

125 Orbaldeston Rd. N  
7<sup>th</sup> July 1908.

Dear Mr. Webb

Manor House, Badsey

I enclose my notes which I promised when we last met but you will observe that they have not been numbered, as arranged.

Mr. Wilson writes us ~~and says~~ that Osborne and his men have resumed work, which we were glad to learn for I was on the point of writing to ask whether you could make it convenient to have the work which has been apportioned to them finished off without further delay. Can you, therefore, kindly arrange for them to go steadily on until their part of the work is completed? I hope to be at Badsey on the 18<sup>th</sup> Inst. (which will probably be the last time before I take my annual holiday) and I have no doubt they will have finished by that date, the work they have on hand. The items are small but they will greatly add to the appearance of the place.

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2. The <sup>plaster on the</sup> front of the house renovated.
3. The Wall in the end of the Coachhouse built
4. Windows &c. restored by Messrs. Gardiner.

I have not yet heard from Mr. Baker but if we cannot fit the large doors before the others are removed, we must put in a temporary door leading from the covered way into the Hall.

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Yours very truly  
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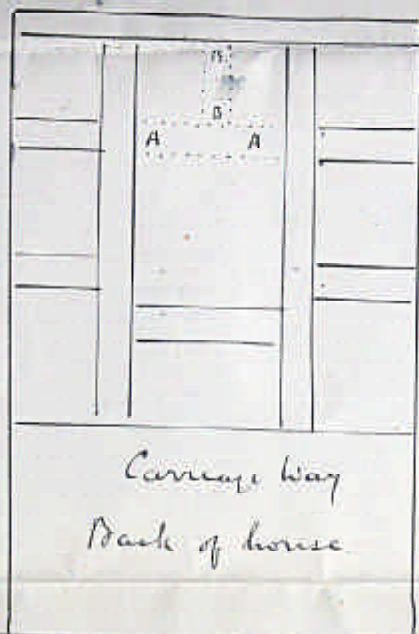
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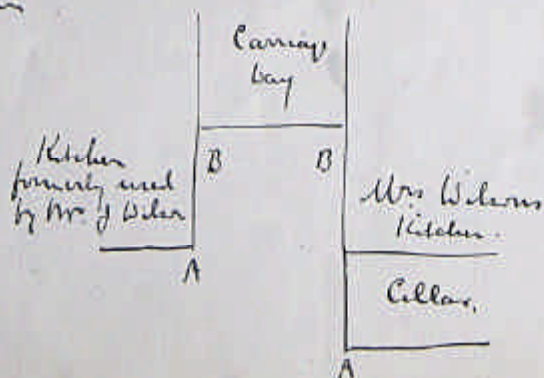
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Attics

For Labour only

Repair plaster over & near Chimney &  
 repair plaster ceiling & attic North Wing  
 Repair hearth ✓  
 Stop Wall plaster ✓  
 Larch the whole of the roof which had  
 not been done in the 20<sup>th</sup> Feb last (except  
 the red tiles in the front of the house) ✓  
 Relate three patches in the roof (as arranged)  
 & relate other parts where necessary ✓  
 Lay new flooring & repair old floor where  
 necessary ✓  
 Distemper room in attic Have work done  
 at night if not  
 done

Estimate £10

Against North  
Chimney in  
Closet

Estimate £1  
Side porch

Paint & repair generally all the Stone  
floors in the house & in porch & side

Stain or paint shelves in kitchen ✓  
 Clean timbers in porch leading out of  
 kitchen ✓

Ramming

Ram down & point (where necessary)  
 pitching in covered way ✓

Estimate  
£1.10/-

Point platform for water but in  
 back garden ✓

Point & level stones in front of water  
 but in front garden ✓

Repair ~~Asphalt~~

Insert pieces of stone cut by Wollery  
 Repair Wall in Wash-house ✓

Put up guttering over portico (down pipe)  
 Repair end of Cow-house ✓

Lideroleum shutters of Granary &  
 timbers at end of Cow-house (? coats) ✓

Lideroleum front of Cow-house ✓  
 Level plaster on the top of walls  
 inside Coach-house ✓

Insert glass in roof of loft  
Plaster end of Coach. horse to match end  
of Stable etc ✓

Staleness - do - ✓

Finish cleaning oak on ground floor

Staleness partition of servant's bedroom  
(inside stone colour & outside green.) ✓

Paper bedroom No. 4 & repair plaster  
where necessary ✓

Taylor estimates that to finish  
cleaning the oak on ground floor  
would take 1 1/2 days.

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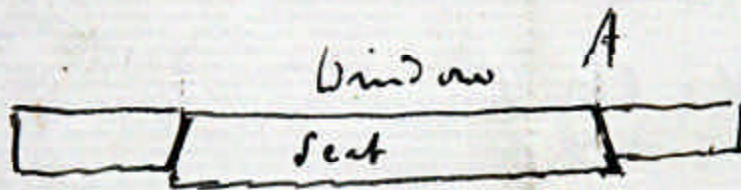
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R. Webb

Memo.

On the left hand side of the front door there was in the hall, what appeared to be, a brick support. If it was built with brick, it is evident that it was not original but was probably put up when the front door was inserted. You have doubtless had this either removed or so altered as to fit in with the original design. Should not the wall which you have just had built be an exact copy of that at the

other end of the Window  
seat? - I mean, as regards  
the end into which the  
window seat would be fixed -  
marked A on the following sketch.



Mr Webb

- Clean walls of Portico outside Kitchen  
Clean & repair 3 cupboards <sup>1 done</sup>  
Finish Hall cornice Done  
Clean Transoms  
Distemper ceiling of Oak room (cream) Done  
Clean back of dining-room fireplace  
Distemper cupboards in housekeeper's room (Stone <sup>Done</sup>  
colour same as kitchen)  
Finish cement in ceiling of covered way.  
Repair floor of back entrance hall.  
Clean back staircase again where necessary.  
Distemper bathroom & N.C. walls (With Hall's  
distemper. Please note. I will let you have some  
the distemper you have will not be suitable).  
Remove splittings on hall wall. Done  
~~St~~ Skin walls leading to attic  
Room over cellar -  
Distemper (green) outside of servants bedroom <sup>year</sup>  
" " the boards in the windows  
in the room over the cellar & in the servants bedroom  
Distemper dining-room again & fill up holes in  
partition dividing this room from the back  
entrance hall.  
Repair plaster in bedroom I used to occupy  
I will bring or send some wall paper.

Have paint washed

Finish removing paint from beam over kitchen  
fireplace the pantry door & door leading from  
kitchen into covered way - I will bring some  
straps for this

Clean windows, especially the kitchen windows  
fill up with Rissalt ~~##~~ the large holes in the  
window in the landing opposite the room I used  
to occupy.

Distemper wood in window of large front bedroom  
" " " " of No. 1. bedroom if  
this has not already been done.

Send old gate away. Done

Finish all pointing outside (new style)

Point walls of wash-house (old style)

Plaster walls of stable

" " of Carriage house.

I will bring or send 2 packets of terra  
cotta distemper & 2 stone colour (similar  
to that used in kitchen)

Repair roof in the place I pointed out to you

Insert pliers in roof of stable over harness room

The tiles which are thus removed could be used  
for repairing the roof. Should not this be done  
while the ladders are on the premises?

It will be necessary to insert two strips of

wood in the partition dividing the servants  
bedroom from the room over the cellar.

I should like this to be left over until I come down.  
I will bring or send some paper for covering  
the partition.

Distemper walls of stable & Coach house with  
Halls distemper when the plaster is quite dry.

Repair and fix Cupboards.

(a) With semi-circular back

(b) Originally forming doorway out of hall into covered way

} when the  
more important  
work is done

Walls of Washhouse all the exposed wood to be planed (whether in roof or walls). The walls ~~to be~~ to be of V shaped match boarding. The door in Mrs Wilson's kitchen leading into garden to be transferred to Washhouse. The door to be hung upside down. The lock is already so. The door must in future open to the right (from the outside).

The beam in the wall of the house over the Washhouse to be cut flush with the cement.

The panelling in the Oak room to be taken down and ~~reused~~ refixed. To be put back against the wall (Marks Lane side). Leave space where there were formerly windows and board up. These spaces in the first instance removing the lath plaster. Ascertain where the door leading into the passage between the panelling and the wall formerly stood. Ascertain if there are any pieces of panelling about the house that match and which could be used.

|| This to be done when the Carpenters have finished all their other work.

When the front door has been removed the window seat should be restored if any oak is available. The boards on the ~~to~~ wall are dead (we believe). If this is so they should be removed & the wall plastered neatly until the panelling can be restored.

Make new primary door out of wood used in old Cedar Mill doors. Board up door and window over the ~~door~~ in stable facing the house.

The door frame and the doors to be inserted in side opposite the kitchen garden. The doorway should be sufficiently high to admit a tall horse.

The ~~to~~ door of the loft should be repaired.

The Palings at further end of small orchard to be repaired. Insert gate

Put up gate on the opposite side of the tennis lawn.

The door leading into the "dark room" on first floor appears to have been made out of some old panelling. This may be useful in the work of restoration. Take it down and if one is required insert a temporary door.

Turn over



Room leading out of kitchen formerly occupied by Mr. J. Wilson -  
Repair panel over fireplace. Secure front ~~over~~ of fireplace.  
Close window looking into kitchen.

New doors (to be made of matchboarding without a bead) for  
pippy. which in future can be used for coal, wood or other  
purposes. The lid on the outside to be renovated.

Put some cross pieces of wood along the bottom of <sup>the</sup> boards in the  
side of the Cowhouse. Some old wood should if possible be  
used as later on the side will probably be built with stone.

The Woodwork in the side of the Cowhouse should be similarly  
repaired.

Put a temporary door leading from Mrs. Wilson's kitchen into  
hall. - Restore the door frame in oak.

Erect partition in front of W.C. after 17<sup>th</sup> August

The front door to be inserted in the Wall at the end of the  
Cellar where a door formerly stood.

Put up the upper part of the dado in the hall and repair  
generally but no new pieces to be made.

Temporary doors to be inserted in kitchen formerly occupied  
by Mr. J. Wilson. The <sup>match board</sup> door that was laid on its side to  
partially close up the entrance from the covered way into  
the hall to be used in one case

Erect harness room in stable V shaped match lining to be used

Erect stairs leading to loft with rail

Mend hay racks and troughs.

Repair division between stalls.

Erect parties over kitchen door. after the 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Repair floor of attic. after 17<sup>th</sup> August.

Secure joint of roof beam in attic.

Door <sup>opposite lane outlet</sup> leading into cow-house. The door <sup>frame</sup> and the stone work do  
not fit. The door <sup>frame</sup> should be either increased in size  
or the stone work properly built in.

Face Wall plate in front of house (later on - after 17<sup>th</sup> August)

Insert new oak pegs in the beams where necessary

Fit large door leading into hall and kitchen from covered way.

Memo

rest  
June 24<sup>th</sup> / 08

When I wrote suggesting that Wheeler should go on with the Wall in front of the kitchen garden, <sup>(should you be</sup> ~~of your own~~ in doubt as to what work to put him on to) it did not occur to me that he might help Taylor to point the Walls in the meantime. It would add infinitely more to the appearance of the place to have all the Walls of the house pointed than to rebuild that wall and may I, therefore, suggest that when he ~~to~~ is not engaged on the coach house wall, ~~that~~ he should during the remainder of this week

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Ireland

Old Lough

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Richardson garden

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Centre beds

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Old Lough against Market Lane

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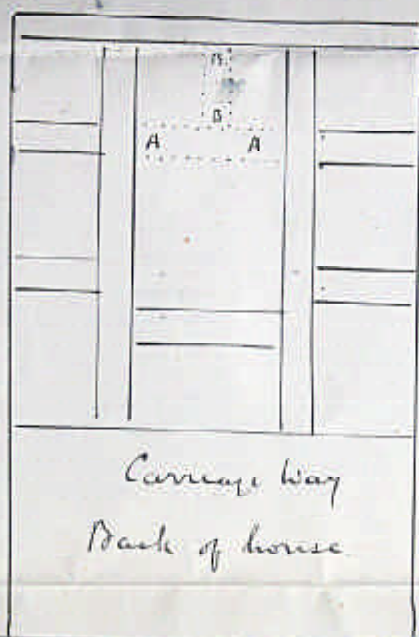
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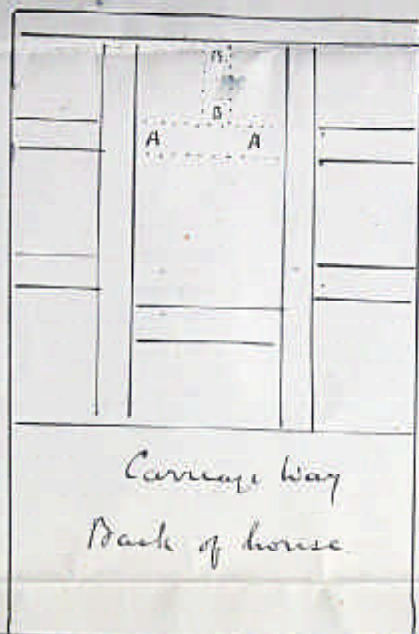
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## Manor House, Badsey

After I ~~met~~ met you last Saturday, I noticed that the boards filling up the space at the end of the Coachhouse (nearest the house) are fastened to three planks which appear to me to be old oak beams presumably taken from some other part of the premises. We propose having this space filled in with a stone wall shortly and we could, therefore, dispense with these supports at once. If ~~therefore~~ they prove to be oak, we could use doubtless use them for restoring the timbers on the outside of the house &c.



It has, therefore, occurred to me that probably you may be able to use some of this wood for the purpose of putting a beam over the carriage way A A and another in the position B B (that is, if the latter is in accordance with the pattern of the surrounding woodwork). There is also some patching necessary ~~on~~ both outside and also inside the house, as you are aware. May I, therefore, suggest that you give your Carpenter a hint to use the planks to the greatest advantage and not to leave any small pieces lying about lest by accident they should in his absence be used for any other purpose. If he will hand them over to Mrs. Wilson, she will see they are put carefully away.

You will observe that ~~the~~ beams appear to have been morticed into those I found but will you pardon my suggesting that it be arranged for one of these mortice holes to be in the centre of A A where it seems to me it will be no disadvantage. These beams I think are somewhat broader than those now in the wall but should this prove to be the <sup>I presume</sup> case, there will be no difficulty in cutting them to the required width. I shall be glad to hear from you in due course should you find that my suggestion is not a practicable one.

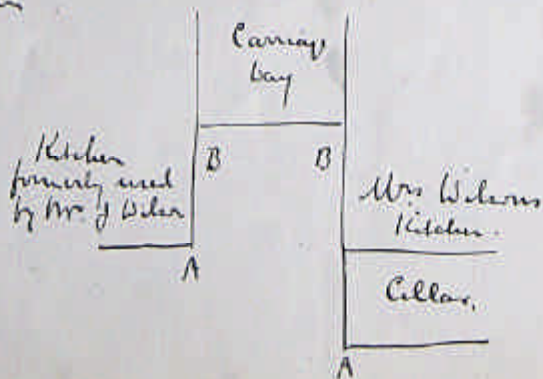
I also found a window that it seemed to me you might

insert in the space over the carriage way which you are having temporarily filled in. If you can arrange for the window to open, so much the better.

Smith, who, as you know, has been working for us for some months is leaving us in the course of a few days. The work which we actually had him to assist in will now be done in the course of a few weeks or so and it was, therefore, only unnecessary expense to keep him on any longer.

I noticed, when I was at Badley this last time, that there seemed to be a great deal more stone <sup>on the road in the garden</sup> than was necessary in many places, whereas, on the other hand no small pieces <sup>fitting in</sup> for the centre of the new walls had been reserved. This I feel is a great mistake for we hope sooner or later to do a great deal in the way of building. I arranged with your foreman to have the largest pieces taken out of ~~the~~ any places in the road where his men happened to be working but it has since occurred to me that I was not sufficiently definite. If the new road is carefully picked up, it will mix the brick with the stone which is desirable and afford to view a great deal of stone that could be used for the purpose I have mentioned. There is so much stone on the road (I am not <sup>so much</sup> referring to that portion which your men have made) that I feel confident that 50 barrow loads at least could be picked out without in any way injuring the road - In fact, having regard to the building we hope some day to carry out, I am sure it would be wise, if possible, if we could reserve twice that quantity - I have told your foreman where I wish it laid. Will you kindly see to this?

Subject to your approval, I suggested to Taylor that he should shortly point the walls of the carriage way as they look very disreputable. Would it not be well for him to continue the pointing at once to the points A A shown on the following ground plan?



The Walls B B are, as you will remember, whitewashed. Would it not be well if one of your men ~~before they~~ who are working on the parlours were to wash this down before leaving. It would save Taylor's time and enable him to get on with more important work. If you are agreeable, I should be glad if he would also remove the patch of whitewash on the side of the coachhouse facing the road, clean down the walls of the Cellar (he need not trouble to do the ceiling for this will be plastered later) and also remove all the whitewash from the inside of the Stable. It has, as you know, just been done but not in accordance with my instructions. The lower part of the front of the house has ~~also~~ been distempred including the large beam. This should

When Taylor is repairing the cement <sup>(also be thoroughly cleaned</sup> between the timbers, should he not at the same time remove any distemper from the cement and the beams? I do not think he has done this so far. Will you kindly see to this?