

Cotehele House
Calstock
Tavistock

Tuesday 23 March

Mr dear Charles

I found a letter from you awaiting my arrival. It is not at all worth while to write to Munich for the letter, as it contained nothing of importance. I am not surprised that Dr Crum Brown's lecture at the R.I. fail'd to interest you. I know him of old and his papers on Chemistry at the meetings of the Edinbro' R. Socy Sir D Brewster & I used to agree that we did not understand a word of it & Sir D. used to lament tht he had to sit in the Chair as President, and "return thanks" in the name of the meeting, and I used to say "Why not limit the papers to half an hour?" & he used to reply Certainly it ought to be done.

Caroline & Ernestine are well, & I delivered your message, that you sent your love – they were surprised to hear you were in Town, supposing you at Venice. I had a very cold journey from Lacock, the drive from Plymouth here (16 miles) is long, & over a for the most part bleak and hilly country. This house is delightful – it is almost all really ancient only a few modern indispensable improvements.

Post is going so I must end. I return to Lacock Saturday & shall stay there a few days – hardly a week.

I met Mrs Traherne by accident at Bristol railway station.

You aff^{te}

Father

No 2

Lacock Friday
April 2

My Dear Charles,

Shall I send you letters in a parcel to the Club?

I had a very pleasant visit at Cotehele, but the journey both ways was very cold and the neighbourhood after Taunton on my return was cover'd with snow.

Nonie says the weather at Venice is still very bad and travellers arriving from Florence report that it is equally bad there. I have written to Tilly to congratulate her on the success of her friend Major Walker in the election, and the defeat of Sir S. Waterlow the London Alderman. I did not expect it – Elections do no good in a county – Dumfries used to be a very quiet county, now people receive threatening letters.

I stay here perhaps a week longer.

Adieu
Your aff^{te}
Father

I hope you got my letter from Cotehele

No 3

Bill from York House, Bath, proprietor A W Smeeth [headed paper] dated Nov 11th

1 Dinner	5/-
Cle[?]	2/6
Attendance	<u>6d</u>
	8/-

No 4

Exeter Ap^l 8th

Dr Sir,

By same post you will I trust receive two copies Cloth boards of my notes. As request of your P.C dated Aug 20th 77

I regret the delay it has to me been a great worry & expence but I trust you will be pleased I have had good testimonials

Your obt Servt
E H H Shorts

No 5

The Dell Thursday
March 19th

My dear Charles,

Your Father is at a loss to explain a circular (of which we conceive the enclosed to be the duplicate) from Cafiter [?] Pinckney, stating "the office of chief constable for Wilts to be still vacant" when we were appraised some short time since that Captain Bellers was elected – what has happened to the said Capt. Bellers? I received your letter from Salisbury yesterday morning & that from Bath today by second post. I wrote to you at the York House yesterday (dating Tuesday by error) but none of use wrote to Salisbury. Weathers today beautifully fine & mild. I drove out in an officers Carriage, set your Father & Ela down at this end of the landslip & picked them up at the other; a style on the Shanklin road before the said road descends towards Luccombe being the place of rendezvous – your Father was rather tired on coming in, but a cup of tea has restored him.

John & Tilly drove out to Black-gang chine, and are to dine with us today – Mackenzie is going on quite well – Henrietta was invited to pay her a visit; n... she was to sit up a little afterwds.

Your affectionate Mother
C Talbot

No 6
11 Alfred place, next
Brompton, London 2 August 1851

Sir,

Wishing to include in my forthcoming "Heraldic Visitation of Great Britain" a correct account of your name, seat and arms, I will feel much obliged by your Supplying me of your earliest leisure, with the information required by the enclosed formula –

At the same time I trust I may receive your name as a Subscriber to the work which is intended to form a completion of the Herald's visitations of ancient times, as well as an historical record of the Seats and mansions of the kingdom

Awaiting the favour of your reply

I am sir

Your faithful servt

J Bernard Burke

[enclosure]

No 7

Memorandum
Photographic Establishment
125, Princes Street, Edinburgh 5th April 1878

From John Moffat

to C H Talbot Esq

Sir,

I am in receipt of your esteemed favour of 30th Mch enclosing cheque for £1 for which I am obliged. I have today forwarded by rail, the enlarged portrait, the 10 x 8 size will be sent on Monday & the cartes in the course of a week or ten days. The photographs were offered for sale some time ago through Marion & Co of London, who offered them in London & all other large towns both in England & Scotland, but up to the present we haven't dispose of a very large number. Mr Moffat is still confined to the house or he would have written you some days ago

I remain
Your obedient servant
John Moffat

[black bordered stationary]

To Charles Talbot Esq
LLandaff
Glamorganshire

Edinburgh
Wednesday Feb 1st [1865]

My dear Charles,

First I wish you many happy returns of your birthday, though this won't reach you till the day after. Thanks for your letters, but we think that for the present it is best to take no further notice of the tree-cutting affair, for as Wilkins himself advises not cutting the willow trees till next year, because as so much wood has been sold this year it would not fetch its price. Mama has consented that they should remain. And as for the little yew or yews in the wall they are so unimportant, that she simply sent him word to cut them or it at once, without saying anything more about it; which no doubt he has done by this time. It is best not to write to Edward himself about such matters unless one was pushed to it, but I hope we shall have no further bothers now, as all the cutting must be completed by this time. – Only think of Papa! – he has accepted to dine with the Marshalls of Curriehill tomorrow, and with the Brewsters next week; and we are going to give three dinner parties all close together, which suits him better to have them all over at once. The 1st of Wednesday the 8th – the 2nd of Friday the 10th – and the 3rd on Wednesday the 13th. I hope they will turn out well. For the first we have the Gibson Craigs, Mr Primrose, Mr Abott, Mr Campbell Tait, Mr Fraser, and Lady Ruthven if she can come. The others are not quite settled yet. What a dreadful fall of snow! Wern't you afraid of sticking in a deep drift on the road? Here we have never had above a few inches; but severe frost for ten days. The thaw set in yesterday, and now the snow is nearly all gone and it is nasty and wet. Mama is going to fratronise an assembly about the middle of March.

It is late, so I must say goodbye

Your affectionate sister
Rosamund.

No 9a

Black bordered letter

Monday February
13th 1865

13 Great Stuart Street
Edinburgh

My dear Charles,

Mamie was much amused with and thanks you for your letters. I will consider your advice about learning to v[?]alse, but ~~the~~ last week's Assembly ball I went to, with the Gibson Craigs, I got quite enough Dancing without. It was crowded and very animated, I never saw a better. People have had so few balls this year that they were quite delighted with the opportunity and danced in the most energetic manner, reels and all.

I made acquaintance with Edward Ross's youngest brother, who is studying here for the English church. They say that now it is fairly set agoing the season will be very brilliant for a time, so perhaps if you are coming, you would do well to come soon. Both the club balls are fixed for quite the beginning ~~the~~-of next month, though I am not sure of the days – and Mrs Ramsay of Barnton is going to give a very grand fête, which everybody says will be the best thing this year, for the coming-of-age of her son. We expect to get an invitation, and if it is not too soon, perhaps you would like to arrive in time for that. I will tell you as soon as I know the day. Tilly and John have at last fixed to come at the end of next week. – Our two dinners parties went off very well.

For the first, last Wednesday, we had the Gibson Craigs, Lady Ruthven, Mr Fraser, Mr Primrose, Mr Abbott, Mr Campbell Tait, and Mr Cairns.

The second, on Friday – The Villiers Stuarts, Walkers of Dalry, Mr Marshall of Curriehall, her son, Mr Charles Stuart, Mr Watson, and Mr Grieve. – Papa took a good deal of interest in the preparations, including the purchase of a pretty desert service ~~and~~-as we had none in the house, and did not appear particularly fatigued afterwards! On Wednesday is our third and last dinner, composed principally of savants. 29 people were invited and refused, besides the 27 who accepted – so we have been able to do the civil to 56 – all our principal acquaintances.

Edward Nicholl wrote to Papa yesterday on business connected with the proposed school alteration; he says the whole scheme will cost about 1100 or 1200 pounds, and asks Papa how much he will contribute. This seems a great deal, considering that the building that exists is good as far as it goes, and I am afraid they are aiming at something too grand. The foundations of his house are not yet begun – I suppose the weather prevents it. About the yew trees at the Abbey, he merely says that what has been cut has made a great clearance. –

We have snow again since yesterday, when he had hoped it was all gone. Last week was bright and hard frost. Yesterday in addition to snow falling fast we had a dense fog, thick and yellow, through which Ela bravely trudged alone to church! – She has told you that my little picture got in the Exhibition, but poor Tilley's was sent back because she had not had time to finish it properly. But when she comes here Mr Cairns is going to help her do so, and then it will be the finest picture she has yet painted. It is a pity she was so hurried at the last moment. They say it is by far the best Exhibition we have had for some years, but the bad weather has prevented our going there yet.

Mamie sends her love, and so do all.

Your affectionate sister
Rosamund

No 9b

Mount Edgcumbe
Sunday 8th Oct [1865]

My dear Charles,

I have a message for you from Aunt Caroline. She wants you to send her as soon as possible a correct drawing on a small scale of some of the windows in the village, more especially one long window with six divisions, something like this [sketch of window] in the corner house at the end of the big street on the right hand. She wishes the proportion of height and width pretty tolerably correct. I don't know what purpose she means to put it to. We are rejoicing in a very heavy shower which fell last night, and has been succeeded by a soft, mild day, though still very windy on the heights. I hope you have it favourable too for the Confirmation: won't E Nichole have been in all his glory!... We are to have a school feast on a mild scale in the Orangery next Tuesday, so I hope it won't rain too much.

Please tell Mama that I asked Aunt Caroline for a receipt for chestnut soup and she will try & obtain it from the Cook, but in the meantime we advise Cooky to try and make a pureé as she does for peas or other farinaceous substance, beginning by boiling well.

I wrote so long a letter to Papa yesterday that I have nothing to add to you, and the lunch bell has rang sometime, and post goes out on Sunday at 3 – so goodbye for the present and write to me soon.

Your affectionate sister

Rosamund

No 9c

Friday December 1st

13 Great Stuart Street
Edinburgh

My dear Charles,

As I suppose Jones still brings your second post, I thought it would do as well to write this morning as last night, when I was very busy and tired, to acknowledge the safe arrival of the Pheasants. Unluckily Mama and Ela have put off their return till next Tuesday or Wednesday, but if the weather grows rather less mild, we shall venture to keep some for them, and in the meantime are enabled to do as civility to Dr Moir by sending him a brace, which he will, I know, appreciate. I gave your message to Mama, about your sending some to Marle hill.

The weather is improving today; it has been very shockingly wet and dismal, tjhugh, more fortunate that our neighbours, we have experienced no gale whatever.

I was glad to hear from you what elm had been blown down in the shrubbery, as Papa had only mentioned that it stood near the north wall. Please thank him for that letter, and also for one received this morning. I am forwarding Patterson's bill, which I believe to be correct, to Mama at Dabton. – How are Mrs Fry's cows?... no one has mentioned them for ever so long. I believe she ought not to have lost one if properly treated. Here, they say, Pleuro Pneumonia is a common, and by no means considered an incurable disease. Great care must be taken to keep the animals warm, and sheltered from damp and fog. I have been hearing a good deal about the efficacy of Turkish or vapours baths, in cases of Rinderpest and Pleuro – Mr Boyer at Mt Edgcumbe, already recommended it greatly. It is managed in this wise: - Place the sick cow in a stall (of a closed stable) whose sides must be higher than her back; stretch blankets, tarpaulins or other coverings across these, so as to enclose her without touching her back: - then take an iron pan full of hot water – put therein a red hot brick so as to raise a steam, and place it under the body of the animal: keep up the steam

until the warmth and circulation are completely restored, then rub the animal all over, cover her with dry blankets etc and wrap her legs in straw. This with proper medicines is said to work wonders: it would be worth trying.

Goodbye for the present. Love to Papa.

Your affectionate sister Rosamond

Mamie sends her love. She is pretty well

No 10

Lacock Abbey

Chippenham

Wedny Oct 28

My dear Charles

There is a letter come for you with the Melksham postmark crest a lion's head, motto Deo duce confide. I have not forwarded it because your directions were to forward none after Tuesdays post.

I have sent the quinces to your aunt in a small hamper by luggage train. I received your letter from London, and one from you at Markeaton. You will not be much surprised to hear that your mother has decided to spend the winter at Venice, where she finds herself very comfortable and the landlord is laying down carpets in the rooms: and they are beginning fires, about a month later than us at Lacock. They are already congratulating themselves on this determination, because a renewed violent storm has destroyed the railway between Rovigo and Ferrara and passengers going to Bologna have to pass 4 hours in a diligence, which would not suit your mother at all.

They were expecting the Abbots of Edinburgh to come to Venice this week or next. Their latter have had an eventful journey full of troubles from Lucerne into Italy – Luckily they seem able to rough it.

I have 2 long letters to show you when you return, 1 from Monie and the other from M^{me} Améline The Russian granddukes 3 sons and a daughter of the present Emperor have been creating a great sensation at our hotel at Venice and indeed throughout the City they spent lots of money purchasing all sorts of things and of course speedily became uncommonly popular. One of them, the grand Duke Alexis was shipwrecked last month on the coast of Jutland - Their mother the Empress had engaged a villa on the lake swollen by the heavy rains rose and entered the lower floor; when the waters reached the second floor the Empress fled to Milan. The King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel was so polite and empressé that he went thro' all those floods from Florence when he was staying to greet the Empress on her entry into his dominions – Their interview occurred at 1 in the morning, I don't know why. – Your friend Canon Jackson's account of the discovery of the beads and cross, and the hanging them on the pilaster is marvellous¹ Were people so benighted in 1790 as not to value such relics more highly? – your aff^{te}

Father

No 12

Enclosed – label which came off Edinburgh Review for Jan^y 1845
Kept for some reason

(Cutting, March 1910. Public Trustee)

2 enclosures which are not related

No 13

3 photographs:

A head and shoulders portrait of a lady with spectacles, lace cap and fichu

The entrance to Corsham almshouses

The inside of a barn with its roof timbers

No 14

To Mr N henneman

Sun picture rooms

122 Regent St

London

Sir,

Understanding that the Patentee of the photographic process known as the Talbotype or Calotype has no objection to that process being used by Amateurs, who pledge themselves to use it bonafide for purposes of amusement only

And ~~that they will~~ that they will ~~to purchase from your establishment all the iodised paper they require and also all other articles belonging to the said patent invention which they may require~~ * - None I hereby give you this pledge and assurance wishing to practice the art as an amateur only & without any view to profit either directly or indirectly a witness my hand at And also that they will not make ~~photographic pictures of such a kind or in such number,~~ any such use of the ast[?] as ~~to injure or interfere injuriously with your establishment but will immediately discontinue any such use of at~~ on your requesting y^m to do so, ~~any such use of it the p...se~~

Now I being desirous of practice, the ~~abovementioned~~ aforesaid patent ~~process~~ invention as an amateur only, & without any view to profit either directly of indirectly an willing to give you the pledge & assurance abovementioned - witness my hand

No 15

If john St Loe died 1618., his wife might have remarried 1619, or later..

George Johnson must have been born, not later than 1626.

1626

1619

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5 years interest, which is sufficient

No 16

Mr Edgell told me that since Bromham Hall farm passed into the hands of the Crown the last relics of the old Hall have disappeared. He said that there used to be a barn with some remains of windows in it which must have formed part of the Hall.

No 17

In the British Museum in the Assyrian department there are 2 small pillars which are said to relate to the sale of a field. On each of them is inscribed a serpent or scorpion a bird like a turkey a tortoise (on one certainly & I think on *both. It might be that these symbols are just on the stones to make the record scared & binding.)

*Also I think the horned cap with a great number of horns, the disc of the sun flying, the crescent moon & the stars

Friday Jan^y 10. /73

A great draw back to the enjoyment of the architectural casts in the Crystal Palace is the way in which they are ???bled & work of different styles mixed together