

highly respectable memorials  
of him are scattered broadcast.

Was he as bad as he's painted?

Certainly, as you say, shallow  
concave excavations are poor  
as defences, & must owe their  
form to weathering. Many works  
have been nearly obliterated in  
our soft Peckham districts: indeed  
I sometimes come across things  
that are very puzzling, from their  
smallness in section.

Yours very truly  
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Dear General

I am much obliged  
for the copy of your work  
on King John's Ho. Have  
you sent one to the Bartley?

The subject is of interest  
here, as we have a King  
John's Ho., a fine Norman  
bit of building, which was

put in order & partly opened  
out a few years ago. It  
is built against part of the  
western wall & you should  
see it. A large primary (?)  
in a neighbouring part of the  
wall has also been opened out  
by the Corporation.

By the way has it ever  
struck you how King John &

Queen Elizabeth seem to have  
had places, or lived in place,  
nearly everywhere? They must  
have been our sweet  
wandering monarchs!  
I can understand the  
craving for association with  
Elizabeth, who on the whole  
is a popular personage in  
history. But John is  
decidedly unpopular, & yet