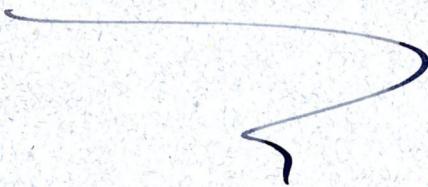


Belgrave, but - moral Wed & takes a
private party, so they (the casts)
could not go that day.

I could take them to Blackfriars
if it suits you, every day this
week except Wednesday or Friday.
Awaiting your reply

Yours faithfully
Mr. G. Barker St. John's



Where 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.

3rd July 1898

Ans^d
July 4/98

L2131
Albany-don
Bradburne N.Y.
Bacorn-mountain

Dear Sir

I am obliged by your letter
of the 1st ult^r which I was prevented
from answering yesterday, also by
your concurring 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 Mail
coach, unless I went with
them to see that they were
not banged down &c. accd.

6/- is a good deal, to me.
I will make a suggestion in case
it meets wth approval or concurrence,
but I do not know how far
Reckmire is from Blandford.
I imagine about 12 miles?
If it were possible for you to
send a responsible person for
the ~~the~~ box to Blandford
I could take it there myself
by train. Return 3/- being about
3 $\frac{1}{2}$. Then they could be looked
through to see that they were
safe, or who ever fetched the box
must then take the responsibility
after I have handed them over.
I find a return 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to Tisbury
is 8/5, which would be more
than Elliott's coach, or I could
have taken the carts there.
I should be very much obliged
if you find the Blandford plan
feasible as I think it would
be the least expensive mode of
transport, & 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 padding or
soft paper between each tray or
sitting on a seat or rug in a
train or carriage I think they
would be quite safe, a fall
or a heavy door, might be
disastrous.
Of course the coach idea ^{for the box} would
entail one journey only, but I
think it would not be safe for
the carts to go alone that way.
The Coach goes on Sunday. I

I would put one extra layer
of moulding between each tray.
I am sorry there seems no
possibility of my conveying
these personally.

You faithfully
W. J. Barbara St. John

2280
5th July 1893

Alexanders

Baumrancht

Ans'd
July 6/93

Dear Sir

Since receiving your note
this morning, I have seen
Mr Elliott at his office, & find,
(except for private parties) he
does not give a coach to the
Larmes on week days, only on
Sundays for the Public, & he
says no other Coach proprietor
does 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 appreciate the kindness of those who throw open their Grounds to the Public on Sunday & the Bland must be a treat to those who cannot ~~afford~~ enjoy one during the week, but it is against my principle to ride behind poor over driven horses for pleasure & not necessity^{on Sunday} & I find 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 1/2 stone was filling the place that might have been occupied by 12 to 14 stns!

However, Elliott is engaged to take a party of St Peter Church Officials or Chais, 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 this being handed down at the Museum, about 12 or 1 o'clock they leave here at 8. Do you think I might venture to send the box so? I would take it myself with help, at 7.30 a.m. & see it placed either on straw or roll a rug round it.

I am sorry the Blandford plan does not meet yr 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