

Belaine, but must Wed & take a
private party, so they (the casts)
could not go that day.

I could take them to Blandford
if it suits you, any day this
week except Wednesday or Friday.

Awaiting yr reply

Yours faithfully

M. G. Barbara St John

When I say I do not think it
would be safe to send the
casts alone, I mean I fear the
responsibility, as it would be
very unfortunate if any were
broken.

2231
3^d July 1898

Ans'd
July 4/98

Alamydon
Bradbourne N
Bassingbourne

Dear Sir

I was obliged by yr letter
of the 1st ult which I was prevented
acknowledging yesterday; also by
your consenting to purchase
my box of casts for your Museum
for 5 guineas, I, taking the
risk of packing:

I hardly like the responsibility
of sending them by Elliott's
Coach, unless I went with
them to see that they were
not banged down &c. and

6/- is a good deal, to me.

I will make a suggestion in case
it meets yr approval or concurrence,
but I do not know how far
Reckmere is from Blaulford.
I imagine about 12 miles?

If it were possible for you to
send a responsible person for
the ~~the~~ box to Blaulford

I could take it there myself
by train. Return 3^d being about
3/-. Then they could be looked
through to see that they were
safe, or whomever fetched the box
must then take the responsibility
after I have handed them over.

I find a return 3^d to Tisbury
is 8/5, which would be more
than Elliotts coach, or I could

have taken the carts there.

I should be very much obliged
if you find the Blaulford plan
feasible as I think it would
be the least expensive mode of
conveyance, & the safest.

The carts have taken 3 journeys
by furniture van to my knowledge
as they are, but I would put
an extra layer of wadding or
soft paper between each tray &
sit on a seat or rug in a
train or carriage I think they
would be quite safe, a fall
or a heavy down, might be
disastrous.

Of course the coach idea would
entail one journey only ^{for the box}, but I
think it would not be safe for
the carts to go alone that way.
The coach goes on Sundays. I

I would put an extra layer
of madding between each tray.
I am sorry there seems no
possibility of my conveying
them personally.

Yours faithfully
M. J. Barbara Esq. Solicitor

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5th July 1898

Abbeystead

Barnmouth

Ans'd.
July 6/98

Dear Sir

Since receiving your note
this morning, I have seen
Mr Elliott at his office, & find,
(except for private parties) he
does not use a coach to the
Larmer on week days, only on
Sundays for the Public, & he
says no other coach proprietors
do so, or I would have
followed your suggestion &
taken the cars myself, at the
same time having the pleasure
of seeing the Museum.
I could not go on a Sunday.

I admire the kindness of those
who throw open their grounds
to the Public on Sunday & the
Band must be a treat to those
who cannot ~~begin~~ enjoy one
during the week, but it is
against my principles to ride
behind poor over driven
hired horses for pleasure &
not necessity, ^{on Sunday} & I feel Elliott
does not charge horses but
they do the whole 50 miles in
the day. I have always said
I would not add my weight
to these horses, but this once
on a week day, I would have
broken the rule, comforting
myself that $7\frac{1}{2}$ stone was filling
the place that might have been
occupied by 12 to 14 st.

However, Elliott is engaged to take
a party of 5th Peter Church Officials
on Chair, next Saturday & he
assures me, the box would
be safe in the back of the Coach,
& his man would take as
much care as he would, in
their being hauled down at
the Museum, about 12 or
1 o'clock. They leave here at 8.
Do you think I might
venture to send the horse so?
I would take it myself with
help, at 7-30 a.m. & see it placed
either on straw or roll & see
I received it.
I am sorry the Blandford plan
does not meet your approval, but
suppose the drive is a very long
one, & then another to the Museum.
I conclude. Elliott will make
no charge for the carriage but
I should give the man something.