

Albany June 28<sup>th</sup> 1817.

Sir

In the early part of last year I believe you wrote to me about some old carving, and expressed a wish, if I met with any, that I would inform you -

I have now the offer of two pier tables, on rather good carved frames painted white, the damaged parts may be easily repaired, and I think they would look exceedingly well in gold - the price including the slabs, which are damaged and of an inferior marble, (about 5f: 10" by 2f: 9" -) is 20 - without - 17 - to repair and gild them would cost about as much more - and with black & gold marble, or better slabs, they would suit the piers betwixt the windows either of your new Dining room or Library -

There are also two richly carved oval glass frames after the manner of Gibbon - in lime tree, which would furnish the piers over the tables, and if done in gold, would have a splendid effect, in their present state without glasses, they are to be had for 20 - the gilding

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R. Townley Parker Esq:  
Walton Hall  
Blackpool  
Preston



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I imagine would come to nearly as much more.

I believe the same person has got two eagle brackets for placing lights upon on each side the chimney piece, they are rather small, and not quite in so good a stile of carving - I dare say by taking the whole, I might get the brackets included for 40. -

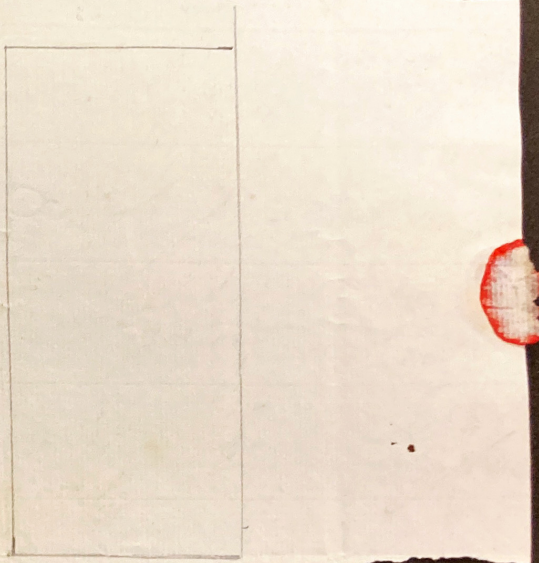
I am afraid I cannot secure the refusal of them over next week, you will therefore much oblige me, if you entertain any wish to purchase them, by letting me have as early an answer as is convenient, and I will do the best I can with them -

I shall certainly not delay my journey into Cheshire longer than next week, when I shall be prepared to take the drawings with me for finishing the Hall at Guerdon - I have the honor to be

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

Geo<sup>y</sup>. Wyatt.

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To Mr. Townley Suffolk Exp.

Watton Hall

Watton

Lincolnshire

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to inform you that I have purchased the two oval frames, the two pier tables without the Marble, and two carved brackets, much larger and better than the Eagles, and tho' of different patterns I think they are good and cheap - The bill and receipt amounting to £2. I will bring with me - and also the drawings of the Hall - and as I shall leave Town to morrow evening by the Mail for Chesire, I dare say my engagements at Tutton, Cutton, and Latham, will employ me till the middle or latter end of next week, about which time I hope to be at Guerden - And to take Stockport and Lyme on my return to Town - I shall be very anxious to see your improvements, and I trust that Benson will be prepared with Memorandums

of

any subjects upon which he may wish to consult  
me - I have the honor to be

Sir

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

humble servant

Lew<sup>d</sup> Wyatt

Albany  
July 7<sup>th</sup> 1817.

Mr Hill

No: 6.

York Street.

John -

White Marble, / Statuary Chimney,  
- piece -

Mr - Mr Eginton -

Glasp Stairer,

New Gate Street

Birmingham.

Specimens at Supr: Park & Poyys

Fleet Street,

London

and, at The New Church  
of Preston -

Albany 11<sup>th</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1817.

Sir

I have taken the opportunity of two covers from Mr Legh to send you tracing sketches of the two brackets - The pier table, are not yet drawn out, as soon as they are I will forward to you similar sketches - Upon looking over my papers I find the following Memor<sup>um</sup> of the dimensions

viz: -  $5. 8\frac{1}{2}$  by  $2. 6\frac{1}{2}$   
Marble slabs  $6. 0$  x  $2. 10\frac{1}{2}$

I believe these will be found more correct, than the sizes I formerly sent you, however, when the drawings are

complete I will have them ascer-  
tained with more exactness -

I only arrived in Town on  
Wednesday, and I will not omit  
to take the earliest opportunity of  
altering & making out the drawings  
of the Hall to send to Benson -

I do not recollect any other draw-  
ings that are immediately wanting,  
if there are, perhaps you will have  
the goodness to let me know, and also  
whether you have determin'd upon the  
additional stone pillars at the Entrance  
front for Lamps - and to raise the  
Pedestals for Vases - I think Benson

has his instructions for these, but  
if he is in want of any explanation,  
I trust he will not fail to write, any  
time during the present month, after  
which, I shall most likely be absent in  
Shropshire &c. - I hope every  
thing continues to go on to your  
satisfaction, as I have no doubt the  
building will be very much improved  
by the addition of the Tower, which must  
now be partly raised - If you should  
have your approach road and ground  
improvements map'd down, I shall  
be very happy to receive a tracing  
of it, and to assist you with my best  
advice - I beg my respectful compl.  
to Mrs. Parker - & I have the honor to be  
Sir Your mo. obed. hum. Serv<sup>t</sup>  
L. Wyatt.

Albany August 30<sup>th</sup> 1817

Sir

As I shall leave Town to morrow for the whole of next month, I take this opportunity of writing to acknowledge the receipt of your letter, and to inform you that the drawings of the Hall are nearly ready, and will be sent with tracing drawings of the pier table and Mirror frames in the course of the following week, directed to you at Walton Hall - I will at the same time consider your proposed communications thro' the House Maids closet, and the partition across the landing of the back staircase, and will send Benson the necessary instructions -

I have had the purchases which I made for you removed to a distant relations of mine in Bedford Street, and who is a Carver and Gilder - He has at my desire deliver'd in an Estimate to clean, repair, and gild the whole, and if you approve of it, I have no doubt but he will do them well, his estimate shall be forwarded to you with the drawings which he has traced of them -

R. Lowrey Esq. Esq.

Walton Hall

London

Lancaster

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AUG 31 1817



P.S. I have order'd my letters to be forwarded, if there is any thing you wish to write to me about.

I called on Wednesday at Mr Hill's to see the Statuary chimney piece which you mention'd in your letter, he was out of Town, and I was not so fortunate as to meet with any person who could give me any information of the price &c. I made a hasty sketch of it which I will send you, the sculptured parts including two female figures, are not in the best stile of workmanship, but the marble is good, and the whole in good preservation, it will suit either your Drawing room or Library, and would not be dear at 70 Guineas - -

Since my return to Town I have been to see the effect of a new preparation for colouring the outside of Houses, Servants Offices, passages, fences &c. - it is called an Anti Corrosion from its durability and resisting wet - the appearance of it in its most perfect state is that of a dark old stone colour granulated on the surface like stone or sand, the materials

consist of a powder in a dry state sold in Fiskins, and a preparation of oil, both of which must be supplied by the Manufacturers who are the Patentees - There is a small book describing the properties of the Paint, which I will send you, and if you will allow Beason to try an experiment with a Fiskin, he had better send his order with directions about the carriage & mode of conveyance, to Mr W. Wyatt in my office.

who will attend to their being sent and shall instructions for mixing & using the materials - It has the additional advantage of not requiring persons on purpose, any body at all used to painting may make use of it with the most perfect ease - The expence will be about 9. s. per yard two coats - The Surveyor General of the Off: of works is so satisfied with it, that he has order'd it to be used wherever it can be in the Government works - And I have every reason to believe that it will not only answer for the outside of your building, but for all the Servants passages. I have the honor to be Sir, your mo: obed: hum: Serv: Lewis Wyatt