

I cannot at present form any expectation when I shall be able to visit Lancashire, my absence from Town is from other avocations much restricted as to time, and I have made engagements in Cheshire & Hampshire, which if I can at all, I shall not be able to accomplish till the latter end of October -

Dr. Tomkley Parkes Esq?

Greenfield Hall

Garston

Lancashire

I beg my respectful compliments to Mr. Parker -  
and I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup>

humble Servant

Lew<sup>d</sup> Wyatt.

Dr. H. Bransby on card by Mr. Grant. H. 1818

Albany Sept: 21. 1818

Sir

I have now the honor to send you in a parcel by the Mail various plans and elevations of Designs for the Conservatory and Entrance Gateway at Guerden, and drawings at large for the Vases proposed to be placed on the pedestals of the Terrace - In arranging the plan of the Conservatory I had two or three objects in view for the form and direction which I have prefer'd for it - in the first place I suppose the front to face the eleven o'clock sun, which I believe is most approved by Gardeners, it is secondly so placed as to be obliquely view'd from the Terrace windows of the House, and the walk leading to the pleasure grounds, affording the best Perspective of the building, and at the same time admitting a sufficient space betwixt & the outward walk & of Offices. to be planted as a Screen or back ground, with a separate communication for the Gardener to the furnace, and for carrying away his rubbish - With this I have connected the Dairy building raised an additional story, making an outward Porch serve as an entrance to both, and substituting a window instead of the present door which I propose to remove -

ground or stain'd glass may at any time be introduced  
in the Windows to lower the effect of the rays of light and Sun  
and as the lower part of the building may be partly planted  
out, there will be no objection to outward shutter blinds - The  
size of the Conservatory is full  $\frac{1}{4}$  less than the one I am now building  
at Tatten, and by entering at the end will present the most pleasing  
effect - the soil in the plunging pit will be level with the floor and give  
it the appearance of a winter garden, and by having the walk round, the  
whole of the plants may be easily view'd - The roof over the plunging pit  
is intended to be glass, to open wholly in divisions, or in as small parts  
as may be wanted for Sun and air - Along the fronts of the Windows,  
and in the square projections at each end, may be arranged the Greenhouse  
plants in pots or tubs, the recess at the back will admit of several  
orange trees being placed there, and by covering the walls with  
trellis, the climbing plants may be train'd over them and up the  
columns which support the roof - the drawings I believe will be found to  
explain every other part of the design - In the general plan about the  
House I have endeavour'd to give an idea of the walks and planting,  
which of course will form themselves better on the spot according to the  
circumstances which will no doubt fall within your notice - I shall  
therefore not trespass any further upon your time with this subject -  
The vases on the parapets, tho' they are a characteristic enrichment,  
may be added or omitted as you may think proper -

In the design for the entrance Gateway I have added a corresponding  
building to the Lodge, to shew that it may be made applicable for a School  
if you and Mr. Parker should have such a wish or intention, and the person  
having the charge of the School (if not one of the family at the Lodge),  
might I sh<sup>d</sup>. think be accommodated there - There will be a reason then  
as well as a good effect in the uniformity of the building, which without  
I am afraid will not be so easy to accomplish - The design will then consist  
of the Lodge and Gateway only, as I do not think I shall be able to put  
them into a better form - In the drawing at large of the Vases for the  
Pedestals on the Terrace I have given more depth for soil, and  
have made provision for lining them with lead, if the estimate  
which Benson seems to form of them is at all correct. they do  
not appear as if they w<sup>d</sup>. be expensive, and I have every  
reason to believe that the effect of them will be good so such as you will  
approve - I conclude from Bensons returns that the works in the Dining  
room are in a state of finishing - and before you receive this letter  
Bennetts will have been at Gwerden, I hope he will have been so  
fortunate as to find you at home, as I have no doubt but he will be  
able to extract sufficient warm air from the backs of the present fire  
places, as to warm the whole house thro'ly - I have not yet been able  
to get any of the drawings at large for the plaster work in the principal  
Staircase done, they are now in hand in the office, and as soon as there  
are sufficient ready to make a parcel, they shall be sent -

Heaton House Monday March 23<sup>rd</sup> 1818

Sir,

My appointments having been a good deal deranged by the length of my stay at Winstanley & Lathom, I found myself under the necessity of taking leave in my way to this place on Saturday, where I remain'd till this morning - I apprized the servants of my going there, thro' Rema, and I had the satisfaction to find every thing quite as forward and as comfortable, as I could wish - The weather was unfortunately bad, but not so much so as to prevent my looking generally over every part of the buildings both inside and out - The Offices are now receiving their establishments and furniture, and I think promise to afford every accomodation, but there are many fittings up and little conveniences which remain to be provided, which with the work that Benson has in hand in the Entrance Hall and back Staircase, preparatory to your reception, will fully occupy all his time - I scarcely saw any thing that I either had occasion, or was desirous of altering, every part appear'd to have its proper effect, and I look forward with much hopes, when the remainder is done, that the whole will meet with

R. Smyley Parker Esq

Davenham

Northwich

Cheshire,

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your and Mr. Parkers approbation - Benson pointed out  
the different specimens of colouring, I think the anti-corrosive  
is a good colour & body - the one with the sand intermixed has much  
the same appearance, but not so good a body, and the one with the  
sand dusted on the surface, will at first have the graining but  
not the colour of the stone, nor do I think it will be so durable -

In either case I do not think it wd. be advisable to give the brickwork  
more than one coat this year, and that as late in the Summer as  
possible, as I am apprehensive that after the next winter, there  
may require some parts to be fresh pointed, and some soft-bricks  
replaced, which the second coat of colour will conceal, and by its  
being done late in the year, the brickwork will become drier and  
less porous, and from the colour being exposed to less heat, the  
absorption will not be so great, and it will retain a stronger  
body thro' out the following winter - You will find the anti-corrosive  
must be the best colour to use for the first coat, and it will stand much  
better upon the cement used about the offices, its colour and appear-  
ance will then obtain a trial, and you may afterwards change it or  
not as you choose - the following Summer - I have got the  
drawing of the Dining Room with me, as I shall be passing near  
Davenham betwixt Saturday and Monday next, I will take

my chance of finding you at home, to leave them, and  
give a further personal account of the works -

I hope Mr. Parker is doing well - I beg my respectful  
compliments - and I have the honor to be

Sir,  
Your most obed<sup>t</sup>.

Humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Lew<sup>d</sup>. Wyatt

To / R. Townley Parker Esq.

Quenden Hall

Preston

Lancashire

Sir

Albany 17<sup>th</sup> July 1818.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 9<sup>th</sup> and to inform you that the drawing of the Principal Staircase will be ready to send in about 10 days - in the mean time I will take that part of your letter respecting the finishings upon the tops of the pedestals on the Terrace &c. into consideration, and endeavour to send you a sketch of what I hope will reconcile you to their remaining -

The architecture of the building is more suited for composition and effect, than restricted to any rule or order, on which account I am rather anxious to break & enrich the outlines, by pedestals, vases, or pillars, that will give variety & effect - and before any of them are removed, I sh<sup>d</sup>. hope a longer test will be allowed them, till your other improvements are in a more forward state, as I have no doubt but they will give rise to various opinions, and probably some objections -

We have had intensely hot weather, which must I fear have very much affected your Dairy, and as you seem to think  
that

some alteration or addition will be necessary at the top of  
the building, perhaps it might be useful to raise a Cheese  
and Bacon room over the Dairy to be communicated with by  
a step ladder from the Scullery, and which I sh<sup>d</sup>. hope would  
answer every purpose, & rather improve the external appearance  
of the building; if you find the windows are too much exposed to  
the sun, some projection or shutter blinds may probably be  
devised to obviate the objection - If you approve of either of  
these suggestions I will endeavour to put them into some form,  
and perhaps you will have the goodness to let me know at the  
same time if you would wish me to connect them with a design  
for a Conservatory - I beg my respectful compliments to  
Mr. Parker.

and I have the honor to be  
Sir, Your mo<sup>st</sup>. obed<sup>t</sup>. humble Serv<sup>t</sup>.

Lew. Wyatt

P.S. I will write to Benson at the time I send him  
the drawings -