard that some Saxon remains in the church at Tutbury Stafford ... rival Malmesbury ... I heard of you at Abury where I have been exploring, but intend to publish North Wilts at once, you will probably appear on the public stage before me.

2519.10 (3 November) Stourhead : hopes he will undertake to do some of the hundreds in North Wiltshire. He has made great progress on the hundred of Mere and his neighbour Lord Arundell is working on the hundred of Dunworth, he hopes to persuade Mr Cox to undertake Salisbury. If he is unable to find people to work on each hundred then he will send printed queries into each parish.

He is working on a family pedigree for private publication and thought that he would have a few portraits engraved. He asks Britton is he know what the cost would be if they were done in the style of Sylvanus.

2519.11(7 February) Stourhead : he has no ground plans of Welsh castles, but has other material ' they ought however be given correctly as specimens of the style of castellated architecture in Edward's time - the windows also at Beaumaris, as well as Harlech are singular being nearly circular. I hope you will not omit giving Tutbury Church in your antiquities I saw it last summer and was highly pleased it is one of the most interesting specimens in our island. If you want anew job - why not think of Glastonbury - I know of no subject here more interesting as the Abbey - town and environs - and we have no modern history of it.'

2519.12 (11 April 1822 answered by JB : 'Modern Wiltshire is going on'. The task is more arduous than he thought especially the hundred of Mere which had 'proved to be so fertile.' It will be followed by Heytesbury, then Branch & Dole which includes Wilton, along the river Wiley [sic] to Salisbury. This will form a 'tolerably sized volume. I will then proceed in the same line with the River Nadder which also joins the Avon at Salisbury.' Lord Arundell has made large collections. Next will be the line of the River Avon and then Salisbury. RCH recognises that JB and Dodsworth have already done to much work on it.

'I do not even think of NW (North Wiltshire) but leave it entirely to Sir Thomas Phillipps who is as zealous as ever in collecting & the means to try his pen first on three hundreds Highworth, Swindon & Cricklade - I have addressed him to consult you on the illustrations & have offered him Carter's drawings of Malmesbury & Laycock. So that I trust what is to be done will be done well - as we have only to think of one hundred at a time - which is quite enough for one man at a time.'

Has taken material from the registers at Sarum and Tanner's monastic records. Also sends 'a draft for the amount of your bill.' Thinks that it is probable that they will meet at Sir Thomas Phillipps in the summer. Buckler has executed 'two beautiful drawings' of Longleat house & fine hall.

2519.13 (21 November) - is well satisfied with his copper plate engravers but ask JB to recommend him a wood engraver who would do occasional portraits. Buckler has made him two excellent drawings of the house and new stables at Longleat also the fine hall. These together with a fine portrait of Sir John Thynne 'will form good illustrations of the noble mansion.' Asks how much a 9" by 7" plate should cost 'when executed in the best manner.'

'Our excursion to Nettleton & the barrows turned out to our satisfaction and we were favoured with fine weather - it was an arduous undertaking & cost me ten guineas, but I have often cast a longing eye on this Marden, & was not disappointed - Crocker has made correct drawings of the whole, but we could not develop the primary deposit, it being under the Cromlech which I could not disturb - but in another part of the barrow I found an entire skeleton with the legs gathered up in the most primitive style of interment - This account will come into the hundred of Chippenham.

Sir Thomas Phillipps is more zealous than ever and has just completed the arduous task of all the institutions & belongings from the Sarum register - they throw a great light on ancient Property.'

2519.14 pencil sketch showing two buildings on the left a Palladian portico next to the towers and entrance gate to a castle.

'No.1 New Gaol a very handsome building - old Doric architecture

No. 2 Ancient Castle - Gothic'

note underneath states that the drawing is only 'the size of your plates'

RCH is in Cheshire and the drawing is of the new Gaol in Chester. The drawing is to be taken to Mr Nash who will take it to Mr Broster the Bookseller. Mr Harrison the architect 'will also correct his drawing - as being architectural it must be correct & will require a thorough knowledge of perspective.' Re commends sending the MS to Mr Broster. RCH hopes to visit Beeston Castle and Vale Royal.

2519.15 (8 August 1821 Stourhead :has just returned from Wells with Mr Parker and Buckler where the purpose was to draw the monument of Bishop Still. Buckler made a drawing of the Cathedral from the water conduit which is 'the finest point of viewing'. 'I hope my Ancient Wilts will meet with the approbation of my countrymen - my health has been so very indifferent during the last year that it was almost too much for me.'

He hopes to have the hundred of Mere out early next year. 'Am glad you intend increasing your collections for Chippenham hundred- but you will find the documents necessary for county history very different from Beauties 7 you must measure each Church accurately with a tape line - describe its architecture & copy all inscriptions within.' Sir Thomas Phillipps continues to collect with zeal. RCH wants to know who built Corsham - Hungerford or Halliday? JB is welcome to come to inspect the plates of the second volume.

2519.16 (2 May 1818 Stourhead : am glad that JB is 'safely delivered of his Winchester' and will ask Lewis to send it down as he has no time to come to London as he is so busy with Ancient & Modern Wilts. has been to Silchester 'of which Crocker has made a fine survey. 'My part of Ancient Wilts, as far as regards the Britons has been ready for sometime- but the booksellers as you know are difficult people to deal with - but I hope to print the first part this winter - and remainder the next.

Is still collecting for the hundred of Mere & Heytesbury and has received much voluntary information about the Hungerford. He visited Farley Castle last week and got excellent drawings of all the monuments. He is sorry that 'Durham Architecture is reserved for Mr Surtees fine history'. Has written to the minister at Black Bourton to see if there are any records of the Hungerfords there, but he has not replied.

Written on the back in another hand 'An Account of the island of Jersey containing a compendium of its ecclesiastical, civil & military history .. printed T Baker 1807

2519.17 (28 August 1824) Stourhead : had asked Nicolls to pay him £4 some time ago and if he hasn't paid him to add 18s. to his bill.

'I am at length delivered of a bouncing boy with whose appearance I am well pleased both in quantity and quality.

My next hundred which completes the Vale of Wily [sic] is ready for the press - and I have just finished the outdoor survey of three more hundreds in the Vale of Avon.'

2519.18 (20 January 1817) Stourhead : asks if he would call on Harris and collect some plates which he could then send to him on the coach from the Castle & Falcon at Aldersgate to Taunton.

RCH has sent him Godwyn and has Lingard's Saxon Church and had the history of Faringdon from Britton. Saw a history of Nantwich quoted by Lysons & another by Partridge which is not in his catalogue. Has received a number of Cotmans. 'I should wish to see the MSS account of my gardens before it is printed. Mr Havell should know that the bushes in the foreground are laurels.'

2519.19 half a letter - has received his letter & parcel of books about cities- has ordered Rugby from Nichols. Sends him a draft for his bill of £9 0s 6d

2519.20 (1818) Stourhead : Mr Brewer has announced his concluding volume with help from his friend Mr Leman and hopes that he has added the survey of Barnes as promised. Asks that he will get him a volume and forward it on the subscription coach from the Canon coffee house.

Wants to know how his work on Cathedrals is progressing. 'I am still zealous about our County & have just sent the press an enlarged prospectus.' His hundred of Mere is nearly complete and hope to start on neighbouring Heytesbury in which Longleat is situated next summer. Hopes that he has found someone to work on

Warminster and Westbury.

RCH has no worries about completing South Wiltshire but will need to rely upon other people to do North Wiltshire. His friend Bowles will do Bremhill, and Tytherton Lucas and thinks he will get a man for Calne & Devizes 'but I think when the prospectus is published and the queries circulated many clergymen will come forward finding the difficulties not so great as expected.'

2519.21 (March 1838) in very shaky handwriting. Some days ago someone has sent him a copy of Britton's Cassiobury without his order and is rather critical of it. (the handwriting here is very difficult to read).

'We are both of us nearly shutting up our Shops- for my last hundred is in press. Salisbury will then be only left, which has been committed to Mr Hatcher, to Archdeacon Coxe & will be well of one.

Two gigantic folios are just arrived from Gage & Baker from which I expect much pleasure.

I have been in bed five weeks

2519.22 (25 Jan 1825) Stourhead : congratulates him on completing Wells which does him great credit and thinks that new Bishop is going to be a great patron of the Arts.'He has engaged a canon of Bath to write the history of Glastonbury & Wells - and I am going down with him and Buckler at Easter to collect subjects & materials but you have left us nothing to do as to the Cathedral with which we shall not meddle except perhaps as to some monuments - Glastonbury will make a very interesting publication

I am glad to find Topography gains ground I have got Blore's Monts, (Monumental Remains &c) Davy's Suffolk, Neale's Churches & Shelton's Oxford all of which I like ...

What is your opinion of the Views of London by Hurst? Has Cotman given up?' He hopes to finish the Vale of Wily at Easter and the Vale of Avon is almost ready.

2519.23 Hagley Park (Worcestershire) : Monday - is sorry that his first letter did not reach him in which he suggested that Thorney Abbey in Cambridgeshire & Ely would make a good subject & that he could probably get a good drawing of it from Carter who he might see in Malmesbury. He discusses other views in Cheshire and suggests others who might help him in that county. Lists other places in Gloucestershire and Cumberland where he can give him help and drawings.

2519.24 (?14 August 1805) Stourhead : is pleased to hear that Britton is beginning his new work and hopes he will finish the old one & 'give us the third volume of Wiltshire. I have no objection to let you have a copy of Carter's drawing of my Cross- but cannot trust the original in the engraver's hands - as I know how roughly they treat drawings - but as it is drawn in a more architectural than picturesque manner - I do not think it will do in its present state - I would therefore strongly recommend your either sending down an artist or coming down yourself to make a fresh drawing, or correct Carter's to its proper size as accuracy in a work like yours should be strictly attended to - in giving an account of Crosses you should begin with the most simple & so progressively continue them to the rich - the most simple and ancient are certainly the British of which there are several in Wales

You cannot fix on a more perfect specimen of Gothic architecture than Salisbury nor a more rich one of Saxon than the porch of Malmesbury.' Asks him to send the History of Farringdon & the architectural antiquities part 1.

2519.25 (2 November 182..) Weymouth : his engraver has absconded with the plates for Modern Wiltshire and it will be difficult to find ones to execute them in time for the printer. RCH will employ Higham for Fonthill, but needs to find someone for Wardour who can execute buildings well. Has arranged the MSS for Lord Arundell's hundred of ?Dunn but as no plates have been engraved for it it cannot appear before 1828. He is now forward with South Wilts but has done nothing on North Wilts.

'Sir Thomas is fonder of collecting than writing - but is very zealous in the cause' He is in London for the winter on account of Lady P's health.

'A most curious book has just been published respecting some antiquaries in Dorset - may be seen at Nicholls'

2519.26 (13 April 1804) Stourhead : sends a draft. 'You have been very hasty in supposing that I wished to injure you by not patronizing in your undertakings in topography - and am quite at a loss to what circumstances you allude with Mr Coxe & myself as I cannot suppose you could be so unreasonable as to expect that the matter we are now collecting for an intended history of ancient Wiltshire and at very great expense should be communicated to you - and indeeds our plans are so very different from yours that we need not at all interfere. The part of the County in which you are now engaged is so totally unknown to me that I could not not give you any possible assistance - where I am able I am still willing to promote and encourage your undertakings - but let me give you a word of useful advice to be less hasty & more temperate in your expressions for were I of a nature to take offence; your letter written in anger and intemperance would have certainly lost you my favour - which as I have before said had never the least thoughts of discontinuing. I take the liberty of mentioning this to you hoping you will take it as a friendly hint - as I know you have lost friends by expecting too much on their part.

2519.27 Stourhead : in reply 'I will order Dowding to take in for me the Magazine of Fine arts & hope it will be confined to them - our arts both in painting, engraving &c. are so progressive that they ought to be encouraged at the same time as judicious critic should at times point out notorious defects in them. I am sorry to notice a glaring deficiency in three plates (after Turner' drawings) in the last volume of Surtees Durham for which I am to pay for a L P copy the very high price of £10 10s - the plates require no comment of mine only look at them, & judge if they are such as they ought to be.

I wish also that Turner would not be always in the clouds for he gives all the effect to his skies. Topographers also are too apt to bestow fine engraving on indifferent subjects ...' Is now within two sheets of completing Ancient Wiltshire and the hundred of Mere is nearly ready for the press - the engravings are capital ... he hopes to establish an annual meeting in North Wilts next year as he always has one at Stourhead for South Wilts. He offers to help with Laycock, but is concerned that Britton 'has so many irons in the fire' that he will not have time to do Chippenham Hundred

2519.28 - RCH comments that JB has omitted to send the impression of the interior of the church in Devizes and asks when his Wiltshire will be completed as there have ben many enquiries. He thinks one illustration of Longleat will be enough as there are more 'picturesque specimens of buildings ... viz. Burleigh near Stamford & Hatfield House in Herts as of the same standing there is a most curious old building, once the seat of the famous Lord Herbert of Cherbury at Lymore Park near Montgomery' Questions which would be best for publication

2519.29 (1 November 1819) Stourhead : - says that his deafness is a 'serious bar to information' & 'my pen & pencil have been doubly active' Is glad that his part of North Wilts meets with JB's approval 'the second & last part is far advanced & many of the maps are engraved so I hope I shall be ready for the press in the autumn'. Is still collecting material on Mere & Heytesbury almost daily and will follow the River Wily to Wilton & Salisbury. Is also collecting for Warminster & Westbury. His plan is to publish each hundred separately as people are much more likely to purchase their own hundred. He hopes to publish a hundred every year

2519.30 (25 May 1820) - 'I see so many of my neighbours inserted in the list of Subscribers to the Wiltshire Society that I beg you will add my name viz.

Donation	_____	Ten Guineas
Annual	_____	One Guinea

.... I do not quite like the plan of the Society in its being limited to the Metropolis.

I have at length completed my actual survey of the Roman roads and hopes to have done with the ancient Gentlemen during the ensuing season when I shall commence acquaintance with the young one. There is a handsome description of Kenilworth coming out in parts

My son had not the authority for subscribing, my subscription must only commence from January 1820

You are sadly incorrect in your list viz. Stourhead viz. who is Edw Hoare?

2519.31 (April ?1828) Stourhead : RCH is insistent that his prints are not printed on India paper and has returned one that is. He thinks that one will get better results on plain paper. Asks that Britton should enquire of the printers about Part II of Aubrey's Collection for Wilts. Part I having been printed by J Davy, Queen Street, Seven Dials. He had written to the printer but had received no reply.

'I am impatient to see the rival champions enter the Lists - and am glad to hear that your list of names increases.'

He has written to Elmes to send him the seal date of Sir Chr(istopher Wren) from the East Knoyle register. Buckler has made two very good correct views. Large lithography from drawings which had been made for RCH.

He has received the pamphlets and would like six copies of the print of Farley Vault - Houlton's house. 'I want two woodcuts only for my Hungerfordiana.

2519.32 Weymouth : July - RCH has been very unwell and cannot recollect if he sent any numbers of Woolnoth's work or sent them to Nicholls. 'There are three castles in the Western district that he should notice - viz - Corfe, Sherborne & Nunney of the latter I can send him the plan, views & some account' ... 'My Hungerfordiana is delayed by some woodcuts not being finished. In the present depressed state of literature all authors who do justice to their publications, must expect trouble rather than profit - such I am sure I experience - & if I have courage to go again to the press with the hundred of Heytesbury, the MSS of which is ready - I shall print only 50 large & 100 small - for there is no sale as I shall be home the middle of July you need not send your Abbey here but to Stourhead.'

2519.33 RCH thanks him for his parcel and is sending him the prospectuses 'As for the views of my gardens I have such an antipathy to coloured plates and especially in landscape that I cannot praise them - this however, is as good as the generality of them, but by no means equal to a good drawing.' Says that he does not collect portraits ... he will shortly send him his plans for Wiltshire which are still at an early stage, but must not be hurried. He has all Cotman's etchings, he has no drawings of Tutbury in his collection, but Buckler made some sketches but no finished drawings.

'I have just received Holler's interesting etchings of Chudleigh which are very well put out of hand and will do him credit as a pupil of Cooke. I have also just seen Upcotts Topographical Catalogue - what a price! The L P equal in price to Dibdins Decameron and what a difference in point of illustrations However, I understand the L P's are all sold. I congratulate you on the sale of your valuable book.

The descent of families and property is the most principle point to be attended to in a County history.

I wish you had been silent about my intended history of Wilts - as it is introduced *mal a propos* in the account of Stourhead.

Upon second thoughts I will keep Walter Scott - as the etching is very spirited. I have begun collecting for Heytesbury, but I rather dread the Hungerfords. Dugdale has done a good deal and I have access to a very good pedigree.'

2521 letters and notes on archaeological excavations and features

2521.1 Hints upon the building of Stonehenge & the contents of the Tumuli 16th March 1806

2521.2 fourth letters from RCH in the 1820s to E M Pleydell Esq of Whatcomb House, Blandford - had noticed a barrow on the Deverell downs which is unlike any of the

which he has opened in Wiltshire - writes about some of the urns

2521.3 RCH to Rev Jos' Hunter of 6 Christie's Belvedere Bath who has sent him a parcel 'The circle is very curious & a little Abury in miniature.'

2521.4 List of Plates of finds and where found; names of people whose collection they are in

2521.5 to RCH from George F Beltz College of Arms 30 April 1821 - has directed the Herald Painter re. his request to have the arms of the principal families of the Hundred and is returning the Ludlow papers

2521.6 RCH to Miller of Albermarle Street : 10 February 1819 - re. three maps which Cary has and has been ordered to take to him. RCH does not like the type for Modern Wiltshire

2583 photocopy of a letter by RCH : no date, address or receiver - he is sending him a brochure on Camulodunum and the history of the Wansdyke. Discussion on Roman gods and the British

MISSING 2540 WEDGWOOD