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York House St. James's

Mason Work done for

Third Measurement

His Late Royal Highness the Duke of York
By William Whitehead

Under the direction of Messrs. Henry & Philip Knott Esqrs.
Architects

Foot. In.			£	s	d
15.1	Cube Portland Stone set in Work	$\frac{4}{9}$	3	11	$\frac{7}{4}$
358.10	" Ditto as Ditto picked out		125	11	10
		Scantling			
48.8	Supl. Plain Work	$\frac{1}{2}$	4	11	$9\frac{1}{4}$
700.3	" Plain Work and cement setting	$\frac{1}{3}$	43	15	$3\frac{3}{4}$
10.1	" Circular Plain Work	$\frac{1}{6}$	15	$1\frac{1}{2}$	
2.9	" Weathered Plain Work	$\frac{1}{6}$	4	7	
53.3	" Sunk work	$\frac{1}{6}$	4	14	$10\frac{1}{2}$
5.4	" Rough sunk back	$\frac{1}{6}$	8	0	
144.11	" Molded Work	$\frac{1}{9}$	12	13	$7\frac{1}{4}$
33.6	" Circular Molded Work	$\frac{1}{2}$	3	12	7
5.3	" Weathered Molded Work	$\frac{1}{6}$	14	0	
144.10	" Back Sawing & half Plain	$\frac{1}{4}$	4	2	$8\frac{3}{4}$
9.7	" Arch Joint	1	9	7	
27.9	" Sunk joggle and run with lead	$\frac{3}{6}$	3	9	$4\frac{1}{2}$
40.8	" $\frac{1}{4}$ Portland Chimney	$\frac{2}{3}$	7	19	0
7.10	" $\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto	$\frac{3}{4}$	18	$3\frac{1}{4}$	
76.2	" 2 Ditto	$\frac{3}{6}$	9	10	5
23.2	" $2\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto	$\frac{2}{6}$	3	1	$9\frac{1}{4}$

Carried forward £ 230.4.5 $\frac{3}{4}$

Brought forward 230.4.0

3.4	Plain Shank	2	7.0
7.8	Lead head and double quills	2	10.0
7.2	Circular Dits	1	3.10
10.0	Circular rebate for handle bar	9	4.5
39.2.10	extra Peg	1/2	7.6
50.8	Circular ditto	2	3.5.5 1/2
28.9	1/4 Plain edge	2	10.6 1/2
27.2	1/2 Dits	2	4.3 1/2
9.0	1/2 Back joint	2	4.6 1/4
42.0	double joint	2	2.3
58.2	Portland Cement and run with 2 1/2	1	1.18.9 1/4
58.2	Portland Cement backing and Plaster	2	9.4
28.2	28 Round corners	4	9.4
28	28 Single Slab sinkings	4	2.0
14	14 Dits 12 long	6	2.3
1	1 Dits stopped to protect gut	1	1.0
2	2 Dits cut for backings	6	9.4
6	6 Gramps 8 long and run with lead	6	2.0
1	1 Dits 9 long run with lead	6	1.0
13	13 Dits 13 long run with lead	1	1.9
2	2 Dits 12 long run with lead	1	4.4
2	2 Angular Gramps 15 long and run	2	4.6
	Carried forward		243.3.3

Brought forward 243.3.3

Labo	N ^o . 1 Gramp 24 long and run with lead	3	2.0
	1 Ditto 2.3 and ditto	2 1/2	2.6
	2 Gramps 4.3 long and run		
	3 Backings at each end	6	10.0
	N ^o . 56 Chimney Gramps	6	1.8.0
	7 Copper Plugs cut from 4 long 1/2 square	9	5.3
	2 Dits as Dits I Dits	1	2.0
	16 Plain Plugs	8	10.8
13.4	Sup. 3 Limestone	2 1/2	1.6.8
9.0	Run head on Dits	4	3.0
7.2	Sup. 2 1/2 tooled York Hearth and set	2	8.4 1/2
17.11	" 3 tooled York Landing	3 1/2	2.13.9
23.10	" 7 tooled York Landing	6 1/2	7.3.0
11.5	Lead work on York	1 1/2	19.0 1/4
1.4	Circular Dits	2 1/2	2.8
27.2	Run York bar 4 1/2 by 3 1/2	1	1.7.2
	N ^o . 2 Single Slab sinkings	6	1.0
129.9	Sup. such veined Marble chimney	5 1/2	18.0
13.5	Plain work on Dits	4 1/2	3.0.4 1/2
265.3	Run such Plain edge	6	6.12.7 1/2
118.4	Back joint	8	3.18.12 1/2
	N ^o . 18 rounded corners	1	18.0
	10 Single Slab Sinkings	16 1/2	15.0
	Carried forward		327.11.2

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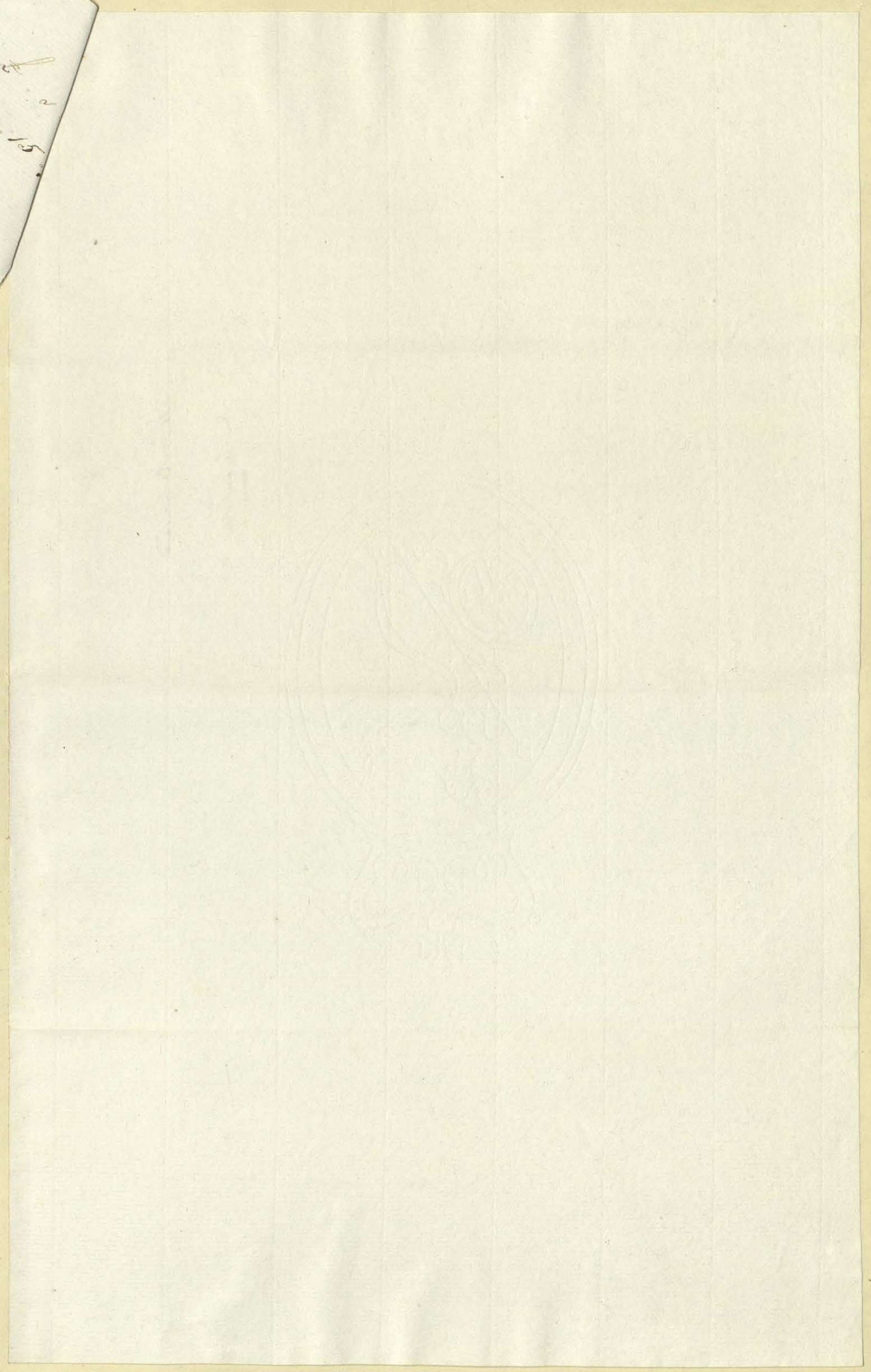
51.6	Cube Portland Stone - picked extra	18.0.6
120.0	Soft Plain Work	5.10.0
1.3	Soft Work	1.10 $\frac{1}{2}$
4.3	Soft Joggle	6.16 $\frac{1}{2}$
35.6	Molued Work	3.2.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
7.5	$\frac{1}{4}$ Portland Chimney	15.5 $\frac{1}{4}$
12.7	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto	1.7.3
20.3	2" Ditto	2.7.3
9.1	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto	1.2.8 $\frac{1}{2}$
21.5	Run $\frac{1}{4}$ Plain edge	3.7
25.11	$\frac{1}{2}$ Ditto	4.8 $\frac{3}{4}$
6.10	Soft back joint	1.8 $\frac{1}{2}$
55.5	Age Patra	9.2 $\frac{3}{4}$
10.2	round and Corner	— . — . 8
	1 Black and gold Marble	
	Chimney Piece - not complete	100.0.0
	70 Black Marble sets 5. Square	10.10.0
<u>Stone on Permisses.</u>		
1307.5	Cube Portland Stone	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 261.9.8
2189.9	Soft Half casing	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ 42.1.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
275.6	2" Portland Slab one Sawm face	14.6.1 $\frac{1}{2}$
186.0	Ditto as Ditto 2 Sawm faces	13.3.6
	<u>Carried forward</u>	974.15.7

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Day Book
 Blanning and for Sewing Machine
 taking up the Birdhouse cleaning away from
 White Horse Place and getting a table and chair
 moving Birdhouse for alterations in Barrow
 taking in Sun bar to

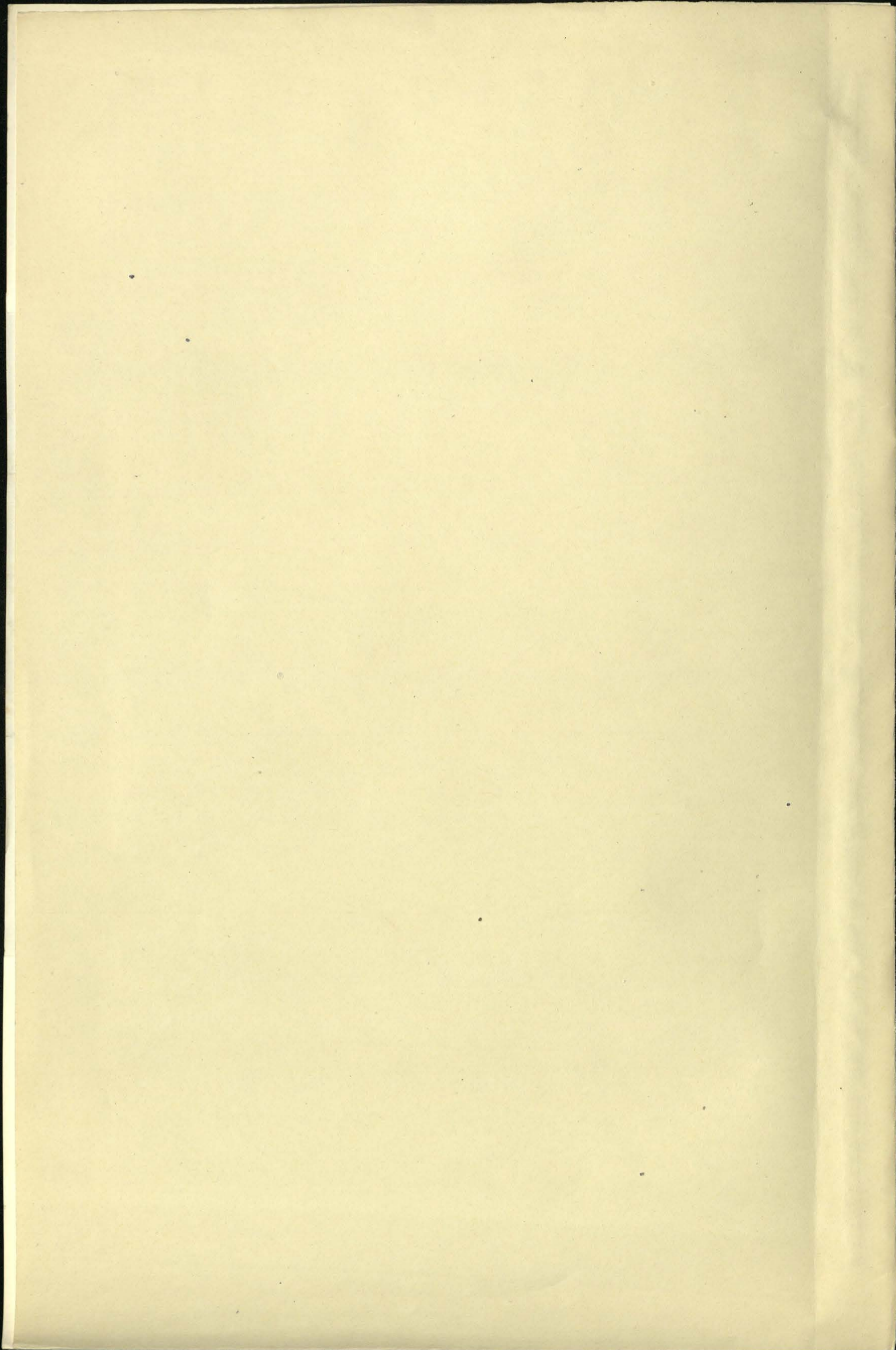
18th day - horses	6/-	5-9-6
21st day - Labour	1/6	14-0-1/2
22nd day - Labour	1/-	2-0
23rd day - Labour	1/6	8-5-1/4
24th day - Labour	1/6	3-6
25th day - Labour	1/6	3-9
26th day - Labour	1/6	2-8
27th day - Labour	1/6	985-6-0 3/4
28th day - Labour	1/6	19-6
29th day - Labour	1/6	984-6-6 3/4

For Carriage Co.
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J. Partington Esq
 11 Leinster Lane Dublin

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11 Park Street
 Grosvenor
 July 21. 1828

My dear Sir

As I am already out of Pocket
 on the valuation of The Duke of York's House
 to the Amount of £210. I should feel very
 much obliged to you if you would
 (or rather could) disburse me to that
 extent. - I am sure you will excuse
 me for making this request

Yours faithfully
 A. Harrison

Benjamin Hyatt to John Parkinson

Foley Place

26 July 1828

Dear Sir

I really feel much surprised at the note, which I, this morning, received from you. I thought that I had done right, and that I had done well, for both Parties concerned, in the suggestion which I made to Colonel Stephenson, on behalf of Lord Stafford, regarding the scaffolds for York House; and I am very much disappointed at the manner in which you appear to receive it. There is, I think, strong corroborative evidence of the work in question having been done in the Duke's life time, from the drawings now in existence, bearing my signature, and dated at the time they were delivered out in the summer of 1826; and from the notoriety that all the works, for which drawings were so delivered out, were urged forward with
the

utmost possible dispatch.

There are many other Articles, besides this Scagliola, which were in an advanced state, and not finished, and which were charged as against The Duke, in the accounts of the Balances due for this Building; but which have since been made use of on Lord Stafford's account; and will accordingly be deducted from the account of Balances against The Duke; and there is no difference, that I can see, between these Articles and the Scagliola, excepting that the latter, by previous agreement with The Duke, had already been paid for; whilst the others remained to be charged, and would have been charged, as against The Duke, had not Lord Stafford adopted them in their unfinished state.

The measuring of the various woods, and the making out of the accounts occupied a long time after The Duke's death, and before that operation was completed, a question

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Benjamin Hyatt to John Parkinson

arose, as to who was to pay the Balances,
 and consequently as to who the accounts
 were to be delivered to; which question not
 having yet been set at rest, it is not at all
 surprising to me, that no account of the said
 should have been delivered.
 I had no object in proposing to call on you, but
 to give you information, which, from
 what you had said to me, I supposed you
 wished to have, and that as soon as you could
 obtain it; and which I am ready & willing to
 give to you, as far as I am able; but I need
 not occupy your time at all about it, unless
 it is your own wish to have further con-
 versation with me on the subject.

Yours faithfully
 Benjⁿ. Hyatt

(John Parkinson recd.)

B. Hyatt to T. Parkinson,

Toley Place
14th Aug. 1828

Dear Sir

I return to you one of the
lists of Seagulls, which
you sent to me, it being
the list which I had my-
self transmitted to the
Dublin's Executors some
time ago, and not that
which I wanted. The
other list which you
have sent to me, is one
which I (not Croghan) sent

B. H. Galt to T. Parkeinson

to you a few days ago,
and is that which I now
want, having no copy
of it.

I will write to Lord Stafford
today on the subject of
payment for these Arti-
cles; but unless I can
contrive to word the ap-
plication in some way,
which shall crush the
hesitation on your part,
I must say that I think
any man in his situation
would be likely to feel
offended; because really,
if you consider for a
moment dispassionately,

the hesitation amounts
to saying - "I will sell you
the things, but I will not
risk the delivery of them
till I have your money."
The list which I transmitted
to you explains very clearly
what the Articles are
which Lord Stafford is to
have, and what those
are which will still
remain, as belonging
to the Representatives of
the late Duke of York.
I cannot agree with
you, that Lord Stafford,
under all the circumstances,
has at all a better bargain
than

the Dublin's Representative
twice, on this occasion

Yours truly
B. Wyatt

(John Parkinson Esq.)

Enc.

13 August 1828. Imp. ord. to Mr Hyatt

(Copy Bill in the hand-writing of Mr Hyatt)

List of articles prepared, in Scagliola, for His Royal Highness the late Duke of York and now proposed to be purchased by the Marquis of Stafford

	Estimated Cost
2 Columns - jaune antique 1-5 diameter (all but polished)	36. 5. 0
6 Scagliola Bases, not polished	18. 18. 0
12 Pillasters, to match, containing	ft. in: 245-8 92. 2. 6
12 Scagliola Bases as above	21. 0. 0
12 Antae Caps	50. 8. 0
6rd Antique Pedestals (all but polished) containing	ft. in: 342-3 188. 4. 9
270 feet Run 3/4 returns 90	13. 10. 0
8 Artificial stone Bases for Columns	117. 12. 0
8 Corinthian Caps	386. 0. 0
4 Bases for Pillasters	29. 8. 0
4 Corinthian Caps for Pillasters	84. 0. 0
Carried over	£ 987. 8. 3

Estimated Cost

Brought over 987 " 8 " 3

36 Brocetta Ballasters (all but carved
and polished) and 36 artificial stone } 113 " 8 " 0
Caps for 2°

36 Artificial Stone molded Chimney } 189 " 0 " 0
Caps

Total £ 1289 " 16 " 3

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9th Sept. 1828 Received of Mr.
Croggan the Balance of his
account £421-12-10

Instructions for
Justice Garman

Duke of York
Esq

Hum. Croghan to J. Parkinson

Copy sent to Col. Stephenson

Coventry Works Lambeth September 20 1823

Dear Sir

My dear Sir

In reply to your request that I would inform you my sentiments as to the best mode of disposing of the various works in my possession belonging to the Estate of His Rth the late Duke of York (excepting those sold to the Marquis of Stafford) I beg leave to recommend that they should be disposed off by private contract to Architects or Gentlemen, as occasions may offer - And if I am duly authorized, I will with great pleasure use my utmost exertions to make the best possible sale of them, by publishing the particulars in every quarter where I think likely a customer may be found, and pursuing all other means in my power - With regard to terms or price, I would in all cases transmit to you any offers I may have for your sanction previous to sale -

As a general opinion I should think the terms which I understood Lord Stafford has purchased at (viz) half of the original cost, under the circumstances quite as much as could have been expected

expected for any part of them and much more than could have
been obtained for a considerable portion - many of the books being
unsaleable for any other place - If for the articles remaining
unsold, terms equally favorable can be obtained, I would take the
liberty to recommend their being accepted - As soon as you wish me
to deliver the books sold to Lord Stafford, to Mr Wyatt or for the Margers
at Stafford (late York House), I beg the favor of you to send me direction,

I should have done myself the honor of replying to your
letter before, but have been confined ^{by} indisposition and unable
to attend to business -

I remain Sir very respectfully

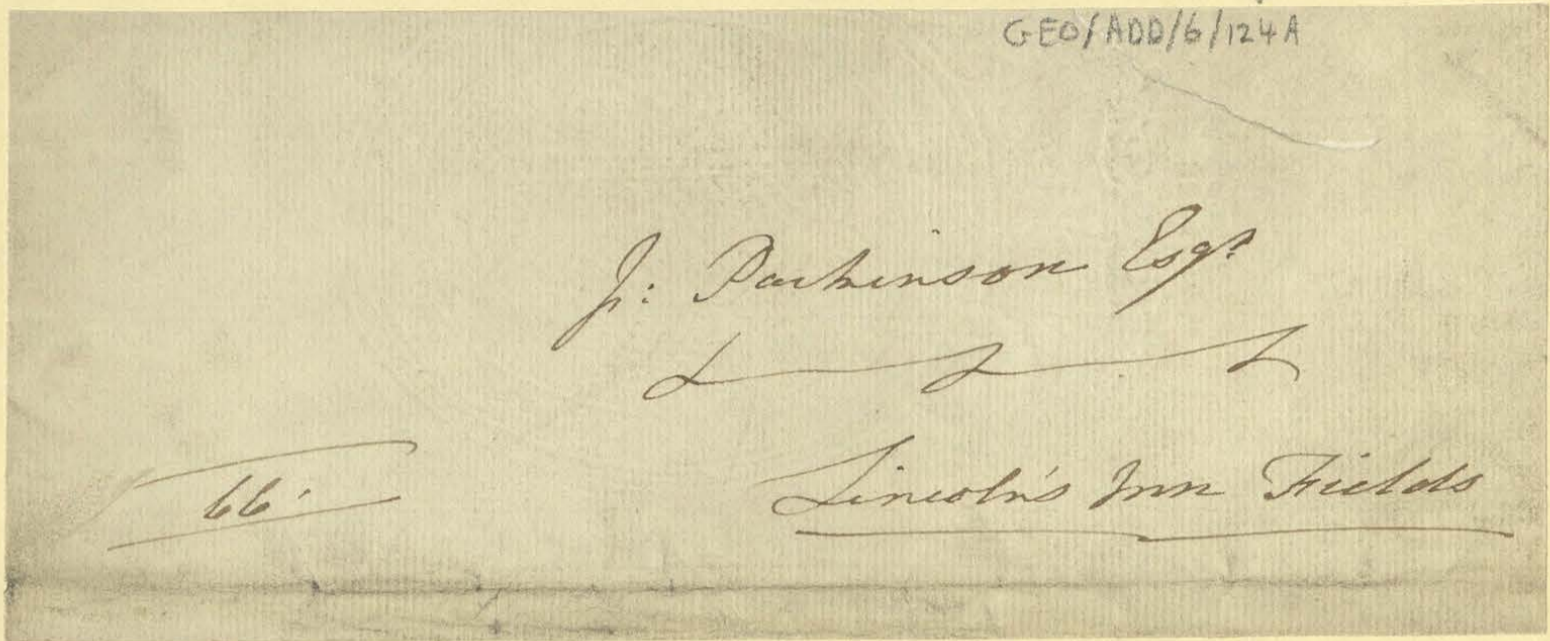
Your most Obed^t Serv^t

W. L. Grogan

Gen. Ben. Chas Stephenson to ↓

Feb. 27 1830

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Office of Works -
27th Feb 7 1830.

My Dear Sir,

The enclosed I received from Sir
Herbert Taylor, with the request,
that you will return such answer
to Mess^{rs} Bramble's application, as
you may think proper.

Y^r very sincerely

W. Robinson

J. Robinson Esq^r

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Jos.

To Sir Herbert Taylor Bart

and

Col: Stephenson

Executors of His late Royal Highness the Duke of York.

Gentlemen

It is our painful task to have to address you again upon the subject of our account for Work performed at York House, and in doing so permit us to acquaint you that a Memorial was addressed to the Treasury on the 5th Inst. signed by ourselves and several other Tradesmen, entreating their Lordships to consider our case and direct the Commissioners of Woods and Forests to make the advances pursuant to the terms of the Agreement entered into by the Lords Commissioners and His Royal Highness, and that the same be applied in discharge of the claims of their Petitioners; and it is to you Gentlemen who know so well the intentions of His late Royal Highness that we now most respectfully appeal to assist our case, for at this time our commercial transactions are in themselves sufficiently difficult to encounter and the burthen is seriously augmented by the deprivation of the sum due to us in this affair.

We respectfully suggest to you that His late Royal Highness did not commence his new Residence until he had communicated with
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the then First Lord of the Treasury, the late Earl of Liverpool, and had reason to rely upon resources to discharge the claims of the Tradesmen to be employed, indeed it would be a hard judgement upon the memory of that illustrious Individual to suppose him reckless of the ruin that must have otherwise ensued in raising so magnificent a Pile of Building unequalled in this Metropolis and suited only for Majesty or the New Presumptive of the Crown of England.

We know not whether our information be correct, but at the lamented time of His Royal Highness's decease we were assured that the money then due agreeably to the Accounts rendered was actually paid from the Office of Woods & Forests into the proper channel for discharging the debts, but that in consequence of His Royal Highness's then evidently approaching dissolution was retained and subsequently refunded; a sad respect to departed worth and a heavy visitation upon the Tradesmen who had been constantly urged forward with unusual expedition by Royal command!

We venture further in our appeal and enquire if His Majesty was not consulted and graciously pleased to command that the Designs should be carried promptly into effect, and we feel satisfied it would be repugnant to the

feelings of His Majesty to know that the Edifice
so commenced for His Royal Brother had been
partially raised upon the unsatisfied advances of
the several Tradesmen employed, and to the advan-
tage of the Government (who are enriched by
making us poor) who have availed themselves of
that second part of an agreement covenanting for
the right of pre-emption, without fulfilling the
condition upon which it was stipulated Viz.
"to advance the necessary sums for building and
completing the House".

Trusting Gentlemen, to your acknowledged
disposition, in every way to fulfil His late Royal
Highness's intentions, we confidently hope for your
kind assistance in promoting our cause, which
we feel to be founded in strict justice.

We remain

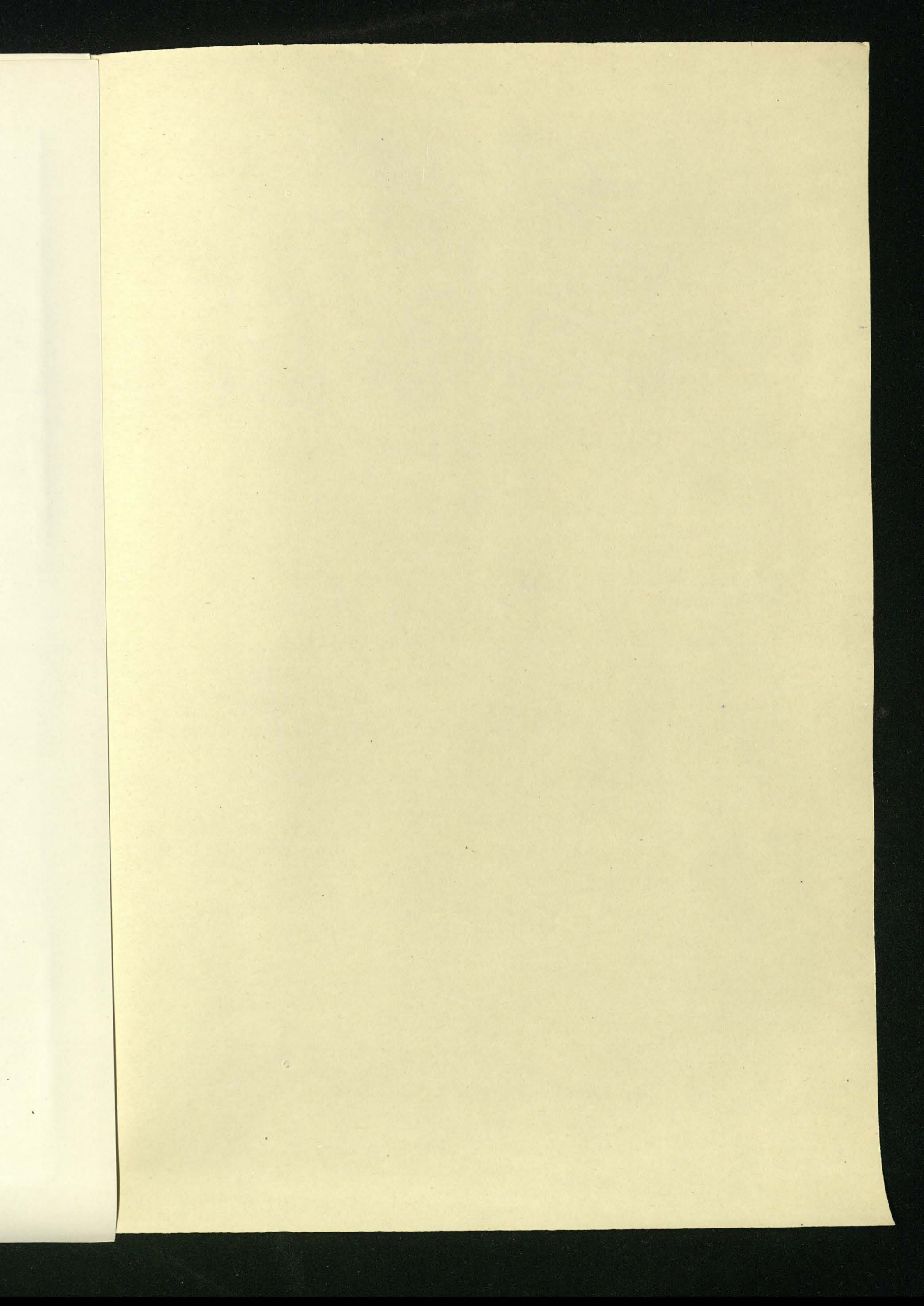
Gentlemen

Your very obed^t. faithful servants

Jos. Braimah & Sons

Permit me

Feb 24 1830.



Henry Harrison to J. Parkinson

Capt. Lyon
P. 1/3

Padestreet
Aug. 6. 1830

My dear Sir

I have been about here since
the last two days, or I should have answered
your letter sooner. Many thanks for

It is I enclose a Receipt for the sum of
£10-19-9 in Sir H. Keble's matter.

The Order of York's Affairs stands thus;
When I was first requested by you to value
the House, I agreed to do so for 100 guineas,
but it was upon an understanding
that I was not to be called upon or
engaged to measure the Work, but to
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Henry

and give the best opinion I could under
all the circumstances of the case.

When I met Mr Wilkins upon it, I found
that it was improbable to come to any
thing like an understanding upon the
business, without ascertaining the value of
the works which had been done in the
erection and finishing the House as far it
had gone - Mr Wilkins would not be
satisfied with the Bills made out by
Mr Wyatt, but a full measurement
and valuation of the whole or at least
the far greater part was made, which
occupied a period of many months.
This of course entirely altered the nature of

Henry Harrison to J. Parkinson Esq

our agreement. —

Mr. Wilkins charged the Treasury 3/4 N. Act
on the Valuation for which He considered low
and which amounted to £614.5.0 ..
and was paid immediately afterwards
by the Woods & Forests Commissioners —
Mr. Wilkins made his Calculations
upon the principle that He had to
pay a competent Person to measure
to take the Quantities the Sum of £500
of the difference He charged for himself
& his own Charges respecting in making
up the Valuation —

With these observations which I believe
is a correct representation of the
matter

I shall have the settlement of the
question entered with you and General
Stephenson. I should observe that
altho I have paid £210 out of Pocket
and which was repaid to me in
January 1829. I have still to pay
£100 more when the business shall be
finally settled.

I am My dear Sir

Yours truly
H. Harrison

L. Parkerson Esq

31 Padestreet
10 Feb. 1831

My dear Sir

A few days ago I wrote
to General Stephenson respecting
the payment of the Balance
due to me for the Valuation
of York House. and I have
received the Ans: which I
beg to enclose for your perusal.
I just had since the
receipt of his Ltr. a letter
containing an exact account
of the transaction. and I
do hope that I shall be met
with.

Enc.

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Gen. Ben. Chas. Stephenson to
Henry Harrison.

Office of Works -
8th Feb: 1831

Dear Sir -

In answer to your Letter of the 1st Inst.
I beg to state, that I am ignorant of
any sum being due to you, for the
valuation of York House, beyond
what you have already received; & which
I understand to have been the amount
agreed upon, before you commenced upon
the Business; but as this transaction is of
long standing, some of the particulars
may have escaped my recollection; & I
shall therefore thank you, for any infor-
-mation upon the subject, that you may
-wish to give.

I am
Dear Sir
Yours very faithfully
W. Stephenson

H. Harrison Esq.

that degree of liberality which I
 think my Successor deserves
 You must very well
 recollect that when I first
 undertook to make the
 Valuation for a certain term,
 that it was upon the distinct
 understanding that no
 increment or valuation
 in detail would be required,
 for it could hardly be supposed
 that I could have undertaken
 so laborious & important a
 business for so trifling a sum.

The sum charged by Mr. Blackman
 was $\frac{1}{4}$ equal to $\frac{3}{4}$ of Cent
 on the amount of the Valuation

and this sum was at once
 paid to him by the Company
 of Goods & Factors. & I do think
 I am fairly entitled to receive
 the like amount. -
 There is not an Act of Parliament
 which says I am justly
 entitled to receive the sum
 the Company pay a life term,
 and since the Valuation I
 have had some trouble
 & called upon in respect of it
 for which I have made
 no charge.

I am sure your certificate
 upon the subject I have
 taken

Office of Works -
 8th Feb: 7 1821

Dear Sir -

In answer to your Letter of the 1st Inst.
 I have to state, that I am ignorant of
 any sum being due to you, for the
 valuation of York House, beyond
 what you have already received; & which
 I understand to have been the amount
 agreed upon, before you commenced upon
 the Business; but as this transaction is of
 long standing, some of the particulars
 may have escaped my recollection; & I
 shall therefore thank you, for any infor-
 mation upon the subject, that you may
 wish to give. -

H. Harrison Esq^r

I am
 Dear Sir
 your very faithful
 J. Parkinson

in writing to you on this
subject but I thought it
my duty to send you
General Harrison's
letter, which certainly
has caused me some
uneasiness & concern, as
I cannot but remember
that the variation occurred
a period of nearly six months

Believe me, Dear Sir,

Yours truly obliged
G. Harrison

Dr Pademung

Henry Harrison to J. Parkeinson -

Feb. 14 1831

My dear Sir

I am obliged by your intention of seeing
General Stephenson

I am much concerned to find you do
not see the matter quite in the same light as
I do, but I shall of course submit to any decision
you may, upon your consideration come to;
though I must say, I shall feel sorely disappointed
if I do not receive the same remuneration as
was paid to Mr. Withers, & what I am quite sure
for such a business, (looking at its importance and
responsibility) was sufficiently reasonable. Indeed
I would willingly propose to submit the question
to any Arbitrator General Stephenson or yourself
might choose, but that ~~Mr. Withers~~ ^{I feel I shall} receive the most
liberal consideration at your hands, such a
course is unnecessary. -

With respect to the amount of the
Charge, altho' it may appear large, yet I do not
think

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that any respectable lawyer could be found who would have even examined and valued the work forming the Bechtay for a life sum than $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent., and I am quite satisfied that W. West, who examined the whole for Meloyatt must have been paid considerably more. —

The original sum proposed as my remuneration can have no possible reference to the present question, and as the nature of the business to be done, was from circumstances entirely changed, it ought not I submit in any way to be brought in as a criterion.

I have every reason to believe that all the persons who were concerned in the performance of the work were fully satisfied that the valuation was ample in amount, and altho' I am not in any way covetous, or desirous of being paid extra amply, yet I am quite satisfied that I ought not to receive a life sum for my services than what others who in fact had

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Henry Harrison to J. Parkinson

Feb. 14 1831

much less to do in the matter than I had in any
possible way.

I beg to apologise for troubling you again
at such length, but I am naturally desirous
to give you my ideas fully on the subject, before
you come to a decision, and having so done,
I shall not further intrude either upon
you, or upon Samuel Stephenson, but shall
have the matter wholly in your hands

Believe me My dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Henry Harrison

Park Street
14 Feb. 1831

Jr. Parkinson

H. Harrison to J. Parkinson.

Apr. 20 1831

My dear Sir

I saw General Stephenson yesterday
 after I left you, and I explained to him the
 erroneous notion he had formed as appeared
 by his letter. - and I stated to him very
 fully the arrangements I had made in
 the first instance (as I explained to you)
 by which I have actually paid £300 for
 the Apartment I occupied in the Museum
 of the Building. - Mr. Wallis paid the
 same sum. - I told General Stephenson
 also that with this information I should
 leave the business entirely with him to
 deal with it as he thought best. at

the same time he would treat me
with that liberality which I thought
my services deserved. He told me
that he should be glad to see you on
the subject, when he would talk
the matter over with you & then decide.

You will therefore infinitely oblige
me by seeing General Stephenson
with as little delay as possible, as the
longer it is postponed, the more it is
misunderstood. —

General Stephenson seems to
have just steps upon my letter
offering to do the business for 1000^l.
but this letter refers in making the

H. Harrison to J. Parkinson,

Apr. 20 1831

proposal to a communication which
passed between us, by which, if you
recollect I distinctly stated that
I did it upon an understanding
that no measurement of the coals
would be required. - which would
prove to be several months.

I am sorry to be obliged to trouble
you again & hoping you will excuse
it, as I promise you it will be
the last time on this affair

I remain Dear Sir

Yours faithfully

Pall Mall
Apr. 20 1831

H. Harrison

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54 Doughty Street
28th March 1832

Sir,

We the undersigned,
Master Tradesmen, concerned
in the building of the late
Duke of Yorks House in the
Stable Yard, having lately
understood, from Mr. Towell,
that it is your opinion that
the course which we had
pursued with a view to obtain
the balance due to us on
account of that work is not
the course which we ought
to have pursued, and further,
that you seem to feel that
we have not acted handsomely
towards you personally, beg
to assure you, that we have

not been at all aware that
the steps which we were
taking were in any way
unbecoming or improper, and
above all, that nothing could
be further from our intentions
than to act in any manner
that should not be perfectly
correct towards you personally,
and that it is matter of
extreme regret to us all
that any part of our proceedings
in this latter respect should
be liable to misunderstanding.

We further beg to
assure you that nothing
would have been more
satisfactory to us than to have
had the benefit of your
opinion and advice, had we
supposed them to be open

to us - Godwin knows the
justices and the true bearings
of our case better than we
do, and with the confidence
we have in the honor and
integrity of your character,
we feel a strong hope that
whatever error we may hitherto
have inadvertently fallen into,
it may not yet be too late
to benefit by your kind and
able assistance, and we shall
accordingly consider ourselves
greatly indebted to you for
any suggestion which you
may feel yourself at liberty
to convey to us, with a view to
promote a fair and equitable
adjustment of our claim, the
loss to each of us respectively
having already been very severe.

It may not perhaps
be improper to mention that two
of the principal Creditors had
an interview not long ago upon
the subject with the present
Chancellor of the Exchequer,
who after reading the documents
which we had obtained from
the Treasury, and going very
patiently through the whole
case, expressed a very decided
feeling that our claim was
a very strong one, and said
that he would offer no opposition
to any steps that might be taken
to establish that claim, or words
to that effect. -

We have the honor to be

Sir

Your very Obedient Servants

John M. H. Lee

George Woolcott 51, Doughty Street

Robt. Todd Alpha Road

St. Pramiah Road

Wm. J. Nowell Pimlico

Wm. H. M. Mount St.

B. Lincoln's Inn Gate
20th March 1742

Gentlemen

I have received your letter of this morning
- Mr. Maxwell must have misunderstood me very much
for I never entertain'd an Idea for a moment that the
Master Tradesmen had any grounds for the claims
they brought forward, & I certainly never expected to
have been apply'd to on the subject & if I had I should
have stated the opinion I now give, and with that
impression I could not have interfer'd - I shall take
care in future that there is no misrepresentation

I am, Gentl^l

Your obt^l servant

Robt Parkin

W Woolcot

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Private

John Parkinson Esq

66 Lincoln Inn Fields

London

Taylor

Washington, September 14

1832

My dear Sir,

I write a short time since to Lord Grey by the King's Command (after several communications with the Colonial Office & Treasury) respecting our claim as Executors of the late Duke of York to the skins of Cape Breton strongly urging it in order to increase the means of satisfying H.M.'s Creditors.

Lord Grey has replied that he had written to Lord Goddard & Lord Althorpe on the subject, but that upon further consideration it appeared to him to be a question entirely

I am Dear Sir,

Yours

depending upon the legal construction of the
Grant, and therefore that neither of them
could have any authority to decide upon it. That
the best course would therefore be, in the first
Instance to get an accurate Statement made of
the Case and to submit it to the best legal Opinions
It would be hardly right to consult the Chancellor
upon it, as it might properly come before him
on his Judicial Capacity."

His Majesty's approval of the course
& is desirous that there should be no delay
in pursuing it and I shall therefore be

pleas'd to give as early Attention as possible
to the Question, and I enclose a Memorandum
for which I applied to Mr Fox upon Lord
Grosvenor's requiring further Information.

The ground of Objection taken by
the Civil Department is, I believe, that
Cape Breton was not considered as forming
any part of the Province of Nova Scotia or
its Dependence when the Grant was made,
but it had always been understood to be
within its Government or Jurisdiction &
the King seem'd to consider the Objection as
valid.

valid. I presume we must endeavor to show
 that at the period of the Grant, Cape Breton
 formed a part of the Government Territory subject
 to the Government & the Assembly of Nova Scotia
 & was not separately administered, but of the
Province Dependency be not inserted in the Grant
 that argument will probably be contested upon
 the ground of Cape Breton not being an integral
 part but a Dependency & property of the Province
 specified as such in the British Acts, Geographical
Statistical Descriptions &c. of the Crown of Nova Scotia

I fear you will give my legal Remarks - I am
 yet more apprehensive that the legal Opinions of others will
 be against us. I am yours truly
 [Signature]