We hope you will excuse us for troubling you under the following circumstances. We are in great doubt as to the rightful ownership of particular pews & venture to ask you to inform us to whom the pews in the Parish Church belong.

There appear to be on the whole 3 views respecting them.

(1) That the pews (the free seats excepted) may in various ways ~~by purchase bequest or otherwise~~ become the private property of individuals so that a person by purchase bequest or otherwise may obtain a freehold proprietorship in a pew. When our Parish Church was restored & enlarged in 1832 by the liberality of persons connected with the place, resident & non resident, with the assistance of the Church Incorporated Society the pews were distributed among the residents, those who gave the larger sums receiving the larger pews. Some of them on leaving the village afterwards sold the pews assigned to them, while others have been in the habit of receiving a rent for pews which they once occupied themselves but now no longer need.

(2) Another view is that they are attached to houses, that as individuals are constantly changing you must look to that which is permanent, land & houses, for the maintenance of the fabric of the church & that therefore every house in the Parish may fairly claim to be provided with its own pew. It is urged that at any rate when a pew has been continuously occupied by the tenants of a house for a certain number of

years, the owner of the house has a right to the pew & may claim it for himself or for new tenants. On the other hand it is replied that such continuous occupation would rather give the right to those who actually sat in the pew, so that on leaving the house they might still continue to occupy the pew.

(3) It is believed by others that the pews belong solely to the Churchwardens as representing the Rector & Parishioners & that they have the power to allot them afresh every year as they think fit, being prevented only by common courtesy from making unnecessary changes.

We shd be greatly obliged if you wd be so good as to decide this matter for us by telling us what are the real facts of the case.

April 10. 1872.

To the Ven.
The Archdeacon of Leicester.

for the Rector & Churchwardens.

The Rectory Loughborough April 13. 1872

Dear Sirs.

In reply to your letter dated April 10 I have to send you the following information.

No right to a pew in a Church can be established either by purchase or bequest. Such purchases or bequests are all absolutely void in law. The exceptions to this general rule are very rare & are confined to cases of very old hereditary families & usually are in aisles or side chancels wh were built by the ancestors of such families with right of seats in them retained by faculty.

The area of every parish church is the property of the parishioners at large: & it is the privilege & the duty of the Churchwardens to 'seat' the parishioners according to the size of the family & also with some reference to their station in the parish. This they are entitled to do every year after their appointment at Easter. It should however always be done with as much consideration as possible to the wishes of individuals & no Churchwarden should without reason change the accustomed seats of the congregation: but it is their duty to exercise their right according to circumstances, when a family diminishes in numbers or leaves the parish or discontinues to worship in the Church. Unless they

act upon this rule, there wd be often seats vacant & others inconveniently full; in other words the parishioners wd be deprived of the free use & benefit of their church.

By yr use of the word 'pew' I assume that when yr church was restored in 1832 pews were retained. It would have been much better if open sittings which are now becoming almost universal in restored churches had been substituted. The law however remains the same. No person is allowed to retain seats in a pew beyond the number required for the reasonable & usual attendance of his family & to the exclusion of other worshippers; and the Churchwardens who are officers under the Bishop as well as trustees of the church property are entitled & are bound after a reasonable time from the commencement of divine service to fill up any seats wh remain vacant. In doing this they shd be careful to give no unnecessary offence, & with that care on their parts no one can feel himself aggrieved by their making the utmost of the room wh the church contains for the benefit of the parishioners at large.

Believe me, dear Sirs,
Yours very faithfully
Henry Fearon
Archdeacon

To the Rector & Churchwardens
of Newbold Verdon.

N. C. Stone Esq.
Aylestone Hall
Leicester.

Sir.

I write for the purpose of enquiring whether I can ask you to assist me in finding a tenant for a farm in this parish. It is a farm of about 214 acres called the Halifax farm & is part of the Rectorial glebe of this Parish. The farm consists of arable & pasture land & has been occupied by a tenant keeping a cheese dairy. I should be glad to hear whether I may place this in yr hands for advice as to a future tenant & or to know the terms on which you usually act. In case you should undertake to act for me I shd wish to state several further particulars which it is of importance shd be understood.

I beg to remain Sir
yrs faithfully.

N.C. Stone Esq. Aug 25. 1872.

Sir.

I am not clear whether you wish me to understand that the charge for valuation for rent which you mention includes the looking for a suitable tenant or whether it is usual to make some further charge. I shall be obliged if you will have the goodness to inform me.

Yrs faithfully
W. Cole.

Aug 28 1872. N. C Stone Esq.

Sir.

I beg to thank you for yr letter received this morning & shall be glad for you to see the Farm as soon as you can make it convenient. I shall be disengaged on Friday or, so far as I know at present on any day next week. Mr Joyner applied to me some weeks ago but I think it rather an objection that he has had no experience in farming. I am Sir etc.

To the Venerable 16 Sept 1872.
Archdeacon Jeason.

Sir

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you with the following statement. I do not know whether you will feel at liberty to communicate the circumstances of this Parish to Mr J. P. Jeason but so much time has now elapsed & our position is becoming so critical that I have at length ventured to address you in the hope that you will be able to assist us. I desire to express as shortly as possible, our extreme anxiety that the great Crewe charity case [Attorney General v. Liddell 70 743] may be settled as soon as possible.

We obtained promises of pecuniary aid at the end of 1870 sufficient as we believed, with the Govern^t Grant (for which we applied before Jan 1. 1871) to build a School suited to the requirements of the Elementary Ed.^n Act 1870. Unfortunately however we have been prevented from taking any further steps in the matter owing to the following circumstances.

Lord Crewe built a School for this Parish & left £20 out of his estate as the annual salary of the master. This was no doubt an adequate sum at the time & he contemplated that boys educated at the School wd be competent to hold under certain circumstances Some exhibitions which he had founded at Lincoln Coll. Oxford.

The School building has never been repaired out of the estate & is now in a very dilapidated condition, besides being too small to satisfy the increased wants of this place & the salary of £20 is of course no longer enough to secure the services of a competent master. Instead of being able to send up Scholars to Oxford as Lord C. contemplated the school is far from meeting the requirements of the Edn Act 1870 & there are not in the Diocese I am told, more than 2 places equally destitute of educational advantages.

On applying to the Edn Department before Jan 1. 1871 we were informed that our endowment brought us under the jurisdiction of the Endowment Commissioners whose sanction we must obtain before anything cd be done. & they in their turn required the sanction of the Crewe Trustees as we proposed to transfer the endowment to the new School.

We had reason to believe that Lord C's Trustees wd not only have given their sanction to our plans but assisted us pecuniarily at the end of 1870 had they not been precluded from doing so by the fact that the management of the estate had been taken out of their hands with a view to a scheme being drawn up by the Attorney General for the distribution of the surplus income. We have been anxiously looking for this scheme month after month but it has not yet been completed & on applying last Easter to the present Att Gl we found it had not yet been brought before him, information being still required with regard to some of the places concerned in the estate.

I will not make this letter more lengthy by troubling you with the hopes we entertain that we shall be considered entitled to considerable benefit under the new scheme. Our claims have been put forward in a letter from Messrs Wood Street & Hayter of Frays Inn to Mr Pearson Jan 4 1871. as well as more fully in a memorial presented to the Att Gl, wh was signed by Sir J. Harlopp the patron of the School, the President of Trin Coll & by the principal parishioners, but I desire to express the apprehension we feel at the continuance of the delay. We fear that we cannot much longer count on a grant from Govern. & should we be called upon to elect a School board we shall not only lose the assistance promised us by the 2 great Church Societies & by our Diocesan Board as well as many other sums promised conditionally on no rate being

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levied but we shall also lose the piece of land offered as the school site and unless it is decided that the Crewe Trustees are to build us a School, we shall have a greatly inferior School.

If I have succeeded in making our case clear I think you will excuse me for troubling you under such circumstances & if you could help us at all by getting the Crewe charity Scheme pressed forward we shd be exceedingly grateful.

I beg to remain Sir
Yr obed. Servant.
W Cole
Rector of Newbold Verdon.

N. C. Stone Esq. Sept 27 1872.

Sir

I shd be glad if you cd make it convenient to come over again to Newbold to look at another portion of the Glebe It consists of about 70 acres of wh about 20 acres are laid down in Grass. The principal part of it lies together, about 45 acres, the remainder being separate, 17 acres in one place & 9 acres in another. There are some buildings in bad repair on the 45 acres.

There are several fields let to different Tenants but 63 acres are held by one man, he having the buildings & some 37 acres adjoining as well as the 17 & 9 acres wh I have mentioned as situated apart.

It wd no doubt be better to let this all together as soon as possible or at any rate the 45 acres wh lie together but I do not feel sure that the chief occupier is managing his land well & I shd be more satisfied if I had yr opinion both as to the present condition of the land & any future changes.

I shall be absent during the week Oct 7 – 12 but shall be at home either next week or so far as I know at any other time next month.

I beg to remain, Sir,
Yrs obediently
W Cole.

Aylestone Hall
Sept 30. 1872

Dear Sir

We purpose being at N. V about 11 oclock tomorrow morning & I shall feel much obliged if you will have the names of the fields & the quantities of the land held by the different tenants ready.

You shd have had the valuation of the Halifax farm ere this but our Clerk has been ill for the last three ~~months~~ weeks but we trust that he will be able to resume his duties in a few days.

We value the house premises & land 213 a - 2 r - 10 p at £372 : 0 - 0 per annum & have deducted the garden No. 29 -- 0 a - 2 r - 3 p and the 2 plantations 0 a - 2 r - 27 p.

I will bring the plan of the Halifax Farm with me in the morning.

I am Dr Sir.
Yr faithfully
Nath[l] C. Stone.

Rev W. G. Cole.

To Robert Freeman.

I hereby give you notice to quit and deliver up at Lady day next or at such other time as the year of yr Tenancy may expire all that Land Buildings etc situate at Newbold Verdon which you rent or hold of me.

W G Cole.

Oct 2nd 1872.

a copy of the above was given into Rt Freemans hands by Henton. on oct 2 1872.

Oct 14 1872.

Dear Sir

I sent a young man over the Halifax farm last week but am sorry to say that he has declined taking the land, thinking the Arable land in a bad state of cultivation by over-cropping without a sufficient quantity of manure Lime etc etc. It is possible it will

be advisable to allow a Tenant £20 or £25 pr year for three years to expend in Lime wh wd be of great service to the Arable Land.

Freeman called upon me on Thursday last & I told him that Nos 5 and 11 now both in grass must not be ploughed again but kept for permanent pasture. Freeman did not make any objection & I named to him some necessary hedge cutting etc etc.

I am etc
Nath C. Stone.

Rev W. G. Cole.

15 Oct 1872

Dear Sir.

I beg to acknowledge the Valuation received this morning & am sorry to hear that the arable part of the Halifax farm was thought to be in so bad a state of cultivation as to deter a tenant from applying for it

With regard to allowing the tenant something for 3 years, I shd be willing to make any arrangement wh wd secure a really good tenant but I wish to mention that Mr Brigston was allowed £10 per year for 3 years & is leaving it in the fifth, so that in his case this plan wd not seem to have answered.

I do not think I have mentioned to you that the Int.t on Sums borrowed for the Halifax amounts to £45..10..9 viz £25-16-5 this year for Drainage £13 .14.. 4 to Queen Annes Bounty for improvements to the House, (This decreases by 5/ each year.) & £6 the Int.t of £100 mainly expended in building 2 years ago the covered yard adjoining the barn. Of this Sum the tenant has hitherto paid £12-10-0.

I feel sure that Mr Frewcock cautioned Freeman against ploughing up the fields numbered 5 and 11. The former I say

that he laid down in grass himself but the latter was I know, already in grass when he entered on it. That there shd be a doubt wd seem to show the necessity of a written agreement.

Thanking you for the trouble you are taking

I am Sir etc

W. J. Cole.

To R. C. Stone Esq.

Dear Sir. Oct 16 1872

I am sorry to trouble you with another letter but since writing yesterday I have thought that it wd be well to mention a circumstance wh may account to some extent for the unsatisfactory condition of the arable land at the Halifax farm.

It was a common subject of conversation in the village last spring that Mr W: was selling off a great quantity of straw – barley it was said as well as wheat straw. At this time he had not said that he thought of leaving the farm. Mr O. told me he had heard it spoken of in different quarters & at my request he saw Mr W on the subject.

Mr W. denied having sold any barley straw & said that the quantity altogether had been greatly exaggerated but he admitted that he had been in the habit of selling wheat straw & had thought himself at full liberty to do so, as more was grown on the farm than was required for use. He promised however that he wd sell no more.

It occurs to me whether we might not mention to him that a tenant has declined to apply for the farm on account of the exhausted state of the arable land & invite him to produce his bills showing the amount of lime etc etc which he has bought in lieu of the straw which he admits to have sold.

In suggesting this for yr consideration I desire to remind you of my own want of experience in these matters & am. dr Sir

Yrs faithfully

W. J. Cole.

R. C. Stone Esq.

19. Oct 1872.

Sir.

When you expressed some surprise yesterday that the inhabitants of N.V. had not themselves done more for the School I do not think we made the reasons for this neglect so clear as we might have done. They are not far to seek.

1. All the greater landowners with the exception of the Rector have been non-resident. On referring to the Rate Book I find the acreage of the parish set down at 1749 - 0 - 32. The glebe is 305 - 3 - 10. Five out of the 6 largest holders (the glebe non included) are non resident representing 943 - 2 - 35. I find besides 200 - 0 - 16 also belonging to non residents. This leaves only 241 - 3 - 32 belonging to persons living in the parish and 57 - 2 - 19 held in lots of less than 6 acres of which I have not been careful to examine whether the owners are resident or not.

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1749 -	- 32	of less than 6 acres.

(2) The property of the smaller holders whether resident or not is, I believe, in many cases heavily mortgaged.

(3). The late Rector held the living for 45 years. Many years ago he sold the advowson to Trin Coll Oxford but the College had no opportunity of presenting one of its Fellows till 1868 when I was myself presented & instituted on May 10. 1869. Had the late incumbent brought the matter prominently before the Trustees & Landowners we think that something wd probably have been done. When I came I heard frequently expressed the hope that something wd now be done about the School. What I desired to say yesterday but wh, I fear, I failed in making plain was whether the directions in Lord Crewe's will do not really amount to a Trust for supporting a good school in this Parish.

I do not wish to insist that he intended to build a Grammar School, or something equivalent to it but I do not know that the mention of reading & writing only is incompatible with this, interpreted as suggested afterwards by the fact that boys brought up at this School were under certain circumstances to hold exhibitions at Linc. Coll Oxford. But we would humbly submit that the Trustees have completely overlooked the Spirit of Lord C's intentions with regard to N.V. While contenting themselves with giving the bare sum wh in the Testator's time was sufficient to provide an efficient Teacher they seem to have thought that, the Charity having no property in this Parish we were not entitled

to share in the surplus. This condition seems to be entirely of their own making for the Testator not only took means to secure a good school in this place but in looking forward to an increase in the value of his property he as good as said that Newbold was to participate in the increase, when he distinctly excluded only Linc Coll the Univ of Oxford & the city of Durham from sharing in such increase. Nam ut exceptio firmat vim legis in casibus non exceptis, ita enumeratio firmat eam in casibus non enumeratis.

We venture therefore to think that the intentions of the Testator will not be met by our having merely for the future a pro rata share in the surplus & we hope having suffered hitherto as we believe from an oversight on the part of the Trustees that we shall be considered to be entitled also to a grant sufficient to supply the educational wants of a Parish for wh so much was intended & for wh so little has been done.

I remain Sir
Your faithfully
Wm

J. M. Clabon Esq.
21 Great George Street
Westminster. S.W.

21 Oct 1872.

Sir

We believe there is reason to hope that the Attorney General's Scheme for Lord C's charities will not be much longer delayed. His Solicitor Mr Clabon visited Newbold on Friday afternoon to see the condition of the school & to make enquiries. He has now obtained all the information he required & promises to lay it before Sir J. Coleridge without loss of time. I put before him at his desire on Friday the strong points of our case & thought it advisable to send them to him in writing on the following day. The question to which we desire to call attention is whether the directions in Lord C's will do not really amount to a Trust for supporting a good school in this Parish.

It is premature to speak of the benefit wh we are likely to receive from the new Scheme but there is little doubt that it will be far more favourable to this Parish than the Scheme of 1870 to wh we joined with others in objecting. My impression from what Mr C. said is that we shall at any rate receive a considerable annual increase. We shall not, I think, succeed in getting the School built out of the Charity but it appears probable that we shall have more or

less help towards it. He said that the Chief thing against us is that we have not made the most of the small advantage that had been given us – that some parishes had so added to the sum they had received as to produce a presumption that they wd benefit still more by an increase from the Charity whereas N. had allowed the School a Teacher to subsist on a sum wh we declared to be insufficient without ourselves doing anything to amend matters.

However any past omissions cannot be taken into consideration if, as I hope, we have succeeded in establishing our right to a share in the Surplus from the time when the property of the Charity first increased in value.

I beg to remain Sir,
Your obediently
Wm Cole.
Rector of N. V.

Sir John Hartopp Bart.

21 Oct 1872.

Sir

I cannot doubt that you wonder that I have allowed so much time to elapse without sending you information as to the proposed school at N. V. to which you have already been so good as to promise a donation. I have put off writing from day to day in the hope that I might have something definite to say but we have encountered one difficulty after another & in consequence have not yet been able to begin to build.

We were in a position to apply to the Ld. J of the P. Council before Jan 1. 1871. for assistance in building a school. In the following May I received a letter in answer directing me to apply to the Endowment Commissioners whose sanction they said was necessary on account of a sum of £20 wh our Schoolmaster receives annually from Lord C's Charity. I at once addressed the End.t Commissioners & was told that nothing cd be done without the consent of the Crewe Trustees. Unfortunately Lord C's charity is in Chancery in order that the Ag Gl may draw up a scheme for the future distribution of the Surplus income & we have therefore had to wait for the production of this scheme.

There is now reason to hope that it will not be much longer delayed. His Solicitor Mr. C. visited Newbold on Friday to see the condition of the school &

to make enquiries. He has now obtained all the information he requires & promises to lay it before the Attorney General without loss of time. I hope therefore I shall soon be able to write & say that our difficulties have at any rate begun to disappear.

I am Sir
Yrs faithfully
W J Cole.

R. Crosher Esq
Forestfield
Loughborough.

J Cope Esq.
25 Cleveland Gardens
Hyde Park
London. W.

Similarly to
Mrs Moore
Stonts Hill
Uley
Dursley.

Rev S.W Cope
West end House
Bramby
near Leeds.

Rev W.B. Moore
Evington Vicarage
Leicester.

22 Oct 1872.

Dear Sir.

I write in the name of our School Committee to ask you whether you will be so good as to give us some assistance towards the School which we are anxious to build here without having recourse to a rate. You will see by the date of the printed paper which I enclose that some time has elapsed since we first began to move in the matter. We were indeed in a position to apply for aid to Govern^t. before Jan 1. 1871. the limit after which no further applications cd be entertained, but our progress has been interrupted owing to the fact that our Schoolmaster receives the sum of £20 annually for Lord C's charity & it was therefore necessary to obtain the sanction of the C. Trustees before anything cd be done. Unfortunately the Charity is in Chancery in order that the A.G ——

— without loss of time. We hope therefore we may soon be able to begin.

We have received other promises besides those on the paper enclosed but have not yet had another list printed

Believe me dear Sir
Yrs faithfully etc.

A. Cope Esq
Osbaston Hall Leicester.

30 Dec 1872.

Sir I write to inform you of the death of Mr Rowley the Master of the Free School in this Parish. He died rather suddenly on Saturday night.

I do not think it will be desirable to appoint a successor until the Scheme of the Attorney General has been published & I wish to obtain the sanction of the Trustees to any temporary arrangement for the teaching wh we find ourselves able to make. I am afraid it will be a matter of difficulty to make any arrangement both on account of the dilapidated condition of the School building & the smallness of the pay.

I am etc.

W J Cole.

S. Rowlandson Esq.
The College
Durham.

Similarly to the Vene Archdeacon Bland.
The College Durham.

and to Sir John Hartopp Bart.
Aston Flamville
Hinckley.

7 Jan 1873.

Dear Sir

I desire to thank you for yr kind & sympathizing letter received this morning. I am afraid there will be the difficulty I anticipated in providing for the teaching from this time till we have a new School. I wrote last week to Canon Fry & went in to Leicester last Wed yesterday to see him. He tells me that no certificated master wd come to us even if we were able to satisfy him as to salary & that no good uncertificated master wd be likely to take the post knowing that he would have before long to make way for one who is certificated. On asking about mistresses I found that they also are able to make their own terms in the present great demand & therefore whatever arrangement I am able to make cannot fail I fear to be unsatisfactory.

I wish further to obtain the formal sanction of the Trustees to our intention of partially providing for the Master of the School (wh we propose to build) by means of the annual sum left to this Parish by Lord Crewe. I have already mentioned that the present building will not hold so many as 50 children whereas we are required to find room for more than 100. It is moreover too dilapidated to be made available. The site also is insufficient (8 perches) & we cannot obtain any of the land adjoining. The Rector is prepared in exchange for the present site to grant ¼ acre of Glebe land in a situation

equally commodious for the purposes of the School & the necessary permission has been given both by Trinity College Oxford the patrons of the living & by the Bishop of the Diocese. It is intended that the School shall be conducted as a Public Elementary School within the meaning of the Elementary Education Act 1870. The Master & whatever other Teachers may be found necessary, being paid partly by the Sum received annually from Lord Crewe's Trustees partly by the Children themselves & the Grant for Government.

The endowment left to this Parish by Lord Crewe brings us under the jurisdiction of the Endowed Schools Commissioners to whom I am anxious to lose no time in applying again as soon as ever the Attorney General has produced his Scheme & I wish to be able to say that our proposal has the concurrence of the Trustees. We shd be greatly obliged if yr Bd would be so good as to bring this under their notice so that no delay may subsequently arise.

I am, dear Sir,
Yrs very faithfully
W. J. Cole.

The Ven.
Archdeacon Bland
The College. Durham.

Jan 27 1873.

Acknowledged receipt from Mr Timothy Oakley. Allesley Coventry. of cheque - value £5 being Mrs Browne's subscription for 1872 to the Newbold Charities.

Jan 28 1873.

My dear Edwardes.

I have to thank you for yr letter received this morning & am obliged to the Delegates for their kindness in again making me the offer to take part in the Local examinations.

In undertaking the "Composition" I should be undertaking a fourth subject in my 4th year of examining - to be succeeded in all probability by a 5th subject in the following year & as I am unable in so constant a succession of papers, to satisfy even myself as examiner I feel I have no choice but most respectfully to decline the offer.

Yrs very truly etc.

Rev S. Edwardes
Merton College. Oxford.

Feb 1. 1873.

I am greatly concerned by what I learnt from you at yr visit on Thursday. It appears to me a very serious thing that within about a month of the Sale you shd be unable to find a tenant for the Halifax. Had I received any intimation when you & Mr Stone first saw the farm that there wd be difficulty in finding a good tenant I wd certainly have urged further consideration of the application wh Joines of Cadeby had previously made to me. I gather from what you say that you have received application from no one so eligible. The only objection I saw to him was the doubt as to his having had sufficient experience in farming. He was extremely anxious to come & afterwards expressed his annoyance at not having been allowed by Mr S. an opportunity of stating his case, wh he thought wd have been found satisfactory. He was supposed to have plenty of capital & wd have been a desirable person to have had residing in the parish. It seems to me now that a mistake must have been made, when his application was rejected so hastily.

Joseph C. Stone Esq
Rowley Fields. Leicester.

Feb 4 1873.

Joines entered upon a small farm at Osbaston last autumn: were he still freed now making application for the first time I shd not think of acting on my own inexperience but the prospect you placed before me last Thursday was so gloomy that I was led to fear it might be necessary to lower our pretensions. I am glad to hear you do not yet despair of finding a desirable tenant & beg to assure you that I give you full credit for using every effort in the matter.

J. C. Stone Esq.

Feb 12 1873.

In reply to yr letter received this morning I beg to say that I applied last April for an extension of time ~~Last April~~ & had notice that it had been granted up to April 1873. in a letter dated April 30 1872.

We have by no means given up the hope of being able to build a Voluntary School with the assistance of a Government Grant etc but are still prevented from commencing it owing to the great delay of those who are engaged in making a scheme for the future distribution of the Surplus income of Lord Crewe's charity.

In a letter from the Attorney Gl. Dated 31 Jan 1873 he says. "I believe the scheme is now finally Settled _____ but when the Court of Chancery will pronounce upon it I have no means of saying. There will be no delay as far as I am Concerned & I believe my work in the matter is done".

I think I have already explained that Lord Crewe left us a Small annual Sum £20 as the Salary of a School master & we found on making application to the Educaton Dt. before Jan 1, 1871 that this endowment brought us under the jurisdiction of the Endowment Commissioners whose Sanction it was necessary to obtain. They in their turn required the assent of the Crewes Trustees wh the latter feel themselves unable to give as long as the Charity remains in Chancery, though we have reason to believe that they wd not only have Sanctioned our plans but assisted us pecuniarily, had the management of the Estate Still been in their hands.

Rev H. Swabey.
S.P.C.K
67 Lincoln's Inn Fields. London W.C.

March 6. 1873.

I am very sorry to hear that you have not yet been able to let the Halifax Farm & I will come into Leicester to see you on Saturday. I shd be most unwilling to keep it in my own hands & wd rather have it let at 30/ per acre. but here I am not in a position to express an opinion as you do not tell me at what rate you have been offering it.

you valued it, I think, at nearly 35/ per acre as you say, and those who object to the farm because they hear that Labour is high owing to the neighbourhood of the Coal pits be willing to take it at a less rent?

I am, Sir,
Yrs faithfully
etc.

R. C. Stone Esq
Aylestone Hall
near Leicester.

March 13. 1873.

Newbold Verdon Parochial School
4769 County of Leicester.

Sir,

In reply to a paper received yesterday stating that 'if the School for 120 children, towards the erection of wh aid has been sought from the Education Department is built, no further accommodation will be required' & asking for information, I have to say that owing to the exceptional position in wh we are placed & wh I had the honour to lay before you in a letter Jan 3. 1872. we have hitherto been prevented from carrying out our purpose.

We are still very anxious to begin building as soon as possible & have now reason to believe that the obstacles to it will very shortly be removed as the Attorney Gl's Scheme has already been produced & I received a copy of it on Monday last. In forwarding it Mr Fearon added that it had been placed in the Chambers of the Master of the Rolls.

I may repeat what I have before mentioned that on applying by yr direction to the Endowed Schools Commissioners we learnt that before proceeding further we must obtain the sanction of Lord C's Trustees to our plan as we proposed to transfer to the new School the annual sum of £20 left us by Lord C. We have reason to believe that the Trustees wd readily have given their Sanction but unfortunately they have hitherto been precluded from doing so by the fact that the management of the Charity had been taken temporally out of their hands with a view to a scheme being drawn up by the Atty Gl. for the future distribution of the Surplus income of the estate.

To prevent any unnecessary delay I have already laid our plans before the Trustees & requested them to send us their formal sanction as soon as the Atty Gl's Scheme has passed the Court of Chancery.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Yr obedient Servant
W. J. Cole.

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall
London, S.W.

17 March 1873.

I beg to acknowledge yr Letter received today. Mr Oldacres called on me this morning & has certainly no intention whatever of taking the Halifax Farm. I am surprised you shd have fancied on Saturday morning that he intended to do so, ~~if unsuccessful~~ unless he succeeded in obtaining Lord Stanford's farm at Ratby.

I do not know what you wd now suggest but I think it wd be well to advertise it again.

N. C. Stone Esq. { For Letter to N C Stone Esq. 18 March 1873. See on 5 pages infra. – omitted here.

21 March 1873

Mr Beck called on me yesterday but as I had heard nothing fm Mr Stone I asked him to call again. I have seen him this morning after receiving Mr Stone's letter & thought after Mr Stone's Letter of the 15th inst that I had no choice but to accept him as a tenant on his own terms.

He engages to live at the Halifax at once & give up his farm at Kirkby as soon as possible. I have promised to spend if necessary as much as £200 in putting the barn, Stables & certain flood gates in the meadow in proper repair.

I will endeavour to come into Leicester & see you tomorrow for I do not understand how we are to deal with repairs wh Wigston shd have done. e.g. the Cart Hovel. fences etc. I am told the Letter are much worse than when you saw them & Beck remarked that if the Valuer was not directed to look to the State of the Land on my account he should be on his. What this exactly means you will understand better than I do.

N. C. Stone Esq.

P.S I suppose I may take it for granted that the incoming tenant will take to everything left by Wigston

24 March 1873.

I am sorry to say I am no longer able to give away the shooting on the Halifax Farm as my new Tenant wishes to have it himself.

He occupied the farm some years ago under my predecessor who let him have the shooting

& when he applied to me for the farm he asked to be allowed to have it as before, so that even if Mr Shore had remained I could not have given it him this year.

Regretting very much that it is not in my power to oblige Yr.

etc etc.

A. Cox Esq.
Osbaston Hall. Leicester.

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26 March 1873

I do not know when the sum of £20 left by Lord Crewe as the yearly salary of our Schoolmaster falls due: I shd be much obliged if you wd be so good as to inform me & I think it wd be best this year that Yr shd pay it over to my account with the Leicestershire Banking Company.

You have hitherto given the amount to the Schoolmaster on his presenting a letter of identification from me but the old man is no longer alive & as only part of it is due to his widow & part to the new Schoolmaster it will be necessary to divide the Salary in proportion to the work done by each.

Yrs obediently.

The Manager
Parrs's Bank. Leicester

Many parents are anxious that a trained Master shd, if possible, be obtained to supply the place of Mr Dixon.

The first difficulty is the expense wh for the present quarter has amounted to as much as £25, towards wh we have only Lord C's endowment of £5 per qrter & the Children's payments wh will be about £7. The deficiency of over £12 the Rector has promised to make good.

The expenditure another qrter wd be somewhat less as part of the present outlay is for fixtures repairs & the purchase of books— extraordinary expenses wh were necessary at first starting. There wd be besides no charge for coals during the summer months. The expense however

cannot be reckoned at less than £21.

At a meeting held in the School room on the 20th inst a strong wish was expressed to ascertain whether contributions cd be obtained sufficient to provide for carrying on the School under a trained Master.

27 March 1873.

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31 March 1873.

Beck has been here this morning to say that the Valuer (Wright) will go over the Halifax farm on Thursday & to ask me (1) whether in regard to dilapidations e.g. the floodgates I am to pay for materials & Wrigston for workmanship & (2) whether I shall settle with Wrigston & he (Beck) afterwards settle with me

He will call again on Thursday for an answer. I told him as to the 1st question that you wd probably give the Valuer the necessary instructions.

Yrs faithfully WJ Lofft

P.S. I ought to add that Beck says he is ready to settle with me on the same day.

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18 March 1873. Omitted in its place.

I have had an application for the Halifax farm this morning & have desired the applicant Mr Beck of Kirkby Mallory to call on you tomorrow. He occupied the farm himself before Mr W. became tenant. This was before the £200 was borrowed to improve the house & he lived away at the farm wh he still has at K.

I do not know whether he wd now be willing to live at the house wh is I fancy quite as good as his house at K. & I did not remember to ask him what rent he used to pay but my man tells me it was the same as Wigston paid viz £340. W. has since paid besides £12-10-0 for improvement viz £6.10-0 interest on money borrowed in 1868 for drainage & £6 - interest of £100 expended mainly in building 2 years ago the covered yard adjoining the barn. This brought up his rent to £352.10-0 & I do not see why B shd object to pay the same as W as the additional sum is for improvements made since his time. I told

him you had valued the farm at 35/ per acre but proposed to offer it at a reduction.

They tell me that B used to raise very fine wheat crops on the Halifax He is, I believe, a respectable man & wd be, I suppose, a really desirable tenant if he is willing to live on the spot

I do not know why he has held back so long — whether he now expects to get the farm at a lower figure. I am etc.

P.S. Since writing the above I hear that Mr Hirkman is reported to have said that his friend Lacy wd have nothing to say to the farm on account of the rent having been raised.

Mem: Beck's rent was £320 but he paid besides £19-10-0 interest on £300 borrowed in 1858, 1859 for drainage.

When W: became tenant, this was added to his rent making it £340. He subsequently paid besides £6.10 interest on £100 borrowed in 1868 for drainage & £6. interest of £100 expended by Wm Cole on the covered yard near Oliver's barn.

18 April 1873.

Mr George Dixon having asked me to write him a Testimonial I have great pleasure in testifying to his excellence as a Teacher as well as to his good judgement & pleasant manners & I shall be ready at any time to give more in detail any further particulars that may be desired about him.

He has been with us 3 months having only this short interval to spare after leaving St Peter's College Peterborough before his services were required by Canon Fry for one of his schools in Leicester, but the unformed condition of our school has afforded, I think, a better test of his capabilities as a Master than cd usually be obtained in so short a time.

He found the children ignorant & with little or no idea of discipline & had to content himself with a school-building wh has been condemned by the Education Act 1870 but he was eager to make the best of everything & by his energy & good temper he has effected a great improvement. The parents are astonished at the progress which their children have made under him & while upholding discipline strictly he has at the same time contrived to make himself a general favourite with the children & his departure is regretted by them as much as by myself.

I will only add that I shd think myself fortunate in securing Mr Dixon's services for any School of wh I happened to be the manager.

W J Cole.
Rector of Newbold de Verdun
late Fellow and Tutor of Trinity College Oxford.

24 April 1873.

I write to ask yr Lordship's sanction to my applying to the Governors of Queen A's Bounty for a loan of £200

The Solicitors of the Bounty have forwarded the ~~necessary~~ papers this morning & inform me that a Board Meeting is fixed for the 30th inst. To prevent loss of time I shd be glad if possible to take that opportunity of laying my application before the Board.

I write by this same post to obtain the formal consent of the Patron Trin Coll Oxford. The President is already aware that it wd be necessary for me to apply for this loan & is well acquainted with the present condition of the Glebe buildings & all other particulars of the Benefice.

The Benefice consists entirely of Glebe of wh the larger part forms a farm of 214 acres & it is for the improvement of the buildings on this farm that the whole of the loan except about £20 is asked.

The farm has this year with some difficulty been relet at a reduced ~~rate~~ rent - being £50 per annum less than before. The barn & stable require rebuilding in great measure & Mr Stone (of Aylestone Hall & Friar Lane Leicester) who had the letting of it, advises the building of a new Cart house wh will also be a considerable expense. He estimates the whole cost at about £200.

This will include £20 expended in improvements to be made to outbuildings situated on 45 acres of glebe wh are let separately.

It is perhaps necessary to add that I was admitted to the Benefice in 1869 & virtually received nothing on account of Dilapidations. It appears that little or no account was taken of the bad condition of the Farm buildings by Mr Baker (Shenton & Baker Friar Lane Leicester) who was acting for me. The whole amount of Dilapidations was

reckoned at only £67 & even of this I received nothing in money, he having consented to forego it in exchange for the fixtures which had been valued at £53 .. 14 .. 6.

Regretting to trouble yr Lordship

I am etc.

Answer to the above received by return on 26 April & the sanction of the Patron [Trin Coll] obtained on the 28th & I forwarded application to Bounty Office on the same day.

£57 .. 5 .. 6 paid to Osborne. Builders 1869.

£41 .. 1 .. 6½ expended in Gates & Gate posts between 1869 and 1872. Viz

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5 May 1873.

I am sorry to be obliged to trouble you again about our School.

The Lord Chancellor having undertaken the business of the Master of the Rolls since the resignation of the latter, the President of Trin Coll kindly wrote to him at my request with reference to the Scheme for Lord C's Charities. He has replied that it is a matter which can only come before him (if at all) in the ordinary course of the business of his Court & that he cannot accelerate it proprio motu.

From this it wd appear that the decision may still be delayed for some time & I think it may prevent further loss of time if I were to apply at once to the Endowment Commissioners for their assent to our wishes, stating the proposed scheme of the attorney Gl so far as it concerns this Parish.

Before doing so it is necessary that we shd have the sanction of Lord C's Trustees wh I shd be much obliged if you wd obtain for me. The particulars given in my letter Jan 7. 1873 are probably as complete as you wd desire: [No Architect having been as yet consulted. I do not know that there is anything further to add] [and you have perhaps had an opportunity of laying the substance of that letter before the Trustees.]

apologizing for the trouble I am giving you.

I remain

The Ven Archdeacon Bland.

See Over.

P.S. The S P C K have written to say that no extension of time can be allowed after the end of the year & that unless the school building is then finished their grant will be forfeited.

17 June 1873.

Gentlemen

We shall be greatly obliged if you will be so good as to bring the case of the school of this Parish with as little delay as possible before Lord C's Trustees. The matter appears the more urgent on account of the following words reported in the Times June 13 as used by Mr Forster in the House of Commons on the preceding evening. 'Before the end of the summer we shall I confidently expect have sent out notices requiring the deficiency in school accommodation to be supplied in every district in wh there is such deficiency'.

The school built by Lord C in this Parish is in an extremely dilapidated condition. It is moreover too small for the present requirements of the Parish. The site is also insufficient being only 8 perches whereas the Ed.n Dep.t requires ¼ acre & we cannot obtain any of the land adjoining

Under these circumstances the Rector with the consent of the Patron & the Bp of the D. has offered in exchange for the present site ¼ acre of Glebe land in a situation equally commodious for the purposes of a School & subscriptions have been promised by various persons & certain societies towards the erection of a voluntary school. It is intended that the school shall be conducted —

— Government [see above Jan 7. 1873]

We were already in a position to apply for aid to Govern.t before Jan 1. 1871 the limit after wh no further applications cd be entertained but we have up to this time been prevented from beginning to build. The £20 endowment left to this Parish by Lord C brought us under the jurisdiction of the Endow.t commissioners whose sanction to our proposal was required by Govern.t. The Commissioners in their turn on being applied to required the consent of Lord C's Trustees & the latter though not objecting to the arrangements proposed have not hitherto felt themselves in a position to express their concurrence

Their position appears to be now somewhat altered by the publication of the Scheme. in wh we have the A. G.'s opinion expressed as to what he thinks is fairly due to this Parish & however much the Trustees may object to the Scheme as a whole I do not believe they would think it unreasonable that assistance shd be given towards the erection of a sufficient school in a village wh Lord C himself desired shd be

provided with a good School, or that this Parish shd have some share in the large increase of Lord C's property as well as the other objects of his bounty

If as I hope they do not disapprove of this part of the scheme & at the same time wd ~~not prefer~~ regret that a School board shd be imposed upon this Parish — a consequence wh further delay wd appear to render inevitable. & in this case the greater part if not the whole of the subscriptions wd be withdrawn — it seems of the utmost importance that they shd lose no time in giving such a sanction to our proposal arrangements as wd enable the Endowt Commissioners to take it into consideration proposal

If the matter appears to them as urgent as it does to ourselves & the matter appears ~~to me so urgent that~~ I can not hardly doubt that they will be anxious to do all in their power to extricate us from a position in wh we have so long unwillingly been placed.

I remain etc.

Messrs Dickson
Narrowgate House
Alnwick.

aug 18 1873. { Newbold Verdon Parochial School
4769 County of Leicester

Sir I wish to be allowed to consult you as to the School for 120 children wh we desire to build & towards the erection of wh aid was sought from the Educaton Departt Dec 13 1870.

On hearing from you ——
— in wh they still remain. [See letter Jan 3 1872]

As I have stated in previous letters the Attorney Genl has been for a considerable time engaged in drawing up a scheme for the future regulaton of Lord C's Charity & distributon of its surplus income. a scheme was produced last March & a copy of it forwarded to me March 7 by Mr Fearon who said that the scheme had been left in the Chambers of the Master of the Rolls for approval.

To our great disappointment the matter has not yet come before the Court & I learnt last week that it cannot now be settled before the end of the Vac. in Novr

Under these circumstances I desire to be allowed to apply to you again

The Patron of the Free School & the inhabitants of this Parish are extremely anxious that a school shd be built as soon as possible to satisfy the requirements of the Educaton Act 1870 The only obstacle appears to be the want of the sanction of Lord C's Trustees. This is not withheld because they object to the arrangements we propose.

— on the contrary they have expressed a wish to aid us & have proposed an increase of our annual endowment to £60 — but because as long as the scheme remains unsettled they feel in uncertainty as to their position & powers & are therefore very cautious in their proceedings. I believe

It is not however contemplated in the scheme that any change shd be made in the body of the Trustees & I venture to enquire whether the Ed. D. will think it necessary to insist on the formal sanction of the Trustees or whether they wd not sanction the commencement of the building if they were satisfied that the Trustees were favourably disposed towards the proposed arrangements all the other parties concerned being desirous only for them.

The Secretary
Education Depart.
Whitehall
London. S.W.

3 Nov 1873.

John Brown our Parish Clerk, wishes to offer himself as a candidate for the post of Clerk at St Martin's & has asked me to address you in his favour.

I have pleasure in saying that I am satisfied with the way in which he has performed his duties here. He is sober, intelligent & well-conducted & is anxious to bring up his family of young children as well as possible.

He has a good base voice & can read music.

To the Vicar & Churchwardens.
Care of Mr Larson Hotel St. Leicester.

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18 Dec 1873. { Newbold Verdon Parochial School
4769 County of Leicester

Sir. Since I ~~heard from you on~~ received yr letter dated 15 Sept in reply to mine of the 18th of Aug I find that some progress has been made, by the Court, in the consideration of the Scheme for the future regulation of Lord C's Charity.

Mr Clabon writes on the 8th Dec 1873.

I beg to inform you ———— at Newbold Verdon & on my asking whether any decision had been come to with reference to the proposed annual increase I received the following letter.

Attorney Genl v Liddell. 15th Dec 1873.

'I do not think it probable —— finally settled.

I desire now to be allowed again to enquire whether we may not be permitted to take the necessary preliminary steps towards the erection of the School & awaiting yr instructions I have the honour to be.

Yr obedient Servant.

The Secretary
Education Department.
Whitehall London S.W.

18 Dec 1873.

In your letter of the 18th of April 1873 I was informed that the Standing Committee would not allow the Society's grant towards the erection of the proposed new School building in this Parish to remain open beyond the end of this year.

I wish now to be allowed to ask the Committee to take under consideration again the peculiar circumstances which have been the sole cause of the delay in our case.

I may perhaps be permitted in the 1st place to refer to my letter of 12 Feb 1873 in which I stated the nature of the connection which exists between this Parish & Lord C's Charity.

No decision having been arrived at by the Court of Chancery with reference to the Attorney Gls Scheme I wrote on the 18th of Aug to the Education Dept. to ask whether — in consequence of the continuance of the delay & in consideration of the fact that the Trustees appeared altogether to approve of those parts of the scheme which concerned Newbold Verdon — they would not allow us to proceed with the building.

I received the following reply on 15 Sept.

Adverting — Settled.

I have now heard from Mr Clabon that the Court has already sanctioned the grant towards the building of our School which the Atty Gl proposed to make out of the funds of the Charity but that some little time is likely to elapse before the scheme is finally settled.

I have in consequence written again to the Ed. Depart. for leave to take the necessary preliminary steps towards commencing to build & am now awaiting their Lordships instructions.

I am anxious to invite the attention of the Committee to our very exceptional circumstances. We exerted ourselves to obtain promises of assistance in 1870 so as to be in a position to apply for aid to the Committee of Council before Jan 1. 1871 & have deeply regretted the lengthened delay which owing to death in one case & to other changes has been greatly to our disadvantage but notwithstanding all our efforts we have found it quite impossible to proceed.

It seems to us therefore somewhat hard that the Society shd determine to withdraw their grant because owing to circumstances entirely beyond our control we have been unable to begin the school which we so greatly need & which we are most anxious to have as soon as possible.

Should the Committee desire it, I have no doubt that I might be permitted to refer to the Bp of this Diocese or to the President of Trin Coll Oxford who are well aware of the difficulties which we have had to encounter, and it may be well that I shd mention that neither the National Soc. nor the Peterborough Diocesan Board have threatened to withdraw the grants they promised. The Secretary of the Nat. Soc. wrote on the 11th Apr 1872. "There will be no difficulty in extending the time within which the Grant may be claimed. It shall remain on the books until the difficulties you mention are overcome."

I beg to remain Sir.
Yrs faithfully.

The Rev the Secretary.
67 Lincolns Inn Fields
London. W.C

27 Dec 1873

I am told the Primitive Methodists applied to you on Xmas Day & I think you may possibly be under a misapprehension that in giving to them you have been giving to our Church Choir.

The 'Primitives' are a small body in Newbold, mainly supported by a farmer named Hill who lives close to the village but belongs to the parish of Shirkby Mallory.

When you were good enough to give six shillings to our Choir last Xmas they had obtained my leave to apply to you. At that time you shot over more than 200 acres of this Parish & sometimes attended our Parish Church, so that I thought you were so far connected with the Parish as to give them a kind of excuse for their application.

As you are no longer connected with us in either of these ways I have this year prevented them from intruding on you.

I write now for fear you shd think that we have still continued to apply when we no longer have any sort of claim upon you.

Lest you shd be led to suppose that I am now begging indirectly, I must add that our Choir went round yesterday with a written paper from me & that the amount collected has already been divided among them.

Yrs faithfully
etc.

H. O Shore Esq
Sandridge House
Desford
Leicester

Miles & Storer and Rowland Lakin

Sir John Hartopp's subscription £3 received from Messrs Nov 25 1873. Dec 12 1874.

Mrs Browne's subscription £5 received from Messrs Pilgrim & Huston Hinckley. Dec 24. 1873.

12 Jan 1874.

I beg to acknowledge yr letter & am ~~happy to say~~ glad to be able to say in reply that some little progress has now been made. What this amounts to you will best understand from the following extracts.

I received the following letter from Mr Clabon, wrote to me 8 Dec 1873.

"I beg to inform you _____ at Newbold Verdon.

& on my asking for further particulars I received the following letter ~~dated 10 Dec 1873~~ "I do not think — finally settled.

I thereupon laid the above information before the Ld. Depart & enquired whether we might not now be permitted to proceed with the building.

In a letter dated 3 Jan 1874. I have been told "that under the circumstances my Lords _____ promise of a grant.

I am not surprised that the Board shd be anxious to know when we shall be in a position to claim the grant which they were so good as to promise in 1870. but you will see from what I have said that it is still quite impossible for me to conjecture when the school is likely to be finished.

Rev Canon Willes
Ashby Magna.
Lutterworth.

Jan 13 1874

I shd be obliged if you wd be so good as to tell me what fee I ought to charge for a vault or rather as it appears to me to be, for 2 vaults.

A vault has just been made in our churchyard containing places for 3 coffins one below the other, & apparently for the purpose of securing the ground, a similar vault has been made adjoining it but not communicating with it.

I suppose that a "brick grave" will hold only one coffin & that I am right in calling one made for 3 a "vault": I also suppose that the vault might be made to contain any number of coffins without extra fee if only it is constructed to hold them one under the other, but if a double amount of the surface is occupied I doubt whether the charge shd not be increased or even doubled.

I must apologize for troubling you but I hope with yr experience you may be able to give me the information without further trouble than that of answering shortly my enquiry.

Rev Canon Echalaz.
Appleby Rectory
Atherstone

Jan 22 1874

I mentioned to the Churchwardens & some others who were present last night as members of our School building Committee what you had told me of Mr Barrs liberal proposal with regard to the Font. We are of opinion however on consideration that it wd be better to adhere to the usual Custom & I therefore will simply state the amount of the Fee wh I think I shall not be wrong in naming at £5 5 0

Mr Alcock.
Market Street
Ashby de la Zouch

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20 Jan 1874

Having lately received communications from the Court of Chancery & the Education Depart[t] we are beginning to move again in the matter of our School. We have by no means given up the hope of being able to build one without having recourse to a rate & I write now in the name of our School Committee to ask whether you wd be disposed to help us. I suppose we shall soon have among our scholars many little colliers whose fathers are mining at Lindridge.

H O. Shore Esq
Lindridge House
Desford. Leicester

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23 Jan 1874

I write in the name of our School building Committee to ask you whether you will be so good as to design us a School & Teacher's house for this Parish. If you wd have the kindness to let me know when it wd be convenient to you to come over & see the proposed site I wd take care to be at home & wd inform the other members of the Committee of yr coming.

Our population is 716 & we therefore expect to have to build for about 120 children.

I have seen the School designed by you at Cosby & shd be glad if you cd bring the plan of it with you to show to our Committee. I believe it is of about the size we require though the population of Cosby being set down at 940 I doubt whether it is not larger

than I think.

I. B. Everard Esq.
6 Millstone Lane
Leicester.

(Newbold Verdon Parochial School
6 Feb 1874: 2 4769 County of Leicester

Sir, I wish to apply to the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education with reference to the Public Elementary School which we propose to build 2 of which I first forwarded particulars to the Depart[t] 13th Dec 1870.

Among the sources from which we hope to support the school are (1) the annual endowment received from Lord C's Charity (2) Payments to be made by the School Children.

In Lord C's Will occur the following words.

"Item I give the sum of £30 to build a School House at N. V. aforesaid (to teach the children of the same Parish in gratis to write & read) unless I shall build such School House in my life."

He also left £20 per annum as the School Masters stipend.

Although it is hoped that the Crewe Trustees will be enabled under the future scheme to increase the annual grant beyond its original amount of £20 yet it does not appear to be provided by it that the School shd be supported & maintained wholly out of the funds of the Charity. Therefore in calculating the future income of the School we have assumed that we shd be able to receive payments for the children but if the school under the condition of Lord C's benefaction cannot be other than a free school, the income, deprived as it wd be of the children's pence, wd be quite inadequate to meet the expenditure.

I wish to be allowed to enquire whether there is power in the Department or any other body to abolish Lord C's condition that the School shd be free.

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall
London. S W

6 Feb 1874 Attorney General v Liddell 70743

Gentlemen,

In calculating the future income of the proposed school at N. V I have had my attention drawn to the fact that unless payments are received from the children the income of the school wd be quite inadequate to meet the expenditure.

If however a charge be made to the children the school ceases to be a free school.

Now it is evident that Lord C desired intended to provide teaching for the children of this Parish free of charge His words are — (See former letter 'Item I give —)

and the sum of £20 per annum wh he left as the master's stipend appears to have been at that time sufficient for the purpose.

Such a salary having long since become insufficient the school has hitherto continued a free school only at the cost of its efficiency. Under the Ed[n] Act 1870 it will be necessary to make it efficient & the question arises whether, in order to secure its efficiency, it must now cease to be a free school.

The frustration of the Testator's expressed desire wd be unavoidable had not the estate of the Charity increased so much in value as to allow of his intention in this respect being carried out without difficulty.

The new scheme appears to neglect to some extent charitable objects actually mentioned by Lord C in order to apply his bounty to other

objects, wh correspond it may be to those objects but of wh there is no evidence that they were ever contemplated by him, – the former objects not having failed.

I wd submit that it wd far more completely carry out the Testators wishes if it were ordered under the Scheme that N.V. shd participate in the surplus to such an extent as to enable it to provide a school for the children of the parish free of Charge.

Messrs Wood & Hayter.
6 Raymond Buildings
Grays Inn
London W.C.

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16 Feb 1874.

I wish to be allowed to apply to the Charity Commissioners under the following circumstances.

We have a school existing in this Parish wh was built by Lord Crewe in 1720–21 & for wh he left £20 per annum as salary for the School master. The words in his Will are. 'Item I give —— life'.

The School has hitherto existed as a free School at the cost of its efficiency, the sum of £20 not being sufficient to secure the services of a competent master. The School building has long been in an extremely dilapidated condition & is moreover too small for the requirements of the Parish. The Site also, consisting as it does of only 8 perches is of less magnitude than that required by the regulations of the Committee of Council

Under these circumstances it is proposed to exchange the present insufficient Site for a ¼ acre of land in a situation equally commodious for the purposes of a School & to build a Public Elementary School according to the provisions of the Ed.n Act 1870.

'Among the sources. (See 6 Feb. 1st Letter) —— Children'.

'Although it is hoped that the Crewe Trustees will be enabled under a Scheme wh is now before the Master of the Rolls to increase —— expenditure'. (See 6 Feb 1874)

I wish to be allowed to enquire whether a power rests with the Commissioners or any other body to abolish (should it be necessary) Lord C's Condition that the School should be free.

The Secretary of the Charity Commission.
8 York Street.
St James's Square.
London.

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2. March 1874.

I am sorry to hear to trouble the Commissioners again on the subject of Lord Crewe's Free School at Newbold Verdon. The point to wh I wish to ask their attention today was only incidentally referred to in the letter wh I had the honour of addressing to you on the 16th ult.

I mentioned in that letter that it was desired to exchange the site of the existing old school for another piece of land, the present site being of insufficient extent to meet the requirements of the Education Department.

I wish now to enquire with whom wd rest the power of parting with the old site

It does not appear to be claimed by the Crewe Trustees to whom I wrote on the subject in 1870. I have before me a letter from Archdeacon Bland – one of the Trustees – in wh he says that search having been made at Bamburgh Castle for any document relating to the site without effect & after enquiries made of their Solicitors he was of opinion that the site did not belong to the Trustees.

It does not appear to be claimed by Sir J Hartopp who is, I believe, Lord of the Manor as well as Patron of the School. At any rate a Memorial was in Nov 1871 submitted to the Attorney Gl. by Sir J Hartopp Bart, by the Rector Churchwardens & other inhabitants of the Parish of N.V & by the President of Trin Coll. in behalf of the President Fellows & Scholars of the said College the Patrons of the Rectory of N.V — in wh the following passages occur.

'The present site being of less magnitude —
— sufficient extent.'

'The Patron of the School —
— at their discretion.'

The Secretary of the Charity Commission
Etc

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6. March 1874

Gentlemen

I wish to be allowed to apply to you under the following circumstances.

We have a school existing in this Parish wh was built by Lord C in 1720-1721 & for wh he left an endowment of £20 per annum as Salary of the Schoolmaster.

This sum has long been insufficient to secure the services of a Competent Master. Moreover the buildings are now in a very dilapidated condition, there being no fund out of wh to do the repairs. The Site too, consisting as it does of only 8 perches is of less magnitude than that required by the regulations of the Committee of Council.

Under these circumstances —
— Education Act 1870. (See Letter of Feb 16)

If I am not misinformed that I ought to address myself to the Enclosure Commissioners I wish to apply for yr sanction to effect this exchange.

Information on the subject of the School may be obtained from 23rd report of the Charity Commissioners pp 130 131 & from their 32nd report Part V. p 200.

I am Gentlemen
yr obedient Servant.

To the Enclosure Commissioners.
3 St James's Square
London. S W..

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9 March 1874.

I beg to thank the Commrs for their very prompt reply to my letter of the 6th inst. & to say that they are right in assuming that the School has not been helped by any Parliamy grant.

I do not know with whom the power wd rest of parting with the site but I shd wish to place the Commrs in possession of such information as I hold & to obtain their opinion on the subject.

On first coming here to this Parish in 1869 I was told by one of the principal Farmers — now deceased — whose family had occupied a farm in this Parish for more than 40 years that he believed the School was vested in 3 Trustees, the Lord of the Manor (Sir J Harbottle) & the Rector being two ex officio of the body. The remaining Trustee according to this account wd be I suppose the other joint Lord of the Manor mentioned in the Charity Commrs 32nd report p 200.

Unfortunately I have not been able to find any confirmation of this.

When in consequence of the passing of the Ed Act 1870 we began to take steps to provide a School for the Parish we had satisfy the requirements of the, I wrote to Sir J H Oct 5 1870 as follows.

The ground & buildings — Trustees (See Letter)

He said in reply that he knew nothing himself about the School & referred me to his agent who I found cd not tell me anything either.

However no difficulty need be apprehended as Sir J. H. joined with the Rector etc & with the President etc in Submitting in Nov 1871 a Memorial to the Attorney Gl — who is engaged in drawing up a Scheme for the future Distribution of the Surplus income of Lord C's Charity — in wh the following passage occurs.

'The present Site —
— Sufficient extent.

I do not understand whether the 32nd report of the Commrs p 200 does not intend to represent the ground as well as the building as 'purchased with the £30 given by Lord Crewe but the earlier report p 130 speaks only of the School as built with this sum & the fuller interpretation agrees better with the words of Lord C's will

'Item I give etc

It is perhaps I think not improbable that the School was built by means of this gift of £30 upon the waste. The Site is a narrow irregular strip of land by the side of the road some 132 feet in length by 16 23 & 12 feet in different parts. It is perhaps also in favour of this view that no deed of conveyance is forthcoming.

The Site is not claimed by the Trustees of Lord C's Charity who have contented themselves with paying annually the £20 left as salary for the Master but have not kept the building in

repair or assisted the School in any other way. I wrote to them on the subject of the Site in 1870 & have before me a letter from Archdeacon Bland — (See 2 March 1874)

— Trustees.

I am etc.

To the Inclosure Commissioners.

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11 March 1874.

Referring to the letter wh I addressed to you 17 June 1873 I wish to say that we have now applied to the Inclosure Commrs. for their sanction to the proposed exchange of the Site of the ~~existing~~ old Free School for ¼ acre of land in a situation equally convenient for the purposes of a School.

The present site containing only 8 perches is of less extent than that required by the Regulations of the Committee of Council & it is not possible to obtain any of the land adjoining.

I am informed that it would facilitate matters if you wd be so good as to state that the Crewe Trustees do not themselves make any claim to the Site.

I have before me a letter from Archdeacon Bland dated Dec 6. 1870 in wh he tells me that he had made enquiries of you on this subject & that search having been made without effect in the Muniment Room at Bamburgh Castle for any document relating to the Site of the School he was of opinion that ~~the Site~~ it did not belong to the Trustees.

We should be glad to receive yr opinion to this effect as soon as you can make it convenient to attend to the matter.

Messrs Dickson
Narrowgate House
Alnwick.

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20 April 1874

I hope you will excuse me for troubling you again. I sent the letter, of wh I forward a copy, to Messrs Dickson on March 11th but have received no answer whatever to it. Perhaps you wd assist me & prevent further delay.

I am etc.

Ven Archdeacon Bland.
The College.
Durham.

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27 April 1874

I beg to acknowledge yr letter received this morning & to thank you for yet another instance of yr readiness to assist us.

I am emboldened by seeing that you are now in Leicestershire to enquire whether you cd not make it possible to pay a visit to Newbold.

We shd be most happy to place a bedroom at yr service any time this week, when I wd gladly take the opportunity of laying our wishes & prospects before you, or if you cd not spare so much

as a right, a portion of the day spent on the Spot wd put you far more completely in possession of our circumstances than any number of letters.

Newbold is 10 miles from Leicester but the stations at Desford & Ragworth on the Leicester & Burton Line are only 3 miles away & I wd gladly meet you at either of these with my pony carriage.

If it is not too much to ask you to make this sacrifice of time I am persuaded that it wd be of very great advantage that the Trustees shd know the exact state of a school with wh they have been so long connected.

Ven. Archdeacon Bland
Gaddesby Hall.
Leicester.

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2 June 1874.

In reply to yr letter of the 29th ult. I beg to say that I believe the Scheme is expected to come before the Chief Clerk this month & before the Court in July. I will endeavour to see Mr. Clabon again in the next few days & will afterwards call at the Edn Depart. with any more definite information I may receive from him. I have the honour to be Sir,

The Secretary
Education Depart.
Whitehall
London S.W.

6 June 1874.

Sir. I received a letter from the Educ. Depart. on May 30th to enquire whether the Court of Chancery had made any progress in settling the Scheme for Lord C's Charity, and the Writer went on to say that the Depart. cd not much longer delay the final notice calling upon us to elect a Board & build a School by a rate.

I went in consequence to London & called at the office of the attorney Gl's Solicitors but though I ascertained that the Scheme wd be before the Chief Clerk on the 19th inst & come again into the Court of the Master of the Rolls in July there did not appear to be much hope entertained that any decision was likely to be arrived at before the Long Vacation.

In a personal interview wh the Ed. Depart. afterwards allowed me I found that the cause of the reluctance shown by the Privy Council to promise us a grant towards building is the uncertainty they feel as to our power of maintaining the School as a Denominational School. They informally assured me that the Privy Council is most unwilling to make any Building Grant if there appears to be any likelihood that for lack of sufficient funds to support it when built, the School wd afterwards be transferred to a Board & they intimated that if I cd guarantee an income to the School of about £75 from School pence Subscriptions etc the Council wd be prepared to promise a grant & the Building might commence.

I do not know whether at first we cd estimate the Children's pence as amounting to more than £40.

& we have therefore to consider whether we ought depend upon £30 or more being raised annually by voluntary subscriptions without taking into consideration any sum we may think it likely we shall obtain from Lord C's Charity.

Indeed it is uncertain whether we shall hereafter be able to use this endowment for the general purposes of the School The Charity Commissioners are of opinion that it wd better accord with Lord C's intention that the Children shd have as free education if some portion at any rate of the sum were awarded in the way of scholarships to the most meritorious children

I think it necessary under the circumstances to apply at once to the Persons chiefly connected with this Parish in order to ascertain whether we may reasonably look forward to such assistance as wd warrant me in assuring the Ld. Depart that there is a reasonable prospect of the School being efficiently maintained as a Church of England School

I am told that the building grant made to Coxby near Harborough - a village in somewhat similar circumstances to this amounted to £180 for a School & a Teacher's house. I do not see why Govern't should award us any smaller sum but the cost of everything has risen so much of late and both Canon Willes & Mr Pearard Leicester the Architect whom we have consulted inform us that we cannot expect to build a School & Teachers house for less than £1200. & therefore I fear we have still much to do before we shall have obtained the necessary funds.

There is however no longer any doubt that we shall receive £200 towards building out of Lord C's Charity. This suggestion of the attorney Gl's Scheme the Court has already confirmed & I believe we may apply for the money as soon as we commence building: it wd not be available it is thought for a rate built School.

I have th honour to be, Sir,
etc.

Sir John Hartopp Bart.
Aston Flamville
Hinckley.

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8 June 1874.

Greatly to our disappointment we have up to this time been prevented from beginning to build a School owing to the long-continued delay of the Court of Chancery in settling the scheme drawn up by the Attorney General for the future distribution of the surplus income of Lord Crewe's Charity. The Scheme is to come before the Court almost immediately but the att. Gl's Solicitors do not appear to entertain much hope that any decision is likely to be arrived at before the Long Vacation.

In the meantime I have received a letter from the Ld Depart asking whether any progress has yet been made in the settlement of the Scheme & adding that the Depart cannot much longer delay the final notice calling upon us to elect a Board & build a School by means of a rate.

I went in consequence to London & obtained on Friday last a personal interview at the Education Depart. I ascertained that the cause — see preceding letter to end —

Hoping you will excuse the great length at wh I have

felt myself obliged to write in order to put you in possession of all the facts. I etc —

Mrs Browne
Stont's Hill
Uley
Gursley

J. Cope Esq
25 Cleveland Gardens
Hyde Park
London. W.

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9 June 1874.

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Mr Shore has found coal at that part of his estate wh is nearest to the Glebe & wishes me to concede the working of the coal under the glebe to him. The shaft will be sunk on his land at the spot where they have bored & found the coal but instead of working towards Desford under the main part of his own land it seems that they want to work towards Newbold along the Valley, the coal being either better in this direction or in larger quantity. There shd be a considerable area available for working to make it worth a moneid mans while to sink a shaft & go to other necessary expenses & it is partly for this reason that he wishes to secure the coal under the glebe but partly also because he wd then have no cause to apprehend that any other shaft wd be sunk in the neighbourhood of his, the other properties being too small for the purpose., So that if he obtained a concession of the glebe he cd be sure that the other smaller Landowners must come into his terms.

He said something about 6d or 1/- a ton for every ton of coal extracted but he also hinted something about a lump sum to start with before they arrived at the glebe coal at all, & it certainly seems, if it is of so much importance to him to secure the glebe that it wd be worth the Company's while to pay down something handsome to induce me to come to some agreement with them.

xxx. Etc.

Rev Eden Cole.
Doddington Rectory
Lincoln

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19 June 1874

I shd be much obliged if you wd kindly let me have an early answer to my letter of the 8th inst. The final notice ordering the election of a Board may come upon us suddenly & cannot be much longer delayed. If I receive promises of support from the principal Landowners towards the maintenance of the School, I shall venture to guarantee the remainder of the sum myself & after first holding a meeting of the Ratepayers shall write up to the Education Department to say that the sum required by the Privy Council for the maintenance of the school may be depended on.

I may add to what I said in my former letter that we have or may reasonably expect to obtain more than £600 towards a Voluntary School from sources from which we should derive nothing if the school were built by means of a rate. viz

Mrs Greenways Request	—	£100
Church Societies		110
Trinity College	at least -	50
Lord Crewe's Charity	—	200
Grant from Government	at least	150 ?
		610.

This you will observe does not take into account donations from individuals as I mentioned in my last letter I heard in the office of the Attorney General's Solicitors that the £200 from Lord Crewe's Charity wd probably not be available for a rate built School; The other items in the list certainly would not.

I have the honour etc.

Mrs Browne & Sir John Hartopp.

22 June 1874

I beg to thank you for yr letter received this morning & for yr kind promise of £10 a year towards the maintenance of the school. I hope I shall soon be able to write & say that the building has commenced, It wd be most desirable if we cd get a school built before the winter.

The school you mention in Surrey must have been I think a Church of England School wh the Clergyman has been able to transfer to a School Board on his own terms; but if a School is built by a rate the Clergyman has no more to do with it than any one else. The majority of the Board may allow him to have the use of it on Sundays but they may also refuse it, & he is not allowed to teach the children himself in School hours during the week.

However my reason chiefly for endeavouring to get a school built without having recourse to a rate has been mainly to meet the general wish of the Parish & to utilize the large amount mentioned in my last letter, wh wd otherwise be lost to us.

I must apologise for having been obliged again to trouble you but I may assure you that you cannot dislike to receive these begging letters so much as I dislike to have to write them.

I have the honour to be —

Sir John Hartopp Bart.
23 Eaton Square.
London. S.W.

24 June 1874.

I well remember when Mr Plummer was candidate for a Fellowship at Trinity Coll how much struck we were with his work & there was absolutely no difference of opinion as to his claims to be elected to one of the 2 Fellowships then vacant.

We did not then know how fortunate we were in securing his services but we afterwards became aware that he possessed qualities of wh no examination can be a test & that we had succeeded in obtaining a most valuable member of the College.

He was, I think, employed in Lecturing from the first & was, I know, early called upon to fill the office of Dean — a post wh he has ever since held with great advantage to the College. In writing to one who is so familiar with academical life I am well aware that I need not dwell on the rare combination of qualities wh is required for success in this post but I may perhaps be allowed to say as having been for some years his colleague & as having had opportunities since I left Oxford, of knowing a good deal about it the College that I believe that it has been in a great measure owing to Mr Plummer's firmness & tact that we have escaped the

difficulties wh are so apt from time to time to arise in College. Whilst his quiet determination has made the Deans authority respected the most marked feature in his management has been I think his power of sympathising with a great variety of characters & he has in this way exerted a winning influence, none the less powerful because it has been so unobtrusive.

He informs me that he now wishes to offer himself for the Mastership of Univ Coll Durham. I regret it exceedingly for the sake of Trinity College Oxford for I know that whenever Mr P ceases us, his departure will leave a vacancy wh it will be very difficult to supply.

The Very Rev
The Dean
The College Durham.

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27 June 1874.

{ Newbold Verdon Parochial School.
{ E. a. E. 3700 Leicester

Sir Referring to my letter of 2nd inst & the interview wh was subsequently granted to me I beg to say that I hope very shortly to forward the plans of the School for the approval of the Department; that I do not believe that it has ever been in contemplation whatever may be the scheme finally decided on — to deprive this Parish of the £20 received annually from Lord Crewe's Charity but I am now in a position to be able to guarantee for the maintenance of the School an income of £75 per annum from subscriptions Donations & School pence combined without

I have &c honorar etc.

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall
London S.W.

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9 July 1874.

I write in the name of our Building Committee to ask you to be so good as to make out the plans for our School of wh I enclose the rough sketch.

I am very anxious that the Plans shd be sent up to the Ed. Depart^t as soon as possible for fear in case of delay that the final notice shd arrive imposing upon us a School Board wh with its attendant expenses we are, we & all, most desirous to avoid. I am sure that you will oblige us so far as you can in this respect.

You will not forget to make the alteration as to the entrance into the Infant School & I think we must ask you to make a change in the sketch so that only about half the amount of Stonework may be employed. This is for the purpose of lessening the expense.

The fact is that we have been deserted by Mr Arnold the largest Ratepayer in the Parish, a resident Landowner but as he was in a minority of one, we have determined to build our School in spite of him. You may remember that

he gave us some trouble on the occasion of yr coming over to see the site. I am informed that Mr Thomas Marson (Auctioneer) of Cadeby (2 miles from Newbold) is willing to act with you as Valuer without Fee.

In case of yr coming over the only day on wh I am engaged is Tuesday next when I have to attend a Rural decanal Chapter.

J. B. Everard Esq.
6 Millstone Lane
Leicester

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11 July 1874 { Newbold Verdon Parochial School
E.A.S. 3700 Leicester

Sir

The architect employed on the plans of the school to wh I referred in my letter of the 27th ult has written to ask me for certain forms respecting the dimensions etc wh as he says he will have to fill in. Not finding any such forms among the papers forwarded to me I desire to ask the Depart.t for their instructions.

I have etc.

To The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall S.W.

28 July 1874.

I must apologize for troubling you with a matter in wh we have no sort of claim upon you but it is thought that you still continue to take an interest in N. & that I might therefore venture to write in the name of our School Building Committee to enquire whether you wd think yrself justified in rendering us assistance.

We are still without a School that will satisfy the requirements of the Education Act 1870 although we were in a position to apply for aid to the Privy Council before Jan. 1. 1871 & are therefore curiously enough still entitled to a Building Grant. The protracted delay has been owing to the Court of Chancery wh has been for a long time engaged in in drawing up a Scheme for the future distribution of Lord C's Charity. As we receive a small annual endowment from this Charity we have hitherto been directed to take no further steps till the Scheme is settled. Now however the Ed: Department seems disposed no longer to insist upon this but & is willing to allow us to proceed on certain conditions. Unfortunately we find that prices have risen so much in the meantime that the cost of building will be at least one third more than it wd have been in 1871 & we are told that it will require nearly as much as £1200 to build a School & Teacher's House.

The greater part of this amount has been already promised to us but as usual the greatest difficulty is felt at the last & we are now making a final effort to obtain the sum required

It wd be most unfortunate for the Parish were we to fail in this, as we shd thus be deprived of some £600 or more which we may reasonably expect from sources from wh it appears that we shd derive nothing if the School had afterwards to be provided by means of a rate.

I may mention that without reckoning contributions promised by individuals we have the following large sums available for a Church of England School.

Grant for Government. perhaps	£ 150	or more.
Late Mrs Greenways Bequest. about	100.	
Trinity College Oxford.	50.	
Lord Crewe's Charity —	200	
Three Church Societies —	110	
	£ 610.	

Hoping you will excuse this Letter, I beg to remain Sir — etc

Joseph Crosher Esq.
York Villa
Loughborough.

29 July 1874.

I wish to be allowed in the name of our School building Committee to apply to you again for assistance towards building a School that will satisfy the requirements of the Ed. Act 1870 without having recourse to a rate.

We are still without a School although — See former Letter
— Teachers house.

The greater part of this amount has been already promised to us & we are now making a final effort to obtain the remainder of the sum required & think ourselves justified in applying to those owners of property who have not yet promised us any help.

It wd be most unfortunate for the Parish, were we obliged to give up the idea of building a School by voluntary subscriptions as we shd thus — (see former Letter.) — £ 610 —

I have the honour to be Madam,
Your obediently.

Mrs Knowles.
Trafford Villa
Nuneaton.

For Letters Aug 3. & Aug 7 to J. B Everard Esq. omitted here see Dec. 2.

2 Sept 1874.

Madam.

I find that your Ladyship is owner of 2 Cottages & about 9 acres of land in this Parish & am therefore compelled to appeal to you for assistance towards building the School required by the Education Act.

We are endeavouring to obtain sufficient help assistance to build the School without having recourse to a rate for the purpose wh wd press heavily on the large number of small owners of property in this Parish.

Owing to the great rise in prices the Cost of a School & Teachers house, it is estimated, will not be less than £1200 The greater part of this amount has been already promised to us & we are now making a final effort to obtain the rest of the Sum required & we hope we may be allowed to ask you to assist us.

It would be most unfortunate for the Parish, were we obliged to give up the idea of building a school by ~~means of a rate~~ voluntary Subscriptions as more than half the amount promised us is derived from sources from which we shd obtain nothing if the School had afterwards to be provided by means of a rate.

Hoping you will excuse the liberty I am taking in writing to yr Ladyship

I am
yr obedient servant.

Lady Anne Blunt

2. Sept 1874.

I should be much obliged to you if you would be so good as to forward the enclosed letter to Lady Anne Blunt I am, Sir,

yrs faithfully
W. J. Cole.

H. V. Gostling Esq.
Oakley.
Near Bedford.

16 July 1874.

Newbold de Verdun Schools.

Having examined the place together we are of opinion that the site proposed to be given by the Rector of Newbold de Verdun for the proposed new Schools & Master's House being about 1200 Yards superficial is of the value of £70 & that the site to be received by the Rector in exchange for the above, being the site of the old School & containing about 8 perches is of the value of £14.

Thos Marson.
I. B. Everard.

School house. Teacher's residence Boundary walls & outbuildings	} £ 1093.	
Desks benches & other internal fittings of School-house.		45.
Fittings of residence	—	5.
Architects Commission.		57.
Total estimated outlay.		£1200.

Contents of Site in Square yards. 1200.

	a.	R.	P
Area of Parish	1749	0	32

Valuation for Poor Rate. { Gross estimated £ 3893 . 5 . . Rateable. £ 3417 . 19 . . 0

No of Ratepayers in parish 74.

No of Ratepayers Subscribing to erection of school. 54.

Receipts.

Local.			
By Voluntary local subscriptions			£ 644 " 0 " 6
By Value of Site	£ 70	Less 14	56
Not Local.			
By Contributions			206.
By Grant from. S P C K.	£10		
National Soc.	50		
Diocesan Board.	50		110
Total amount.			1016 " 0 " 6
Deficiency to Balance			239 " 19 " 6
			£ 1256 " 0 " 0

Expenditure

By Value of Site - —		56
Buildings as already Stated.		1200
		1256.

The expenditure of the reduced estimate (received Feb 17) was £ 1177 " 17 " 2
Value of Site 56
1233 " 17 " 2

Receipts (National Society omitted) 966-0-6
Deficiency to Balance 267-16-8
1233 " 17 " 2

5 Sept 1874.

{ Newbold de Verdun
E A E. County of (3700) Leicester

Sir ~~I beg to forward to you herewith~~.

1. Tracing of the Plans.
2. Specification.
3. Valuation of Site certified by 2 professional surveyors.
4. School Building Form No 7.
5. School Building Form No 7 a (Local Contributions)

I have this day forwarded to you relating ~~Corrected~~ by post the following documents to ~~both~~ the School which I hope you will receive safely & find Correct.

I have the honour to be. etc.

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall.
London S. W.

Sept 25 1874 { Newbold Verdon Parochial School. 4769

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Plans & Specification approved by their Lordships this day

With respect to the Crewe Charity I am informed that the Case is to be argued before the Master of the Rolls next Term. ~~but without~~ but as it would seem from past experience that the decision of the Court may be indefinitely delayed ~~I do not wish to put off the building of the School~~

I am anxious that the building of the School should proceed as soon as possible ~~not be further delayed~~ & as I mentioned in a Letter dated 27 June 1874 I am in the event etc (See below) ~~now in a position to be~~ ready notwithstanding 2. ~~able~~ to guarantee for the maintenance of the School an income of £75 per annum from Subscriptions Donation & School pence combined [~~in the event of the Loss~~ without taking subsequently into account ~~of the £20~~ now received from Lord Crewe's Charity.]

Perhaps I may be allowed to add that it would greatly facilitate our proceedings if we cd be early informed of the amount of the Grant wh their Lordships propose to award

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall
London S.W.

25 Sept 1874

I received a Letter from Mr Clabon 8 Dec 1873 informing me that the Court had sanctioned the Grant out of the funds of Lord Crewe's Charity of the sum of £200 towards the erection of the proposed new school ~~not~~ building in this Parish & desiring me to communicate with you.

I am glad to be able now to say that the Plans Specification etc have been approved by the Privy Council & that we propose to proceed with the building without further delay

S. Rowlandson Esq
The College
Durham.

25 Sept 1874

I have this morning received again the Plans & Specification from the Education Department which have been approved by their Lordships

Will you be so good as to tell me what steps ~~we are to take next~~ are to be taken next.

I enclose a Letter which I received from Mr Lilley ~~who offers~~ offering to give in a Tender

J. B. Everard Esq
6 Millstone Lane
Leicester

Sept 28. 1874.

Will you be so good as to have the quantities taken out & I shd be obliged if you wd let me know what you recommend as to advertising or not for Tenders so that I may consult the other members of the Committee on the subject.

The plans & Specification ~~after~~ sent up to the Education Department have I see to be returned to the Department So you require them so as to take copies? If so, I shd have an opportunity of forwarding them to you on ~~after~~ Wednesday after the Post has come in.

J. B Everard Esq

October 1 1874.

Gentlemen.

Referring to letters which I wrote on the 6th & 9th March 1874 & to replies received from the Commissioners on the 7th & 10th of the same months I now beg to forward the draft application (~~& Map~~) for their approval.

I have obtained a letter from Archdeacon Bland one of the ~~Ex~~ Trustees of Lord Crewe's Charity waiving all claim on the part of the Trustees to the Site of the Old School.

The pieces in question have already been valued for the purposes of the Education Department by Mr J. B Everard Architect Leicester & Mr T. Marson Valuer of Cadeby. If it meets with the approval of the Commissioners I propose to ask them to write & sign a similar Statement to forward to the Commissioners.

Their certificate is as follows.

'Having examined the place together we are of opinion that the Site proposed to be given by the Rector of Newbold Verdon for the proposed new Schools & Masters House, being about. etc - see 16 July.

I propose to forward such certificate with Archdeacon Bland's letter & the Map when I am able to return to you the application ~~to the Commissioners~~ executed

The sanctions of the Bp of the Diocese & of the Patron has already been promised

I have the honour to be Gentlemen
etc.

The Inclosure Commissioners
3. St James's Square
London.

October 5. 1874.

I have the honour of returning to the Depart.t School Building Form No 4. wh I hope you will find correct.

At the same time I wish to be allowed to say, with ref.e to your letter of the 28th ult. that you are under a misapprehension in supposing that it is intended to build the Master's Residence on the site of the old School. We ascertained that it would have increased the expense to have built it apart from the School & it is proposed to build both School & Master's house on the ½ acre Glebe. wh the Rector will give with the Sanction of the Inclosure Commissioners in exchange for the 8 perches wh form the site of the old School.

The Secretary.
Ed Depart.t
Whitehall
London S.W.

October 8. 1874.

I have now the honour of forwarding to you the papers as desired viz.

1. Letter from Archdeacon Bland in the name of the Crewe Trustees.
2. Valuation.
3. Map.

We have no Parish map. The accompanying Map is a copy of one belonging to Trin Coll Oxford the Patrons of the Living. The original is a map of the detached portions of the Glebe & was made by Mr Morris of Sutton Cheney. Hinckley in 1870 for the College.

I propose that the application shd be signed, as you suggest, by Sir J Hartopp Bart as Lord of the Manor & One of the Patrons of the School. by the Rector & by the 2 Churchwardens of the Parish.

The Inclosure Commissioners.

Copy of Archdeacon Bland's Letter.

Gaddesby Hall Leicester
April 25. 1874.

My dear Sir.

This morning I have received a letter from Messrs Dickson, mentioning that they forwarded at once yr letter of the 11th of March to one of the Trustees of Lord Crewe's Charities in order that it might be considered at the Meeting on the 21st of this month.

I may now state as advised by Messrs Dickson that the Trustees do not themselves make any claim to the site of the School at N. V. Such a claim was never heard of. All that the Trustees have done has been to give some money to this School in common with many others; but this does not give to the Trustees any interest in the Sites of any of the Schools.

This opinion is very satisfactory & you will not I trust have any difficulty in carrying out the change & improvement you desire. Believe me to remain

Yrs very truly
George Bland.

The Rev.d W. Cole.

15 Oct 1874

{ Newbold Verdon Parochial School
Leicester 4769.

Sir.

In reply to yr letter received this morning I have to know to inform you that I have already obtained the Sanction of the Bishop of the Diocese & of the Patron of the Living to the proposal to employ 4 acre of Glebe as the site of an elementary School according to the provisions of the Ed^n Act 1870. the land to be conveyed to the Rector & Churchwardens.

With reference to the site of the old School. I have to add that there is no Trust Deed. It is intended to effect the exchange under the powers of the Inclosure Commissioners who have at the present time all the required papers in their hands.

The Secretary
Ed. Depart^t.

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23 Oct 1874.

In reply to yr letter received this morning I have the honour to inform you that I applied in the 1st instance to the Charity Comm^rs & was referred by them to the Inclosure Comm^rs.

The following extracts will I hope place my proceedings clearly before you. ~~The following extracts will I hope make the matter fully & clearly clear, but I must add that I had written previously~~ I had previously viz Feb 16 1874 ~~on another subject~~ writing to the Charity Comm^rs for advice on another matter; not having received a reply on this matter I wrote to them ~~Feb 16 1874 to the Charity Commissioners for advice on another matter~~ again on March 2 1874 as follows.

March 2. 1874 I am sorry etc —— claimed.

On March 6th I received ~~on March 6th a letter from the Charity Com^rs~~ from them a letter the of wh the Postscript only was in answer to the above, the former part being in reply to my previous letter Feb 16. 1874.

The letter is as follows. 5th March 1874.

Rec^d Sir "yr letter —— "will be prepared" —

P.S. "The above" —— end.

You will observe that throughout these extracts the Charity Comm^rs regard the Inclosure Comm^rs as the Board under whose powers the exchange shd be effected.

I may add that I had not mentioned the Inclosure Commissioners in either of my letters to the other Board & that my application to them was made entirely at the suggestion of the Charity Commissioners as conveyed in their letter of March 5 1874.

Awaiting yr further instructions. —

The Secretary
Ed. Department

6 Nov 1874.

as soon as the process of taking out the Quantities is complete will you be so good as to let me know whether it accords with your estimate. I have been to London this week to see Commissioners Education Depart[t] etc. & find that there is no longer any reason why we should not begin to build as soon as we ourselves are in a position to do so.

I am still unable to ~~ascertain~~ ascertain the comparative expense of tiles & slates. You may remember that I mentioned that I had been recommended to have tiles for outbuildings on the Glebe Farm. I now learn that my Cousin in Lincolnshire has tiles from Staffordshire for his new Stables & a superior kind for the Church, having been told that in bolt cases tiles would be less expensive than slates.

J. R. Pearard Esq.

9. Nov 1874.

I wish to write to you again with reference to the Grant made by the Society Dec 24. 1870 towards the proposed school in this Parish & on wh I last addressed you Dec 18. 1873.

I need not, I think, repeat the peculiar circumstances wh in spite of all our efforts have hitherto prevented us from ~~beginning to build~~ proceeding with the School & wh I described at length in that letter but I desire to acquaint inform the Committee that our ~~plans~~ building architects plans have now been approved & sealed by the Ed. Depart[t] & we hope shortly to commence building

Under the very exceptional circumstances we trust that the Committee will not feel themselves obliged to withdraw the Grant formerly made — the more so as the cost of building has increased so much since 1871 that in order to carry out our object we need all the assistance we can obtain

The Rev The Secretary
67 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London W.C.

9 Nov 1874

I herewith return School building form No 4 which was forwarded to me on the 29th ult.

Their Lordships Council having since the above date recommended me to apply to the Charity Commissioners — [recurred to the suggestion contained in a former letter dated Oct 21 &] I believe that the enclosed form should again be placed in your hands

The Secretary
Education Department.

11 Nov. 1874

I have several times regretted that I had not the plans in my possession so as to be able to exhibit them to Contributors & others desiring to see them. The National Society in making their Grant desired to be furnished with a tracing of the Building & it occurs to me that if you would be good enough to have such a tracing made now I could make use of it in the interval & afterwards forward it in due course to the Society.

I shd be glad, whenever yr next have occasion to write, if you wd assist me to answer 2 enquiries wh have been made to me

1/ Whether the Contractor in making his tender relies on the amount of the quantities wh the Architect has already had taken out or whether he is guided mainly or solely by the Specifications themselves

2/ as to the Superintendence of the building while it is in progress — whether or not you undertake yrself to see that the work is being properly done.

J. B Everard Esq.

2 Dec 1874

I was glad to receive yr letter this morning & to find that the 'taking out of the quantities' was completed but I do not clearly understand what the result is as compared with yr estimate forwarded to the Rd^s Dept. & I feel the more uncertain as you speak of Sacrificing the pressed brick face & "with a pruning of all excesses." This appears to indicate considerable changes in the specifications.

If however I understand it correctly I fear that you now find that even that estimate was lower than it shd have been & that not to exceed £1200 other reductions besides those you then made will be necessary.

I may remind you that the sacrifice of the pressed brick face has never been contemplated since the first when you said in reply to a suggestion of this kind made by me that it wd be desirable to give up anything else in preference & that in the last interview wh I had with you in yr office you said that if the cost shd prove higher than you anticipated the windows must be made less costly.

As soon as I hear from you again I will lose no time in laying yr letter before the Building Committee.

The items as presented to the Depart^t were as follows.

(See before)

J. B. Everard Esq

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3 Aug 1874

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the parcel by Carrier & of yr letter this morning.

I am greatly surprised to find the total estimated outlay so much higher than you anticipated & thought at first it must include the site but have since observed that the value of site is to be entered not on the 2nd but on the 4th page. However as you do not refer in yr letter to the large increase in the estimate I do not know what to think.

You may remember that you assured me that £1200 wd cover the expenses of the building in the rough sketch & wd also include the items contained in the account of the Cosby expenditure & when we decided on having only about half the amount of the Stonework we imagined that the total outlay wd not exceed £1175 or £1180.

I am afraid however that you have omitted little or none of the Stonework & considering the difficulty wh as I mentioned to you, we have in making up the sum required

we must not incur unnecessary expense in this respect.

If the total outlay does not include the value of site, the large amount will be entirely beyond our means.

J.B. Loerard Esq.

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7 Aug. 1874.

I was sorry not to see you on Wednesday when I called at yr office. Wd you be so good as to let us know what alterations you wd recommend in yr plans so as to reduce the estimate by at least £50. ?

J.B Loerard Esq.

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1 Sept 1874.

I write to acknowledge the receipt of the Tracing & am much pleased with the alterations in the Masters house. I am sorry however to see that you have only been able to bring the estimate within £1200 by deducting £3 for the Architects Commission. It wd be most unfair that this deduction shd be made esp after additional trouble has been given & I must ask you to allow the Total estimate to be £1203 so as to include this.

The boundary walls are no doubt included in the estimate but I can not find any particulars in the specification: wd you let me know what height you intend them to be.

I observe that the rain drain is in the tracing still carried under the Masters house. I think you intended to make an alteration so as to carry it outside.

J.B Loerard Esq

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21 Dec 1874.

The time is very near when our Choir will be pressing me to let them call upon you & I am anxious to know beforehand whether you wd wish to give them anything & if so, whether you wd prefer that they shd come to Lindridge or not.

You will remember, I think, that last year I prevented them from intruding on you & when they afterwards found that you had made a handsome present to the Dissenters, they were anything but grateful to me for not having allowed them to go.

We write in wishing you all a happy Xtmas & hoping Mrs S is quite well.

etc.

H.O Shore Esq.

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19 Aug 1874

In acknowledging yr letter received yesterday I am anxious to know exactly in what position you claim to place me. Do you wish me to understand that I must either accept the present plans "with slight modifications" or pay £20 in addition to the usual 5 per cent?

I shd be glad to know the meaning of these "slight modifications" Do they include the alterations we desire in front of the Teacher's house? – ie plain angular roofs & a plain gable end as in the "Rough sketch", stone however being introduced only for the cills of the windows, all of wh wd be square-headed. Also is it intended to reduce expense by omitting the more ornamented & extravagant features of the School building?

I have repeatedly in conversation with you mentioned the difficulty we were likely to find in obtaining sufficient funds & I see that in my letter July 9th I spoke of our wish to "lessen expense". On the preceding Saturday July 4th I called on you & enquired whether we might not omit the stonework entirely & you will remember that though then preferring slates I decided on tiles for the roof simply because you told me that they wd be less expensive than the better slates.

I have called upon you today so as to prevent as far as possible further loss of time.

J.B. Loerard Esq

[Mr Loerard was found at his office & I had a personal interview with him. It was therefore unnecessary to leave this letter wh he now received.].

At a meeting held in the School room on July 2nd 1874 after due notice & adjourned to July 7th it was resolved that the School building Committee be desired to continue their efforts to secure the building of a School & Teacher's house to satisfy the Ed.n Act 1870 without having recourse to a rate. At the same time the Churchwardens were instructed to take the necessary steps for exchanging the site of the present school (wh is not more than 8 or 9 perches in extent & therefore insufficient to meet the requirements of Govern.t Ed.n Code) for ¼ acre of Glebe offered by the Rector as the site of a Church of England School.

The Committee & Mr Loversed

1874 Feb 12 Rough sketch. Cost wd be about £1200.

July 9. Please lessen expense by employing only half the amount of Stonework.

Aug 1. Tracing £1230.

— 7. Please reduce £50.

Sept 6. The altered plans forwarded to Ed.n Depart.t Estimate £1200.

Dec 2. After taking out quantities the estimate rises to £1235

— 24 The lowest tender is £1207 which with Architects Commission makes a total of £1267.

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1 Jan 1875.

The Committee will be glad to know when it will be in yr power to meet them again on the subject of the School.

Having a limited sum to deal with, as you have been aware from the first they cannot sanction the accepting of a contract considerably in excess of that amount & the question of Neck's Contract wd not have been favourably entertained, had it not been their impression that the sum total included the Architects commission. The acceptance of Neck's Contract must therefore stand over for the present.

In the meantime perhaps you can look further into the Estimate & see what reductions can be made.

I N. Loversed Esq

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5 Jan 1875

I had intended to propose Thursday to you but now find it doubtful whether Mr Cox cd attend. Perhaps however it will be better to postpone the meeting till you have had sufficient time to make the reductions necessary to bring the building within the means wh we have at our disposal

There is no longer any doubt that the external appearance must be sacrificed. We must in the first place give up the idea of pressed bricks but before resigning ourselves to the commonest kind we shd be obliged if you wd make enquiries about some of an

intermediate kind & let us know the cost of them as compared with the pressed & the commonest bricks.

In the 2nd place we have no longer any choice but to substitute plain windows for the large windows looking E & N. We must request you to let us what saving can be effected in this way & we shd be obliged to you to forward a rough sketch of the windows with wh you wd propose to replace the present ones.

I hope that further alterations may not be required: otherwise the Bell cot must go. wh I see from yr letter 8 Aug 1874 in wh you recommend that the cutting down process shd be deferred till after the Lowest Tender is known, you estimate as likely to save £30.

I greatly deplore the necessity of these reductions & am loath aware that we are now in a worse position than we shd have been if a less expensive building had been originally proposed to us & I regret very much that with yr knowledge of the uncertainty of an Architect's estimate you had not so calculated as to allow for the possibility of the lowest Tender being in excess even after repeated reductions had been made.

J. B Everard Esq.

Newbold Verdon Parochial School
Leicester 476

6 Jan 1875

I am directed by the Charity Commissioners to forward to you the accompany Draft Scheme in order to obtain the Sanction of the Department to the proposed Committee of Management which it is intended shoned be the same as that which will hereafter be submitted to you for approval in the Draft Deed.

The Secretary
Ed.n Department.
Whitehall
London S.W.

7 Jan 1875.

In reply to yr letter recd this morning I feel myself at liberty to say that the Committee not having been desirous to prevent Mr Beck from having the Contract ultimately do not see any objection to yr having such Communication with him as will enable you to estimate what Saving can be effected by the alterations mentioned in my Letter of the 6th inst.

They wd also be glad to learn whether you cd not obtain from him a more exact idea of the expense wh it will be necessary to incur with regard to the foundations. The possible saving in this respect amounting in yr opinion

to £20. I need not point out to you how useful this information wd be to us at the present time if it cd be obtained.

I. N. Coerard Esq

16 Jan. 1875.

Among other reductions I think I must make up my mind to forego the wall wh I stipulated that the Committee shd build for me round the site of the old School. In doing this I shd of course wish not to part with my own wall at the end of the Glebe, so as to be able to make use of the materials myself.

Wd you be so good as to ascertain from Mr Beck what value he put upon this wall independently of the materials of the old school buildings. as I believe I am correct in supposing that the £19 does include it.

I duly received yr sketch of the 7th inst & as soon as you can let us know what saving ~~with~~ wd be effected by means of plainer windows & less expensive bricks I shall be glad to have another meeting.

I. N Coerard Esq.

16 Jan 1875

I beg to ~~forward~~ return to you the Draft Scheme wh ~~has been returned~~ I have received from the Education Department this morning.

I am at the same time informed that their Lordships have no objection to the Committee of management which has been so drawn up as to be exactly in accordance with the Draft Deed which they had previously forwarded.

I have omitted, as you will observe, to name the particular months in wh the meetings of the Committee are to be held, being anxious to obtain the benefit of yr experience as to the dates & times at wch we shd find it most convenient to have such stated meeting.

Hoping that I have made no other omission & that the words inserted are such as you approve of ~~the Scheme~~

2 I am etc

~~You will be able to approve of~~

The Secretary
of the Charity Commission
8 York St.
St James's Square
London S.W.

20 Jan 1875.

I am sure the Committee wd wish to have more precise information than is contained in yr letter received this morning & ~~I must ask you I shd be obliged to you as I mentioned on Monday last if you too~~ to be so good as to specify the deductions of wh you speak amounting to £46 : 16 : 5 as I cannot myself undertake to convey the particulars to the ~~Committee~~ on the strength of a hurried conversation on the Rlway platform. before ~~you leave~~ our next meeting & it is desirable that we shd be in possession of them

(3) I shoned be glad to know whether you can attend a meeting on Thursday the 28 ~~inst~~.

(2) Perhaps you will ~~take~~ notice whether the course of the drain underneath the Master's house has been changed in your plan, as I see it still remains in its original position on the Sealed Tracing.

(1) I believe it to be the general wish of the Committee ~~that~~ to have plainer windows but I think they will be surprised to hear that the ~~saving~~ you do not calculate on a saving of more than £12 or 13 on the 2 windows

J. B. Everard Esq.

23 Jan 1875.

You will perhaps remember that our School building case has been greatly complicated owing to our receiving a small endowment from Lord Crewe's Charity wh for the last 10 years has been before the Court of Chancery in order that the Court may draw up a scheme for the future distribution of the Surplus income of the Charity.

The only point yet settled is as I think I have mentioned to you that an Order has been made that £200 out of the funds of the Charity shd be paid to this Parish on completion of the school.

In consequence of our Conviction with the Charity the Charity Commissioners insist upon drawing up a scheme for its management of wh I send you a copy.

It does not appear to me to be objectionable in other respects except that it does not admit, as you will observe, of the National Society's Clause 2 Therefore we shall lose I fear, the grant they promised us, wh we can ill afford to ~~lose~~ go without, building having become so much more expensive than it was.

Mr Everard furnished us originally with too costly a plan & repeated reductions have had to be made in it, so as to bring it within our means but after all unfortunately it was still in excess of the lowest Tender & we are now endeavouring to reduce it still further. On account of these changes we shall have to forward plan & specifications again to the Ed.n Depart

If you shd wish to see me about the school I am engaged on Thursday but wd meet you in Leicester or any other day wh you might find convenient.

Rev Canon Willes
Ashby Magna
Lutterworth.

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26 Jan 1875

I was absent in London at the end of last week when yr letter arrived I have since seen some members of the Committee & now write in the name of the Committee to say that we do not wish to ask you to trouble yrself to come over to N. this week but shd be obliged if you wd write down & send us the items wh make up the sum of about £46 wh you believe

yself able to save in the estimate. We shall then be able to consider the particulars before you come over, the time during wh you are able to be present at a meeting being so limited as to make us liable to misunderstand anything of wh we have not been informed beforehand.

I am sorry to have to add that we can no longer depend upon so large a sum as we had anticipated & we therefore feel ourselves obliged to alter the windows & must ask you to substitute the plan & light window of wh we have received a tracing for the large N. window & to put in a 3 light window without the wheel on the East side. We must also give up the Bell Cot & request you to substitute a brick arch for the Bell whereon you may think it will best be placed.

I shd also be obliged if you wd let us know the value at wh the wall on the Glebe was estimated when you by and by receive the information from Mr Beck.

J. B. Lovard Esq.

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27 Jan 1875.

Rev. Sir.

I wish to bring before you the circumstances of our School towards the building of which I was informed by a Letter dated Dec 14. 1870 that the Society had voted £50.

We receive (See afterwards) a small annual endowment from Lord Crewe's Charity & the Court of Chancery in Dec. 1874 made an order that £200 out of the funds of the Charity shd ~~be paid towards the building of the school or its Completion~~ on the Completion of the School be paid towards the building of it.

In consequence of our connection with this Charity the Charity Commissioners insist upon drawing up a scheme for the management of the School of wh I enclose a copy.

You will perhaps remember that in my interview wh I with you on the 21st inst you informed me that the scheme was not such as the Society were accustomed to approve & I have since endeavoured to get such alterations made in it as I believed would better meet the wishes of the society. The Commissioners however tell me that they are not able to make changes in the direction wh I desire.

It only remains for me therefore to lay the case before the Society & to express a hope that under the peculiar circumstances of the Case they will not think it necessary to withdraw their grant, wh we can the less afford to lose on account of the great increase in the Cost of building wh has taken place since 1870.

The Rev
The Secretary.
National Society's Office
Sanctuary
Westminster S.W.

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27 Jan 1875

I beg to thank you for yr Letter & have in accordance with yr advice stated the case to the Nat. Soc.y & asked them to agree to the Trust Deed as it stands.

I shd be glad to know whether in the event of their finding themselves unable to make us the grant wh they promised in 1870 we might still continue to rely on the assistance of the Diocesan Board.

It would I think be possible so to make our arrangements

as to get over the embarrassment wh the loss of their £ 50 wd cause — partly by further reductions partly by the employment of some money wh I shd otherwise be able to lay out upon the Church —— but any greater deficiency it wd of course be more difficult to supply.

Rev Canon Willes.

Jan 27. 1875.

Alteration in Letter to Nat. Soc^{y}.

We receive an endowment of £20 per annum from Lord Crewe's Charity for the Salary of a Master but the building in wh the school used to be held being now in a ruinous condition & moreover too small for the requirements of the Parish, it has been intended to exchange the present insufficient site (wh consists of only 8 perches) for a quarter of an acre of Glebe & to build on the latter a school wh will satisfy the Ed^{n} Act 1870 & continue to receive the annual endowment.

The Charity Commissioners have drawn up a scheme for the management of the School of wh I enclose a copy.

You will perhaps remember etc ——

Feb 2. 1875.

I have received a letter dated 29 Jan with reference to the speedy Lapsing of the Grant promised by the Society. I imagine that this has been sent to me by inadvertence as you will perhaps remember that in a short interview I had with you on the 21st ult you mentioned that the Resolution was not intended to apply to this Parish.

The Rev The Secretary S P C K.
67. Lincoln's Inn Fields
W.C.

Feb 2 1875

My Lord

I beg to enclose the Scheme drawn up by the Charity Commissioners for the management of our School which I shd be greatly obliged if you wd return to me as soon as convenient.

Yr Lordship will perhaps remember that the Site of the old School built by Lord Crewe not being of sufficient extent to satisfy the requirements of the Ed^{n} Dep^{t}. I received yr sanction & that of the Patron (Trin Coll) to exchange for it a quarter of an acre of Glebe. The question arose, there being no Trust Deed, with whom the power wd rest of parting with the old Site & I had the honour of Consulting You on the Subject in Leicester on Nov 2. 1874. I applied in the first instance to the Enclosure Commissioners but was afterwards directed by the Ed^{n} Dep^{t} to make application to the Charity Comm^{rs} who have now drawn up the Scheme enclosed wh has had the approval of

the Rd^s Dep^t

We have had many most troublesome hindrances & we are not yet, I fear, at the end of our difficulties but in one particular we have been very fortunate. The only point determined by the Court of Chancery in the matter of the Crewe Charity is that an Order was made by the Court in Dec 1873 that £200 should be paid out of the funds of the Charity towards the building of our School. This order was made before Lord Romilly's resignation & I am now informed by the Attorney Gl's Solicitor that the opinions expressed by the present Master of the Rolls are so different that, had not the Order been already made, there wd be no likelihood of our receiving any assistance from the Charity.

I have the honor to be.
Yr obedient Servant
W J Cole.

The Right Revd.
The Lord Bishop of Peterborough
The Palace
Peterborough.

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5 Feb. 1875

The Rp has this morning returned to me the Scheme to wh he sees no objection. I therefore take the earliest opportunity of letting you know in order that you may proceed with the changes in the plans as soon as you can & I shall be glad to forward them to the Rd^s Dep^t immediately on their completion.

6 Feb 1875.

I have received a circular letter dated 29 Jan. 1875 in wh I am informed that the grant promised towards the building of the School in this Parish will lapse unless claimed before the end of ~~Feb^y~~ 9 decisive this month. I feel sure that the very exceptional circumstances of this Parish must have been overlooked when no exception was made in its favour & I hope that the Committee will be kept fully able to reconsider the case.

I have already described its peculiar circumstances in my former letters – dated ~~Dec 24. 1870~~ 2 Dec. & 12 Feb. 1873 which are in your hands and I stated in a letter dated 9 Nov 1874 that our plans had now been sealed & approved by the Rd^s Dep^t.

We hope to begin building next month, some further delay having occurred. A scheme of management has now been drawn up by the Charity Commiss^rs wh was yesterday returned to me approved by the Bishop of this Diocese to whom or to the President of Trinity I am sure I shd be allowed to refer. ~~I am sure I may refer to him or the President of Trinity College Oxford in confirmation of my~~ in case you wd desire additional statement

in case you wd desire confirmation of my statement

The Rev
The Secretary SPCK
67. Lincoln's Inn Fields
London W.C.

Newbold Verdon Parochial School
Leicester. 4769.

10 Feb 1875.

On receiving ~~the Building~~ Tenders for the building of our school we were sorry to find that the ~~Architect had put his estimate~~ too low Lowest Tender was considerably in excess of the Architect's estimate. It has therefore been necessary to make reductions & we are now about to forward to you the altered Plans & Specification. ~~I wish~~ I wish now to enquire whether you wd wish it will be necessary to fill in School building Form No 7 again & if so whether you will be good enough to send it to us

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall London. S.W.

13 Feb 1875

When I received yr letter on Wednesday I wrote at once to the Ld. Depart & asked whether they wd wish another form to be made out. They have not yet forwarded one to me & if you do not receive it by the time the altered plans & Specification are ready I shd be obliged if you wd write down the revised estimate & enclose them to me without waiting for the form wh perhaps the Dept do not require

J. B Loverard Esq.

13 Feb 1875.

We shd be obliged if you wd kindly forward to us the Subscriptions of £. which you were good enough to promise towards the building of our school if we were able to accomplish it without having recourse to a rate.

We believe that the principal difficulties have now been surmounted & we hope to be able to commence the building at the beginning of next week & we hope to be able to Commence the building at the beginning of next week

Some of the larger sums e g the Grant for Government the £ 200 from Lord Crewe's Charity & the subscriptions for the Societies be shd not obtain this after the Completion of the School wh makes it the more necessary for us to obtain the other sums without delay.

Sir J Hartopp Bart. Kingswood Warren Epsom. Surrey.
~~23 Eaton Square~~
~~London SW~~.

J. Cope Esq 25 Cleveland Gardens Hyde Park London. W.

Rev W. B Moore Coington Vicarage Leicester

Rev S. W. Cope West end House Wranby. Leeds.

Similarly to H. O. Shore Feb 17th 2 Mr James Keck Newtown Linford Feb 20th

Mr Nathaniel Trotter Old Coles Worksop Feb 25.

10 Feb. 1875 Mr J. W Reeves (Feb 26) High St Leicester

Referring to my letter of the 10th inst I have the honour of forwarding to you this day by post the altered Plans & Specification wh, I hope, will be found correct. The Contractor is prepared to begin the building as soon as they are returned.

The documents enclosed in the parcel are as follows.

1. Tracing of the altered Plans
2. The approved Plans.
3. Altered Specification.
4. Approved Specification
5. School building Form No. 7.
6. The Form previously forwarded.

The Secretary
Ed Dept

School building Form No. 7.

Dimensions of Buildings	Height of walls. From floors to wall plate. Feet Inches	From floor to Ceiling. Feet Inches	Superficial area. Feet Inches.	Feet Inches
1. What will be the dimensions of the several school rooms for.				
Mixed { Boys	13 - 0	Open roof.	34 .. 9 . ×	17 .. 6
Mixed { Girls	11 - 6	.. ..	22 .. 0 ×	18 .. 0
Infants				
Teachers residence				
Parlour		8 .. 0	12 - 0 ×	12
Kitchen		8 .. 0	~~12 - 8~~ ×	~~11 - 4~~ 10 .. 8
Scullery		8 .. 0	8 .. 0 ×	8 .. 0
Bedrooms. 1st	7 - 0	9 - 0	~~12 - 8~~ ×	12 - 0
2nd	7 - 0	9 - 0	~~12 - 8~~ ×	~~8 - 0~~ 8 - 0
3rd	7 - 0	9 - 0	11 .. 4 ×	8 - 0

External walls

2. What will be the thickness of the external walls? One and a half bricks.
3. Of what materials will they be built? Brick with brick & stone dressings.
4. Will they be plastered internally? The school rooms Offices & Scullery. No the remainder of house Yes.

Windows.

5. What will be the materials of the casements & window frames? Iron for Schools. Wood for residence
6. By what mode will the windows be opened? It is intended to hang part of school lights on centres. Residence as casements.

Roofs

7. What will be the scantling of the timbers? To Schools Principal rafters 7×8 Purlins 8×8 Rafters 4½×3. 7×6
8. How will the roofs be covered? how ceiled? Slates Ceiled between rafters in school

9. Of what material will the gutters & spouts be made? Iron for eaves & downspouts. Lead on roofs.

Floors.

10. What will be the material of the School room & Class room floors? Wood.
11. How high will they be raised above the ground? about 1 foot 6 inches.

Ventilation

12. In what manner will the School rooms be ventilated & warmed. Warmed by open fireplaces with air chamber at back for fresh air. Foul air extracted by windows ventilators & ~~Bell~~ Barrett.

Estimates.

13. What is the estimated outlay on the following items? viz

a School house b Teachers residence c Boundary walls & outbuildings	£ 1093	£ 1117 .. 17 .. 2
d Desks benches & other internal fittings of school house.	45.	
e. Fittings of residence	5	
f Architects Commission	57.	60
g. Any other expenses connected with building		£ 1177 .. 17 .. 2

Feb. 17. 1875.

Total estimated outlay on Completion of buildings £ 1200 .. 0 .. 0

Site

14 Contents in square yards? 1200.

16 Feb 1875.

Reg.r Fol 743
Attorney General v Liddell
Lord Crewe's Charities

Dear Sir.

With reference to some observations made by the Master of the Rolls on the 14th Nov 1874 as to the difficulty of affording any charitable assistance to the education of children wh wd not simply relieve the ratepayers without conferring benefit on the children themselves, you may perhaps think it desirable to submit to the Att.y Gl. an extract from a letter wh I had previously received from the Charity Comrs

I had written to consult them as to the way in wh the endowment might be employed by ourselves & rec.d a reply from the Comrs on the 5th March 1874 in the following words.

"Having regard ——— age of 11 years."

In this way it seems that an increase of the annual endowment wd not merely relieve the ratepayers for the duty thrown on them by the Ed.n Act 1870 but that the children might thereby obtain advantages wh they wd not otherwise receive. I may mention that assistance towards prolonged attendance, if a boy might thus become fitted for a superior school, wd seem to be esp.y in harmony with Lord C's intentions since he contemplated boys who had been educated at his school in N.V going up to Oxford as candidates for the exhibitions wh he had founded at Lincoln Coll.

It also occurs to me that whereas the inhabitants unassisted might content themselves with providing a salary for a School mistress assistance from the Surplus funds of the Charity wd enable us to secure the services of a Master: & it was as the salary of a Master that the annual endowment of £20 was bequeathed by Lord C. which though no longer sufficient to provide a competent Teacher was, it may be presumed at that time sufficient for this purpose.

Some encouragement of needle work wd moreover be most valuable for a parish situated as this is, in the Midland Counties where the immediate though small gains obtained by the seaming of stockings tend to prevent girls from giving the required time & attention to sewing & though I do not forget that the Testator does not mention sewing, yet it appears to me that with the great increase in the value of his Charity estate, the encouragement of sewing may be thought to deserve ~~some~~ consideration as a fair counterpart of the reading & writing wh he desired for the boys.

I remain Sir
Yrs faithfully

J. Chisman Esq
21 Great George St
Westminster S.W.

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18 Feb 1875.

I wrote to acknowledge the receipt last night by carrier of the altered plans & specification wh I have forwarded today to the Ed.n Dep.t

The Committee met this morning & approve of the changes made in the building but they are unable to understand some particulars on wh you will be able to give them information when you next attend a meeting.

J. B. Everard Esq.

19 Feb 1875

I forwarded the Tracing & Specification yesterday to the Edn Dept & they differ so little from those wh were previously approved & sealed that I hope there will be but little delay in examining them. In the meantime it is perhaps better to write to you & say that we were unable yesterday to understand why there shd be an increase in the Architects Commission from £57 to £60 simultaneously with the lowering of the estimate & at the same time, unless we misunderstand yr letter of the 17th inst we feel some surprise that an additional charge of £12.12.0 shd be made on account of the alterations required in the building. You gave us no intimation of this at the last meeting though Mr Wood put a question to you on the subject & I understood you to say that it wd be necessary to leave the quantities as far as possible unaltered.

I am sure you must feel as we do, that the present reduced building is what we wanted at first & how much time & trouble & anxiety wd have been saved if you had not drawn us instead a far too expensive building. a single feature of wh — and that unnecessary — the bell turret — cost £30.

That yr plan was originally very greatly in excess of the sum named cannot I think be doubted if we compare the Tenders with yr first estimate & remember how many deductions were made in the building in the interval between Aug 2nd & Dec 24th

Except that I mentioned that I had thought well of the arrangement of the School buildings at Cosby you were left perfectly free as to the style of building: the one only point on wh I insisted was that our means were limited & in consequence I enquired whether stonework might not be omitted altogether — then decided that the amount used in the 'rough sketch' shd be reduced by one half — from £50 to £25 & I also received an assurance from you before the plans were made out, that £1200 wd, you believed, cover in our case all the items of expenditure that appeared in the Cosby account.

I mention this to show that there has been no change on the part of those for whom you are acting but that from the very first we have endeavoured to obtain a suitable building wh wd not exceed the means wh we might fairly expect to have at our disposal.

J. B. Everard Esq

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11 March 1875.

The plans etc have been returned to us this morning & we shd be glad for Mr Neale to commence as soon as possible. We cd meet you tomorrow morning if that wd be convenient to you for coming over.

We shd be obliged to you when you come to bring with you a short statement showing what part of the total amount will be due to Mr Neale & what sums provide the furniture of the school & house respectively & the other items mentioned in yr letter.

I think you already understand that we do not wish Mr Neale to have any other old materials except those on the site of the old school — valued by him at £12.11.6. The £19 originally named included materials on the Glebe wh we now wish to retain.

J. B. Everard Esq.

17 March 1875.

{ J.H Newbold Verdon
{ 6530 Lord Crewe's School.

Having now ~~required~~ obtained the Sanctions required I beg to returned to Yr the approved Draft Scheme & to request the Commissioners to be so good as to proceed to establish it, the Education Department having also Consented to the omission of the qualification of Church membership in the Churchwardens. as desired by the Commissioners

I also forward herewith a P.O order for £1. in accordance with Yr Letter of the 19th Jan.

The Secretary
Charity Commission.

26 March 1875

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Yr Letter etc this morning & desire to receive further instructions as to the place in wh you wd wish the Scheme to remain open for inspection The School buildings are in so dilapidated a condition that ~~I do not consider it wd be safe to place it there~~ if has some time since ceased to be used & we have been informed they the roof may fall in at any moment. As we have no other public building I wd ~~keep it remain open in the Vestry~~ Suggest that the Scheme shd be placed for inspection in the Vestry awaiting ~~of the Commissioners desired it~~ the instructions of the Commissioners.

I am etc.

The Secretary
Charity Commission.

7 April 1875

I shd be obliged to you if you wd kindly inform the Committee that the building of our School is in progress. The Contract was signed March 15 when the drawing of the bricks commenced. The Contractor is allowed till Sept 1 to complete it.

Since I first applied to the Society in 1871 we have had a succession of difficulties to contend against & I have already mentioned to You that for a considerable time we were unable to obtain permission from the Edn Depart to move in the matter on account of the case of the Crewe Charity with wh we are connected, having been brought before the Master of the Rolls for the establishment of a new Scheme.

I have now great pleasure in informing You that we can look forward definitely to the Completion of the Building during the present year.

The Secretary SPCK
69 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London W.C

14 June 1875

In reply to Yr Letter received this morning I think that you must have misunderstood me in supposing that we intended to take any steps with regard to the charge for the altered plans.

We thought it only right to make our opinion known to Yourself but having done this, we had never any intention of resisting the charge if you still continued to make it.

I will not again enter into particulars as I wrote to You at

some length on the subject on the 19th Feb.

I am glad to hear that you have been urging Mr Beck to get on more quickly with the school. There is no one at work there today.

You intended to send me a sketch of the raised seats in the infant school wh Mr Blakiston prefers. I wish not now trouble you to have the sketch made. as I think on consideration that it will be better not to make any change.

J. B Coerard Esq.

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16 Aug 1875

I do not know whether you wd be likely to think of accepting a school in the country or whether you are so well satisfied with yr present position & future prospects as to have made up yr mind to remain in Leicester, but I think you already know that I shd be very glad to have you here, if it wd suit you to come to us.

I shd say that I am not writing now in the name of the managers or as intending to make you a formal offer but it wd be convenient to me to know what yr feelings are on the subject.

I have no idea as to what salary you are now receiving or whether we shd be able to offer you more & indeed I shd not have thought of writing to you at all, had not Canon Fry suggested it to me last week when I called on him but I think he shd probably offer about £90 & the house.

It wd be a great advantage to M. Gillivers if she cd continue to teach the infants & she seems willing to take advice but objection may be made to

master would then have to provide for.

I wish I had spoken to you on the subject when you were here haymaking.

Mr George Dixon.
Regent Street
London Road. Leicester.

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19 Aug 1875

Our schools I am happy to say are now so nearly completed that I wish to be allowed to trouble you with a question about the Infant Teacher.

We propose having a certificated master for a mixed school & it wd be a great benefit to Maria Gillivers who now has a small school in this village if she cd be appointed to teach the infants. She is not certificated & she is somewhat lame, one of her legs being twisted so that the foot turns in. I am anxious to know & shd be much obliged to you if you wd tell me whether this lameness wd be a fatal objection to her or whether it is a question of degree, a person slightly lame being eligible whereas if more lame she wd not be so.

J R Blakiston Esq M.A. J.P.
Ed. Depart. Whitehall
London S.W.

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24 1875 Aug.

I went over Freemans land yesterday & I now write by carriers to ask you whether you will be so good as to ride over as soon as you conveniently can to see it. He is just beginning to cut his corn & I think you cd not have a better time than the present to form an opinion of his farming. It seems to me that we shall have no choice but to give him notice for the whole of this land & this I shd not like to do but by yr advice.

J. C Stone Esq

October 13 1875

I beg to forward to yr a parchment copy of the Charity Commissioners' scheme & order relating to this school, accompanied by the Sealed Draft.

The buildings are now nearly completed & I understand from Messrs Miles & Gregory the Solicitors (Cank St. Leicester) that they forwarded the Draft Conveyance of 1/4 a rod of Glebe for yr approval at the beginning of Aug.

I shd be obliged if you wd let me know the amount of the Grant as soon as the Legal part of the case is sufficiently advanced.

The Secretary
Ed. Depart.
Whitehall London S.W.

Newbold Verdon Parochial School
Leicester. 4769.

Nov. 13 1875

I desire to make application to the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education with a view to this school being placed on the list of those to wh grants may be made.

We have obtained the services of a certificated Master Mr M. Hardcomb now at South Lufferham Stamford who will come to us on the 30th inst & we propose to begin school at the beginning of Dec.

Application was made to the Depart.t for a Building grant before Jan 1. 1871 & the draft deed of Conveyance of the site is at present in yr hands for approval.

The Secretary.

11 Dec 1875.

We have begun work in the school this week with 140 scholars & I have been so busy that I cd not find time earlier to forward the accompanying printed paper wh I was unwilling to do without writing a few lines with it.

You will observe in the last paragraph that we have after all obtained an augmentation of the sum of £20 wh we receive annually, in addition to the £200 wh Lord Romilly when Master of the Rolls awarded to us towards the building of the school. It was at one time very doubtful whether we shd receive any augmentation as Sir George Jessel was much less favourable to our claims than Lord Romilly had been. I enclose a Letter of Archdeacon Wlands wh states the opinion he expressed. (The Archdeacon's writing is so difficult to read that to save trouble I have put a pencil mark at the beginning & end of the part referring to Sir G. Jessel). He thought that any charity money given now for the education of children wd not benefit the children but only save the pockets of the ratepayers who since the passing of the Ed.n Act 1870 were bound to provide them with a proper school. I thought it desirable that our answer to these remarks shd be placed before the Master of the Rolls & the Att.y Gl.s Solicitors promised that the Att.y Gl. wd bring it before him & I wd write them a letter on the subject. Accordingly I wrote the following letter 16 Feb 1875 with reference — (see letter above.) — this purpose.

We have great reason to congratulate ourselves that the Master of the

Rolls afterwards saw reason to change his views & to allow us this augmentation & I hope that with the annual assistance kindly promised by yrself & others we shall have no difficulty in keeping up a good school. The children are very intelligent & though extremely backward to start with will soon I hope, be brought up to the requirement of the Ed. Dept.

The Managers of the School are in addition to yrself the Rector & Churchwardens & Mr Cox of Osbaston Hall.

I am etc

P.S. Will yr be so good as to return Archdeacon Bland's letter at yr leisure.

Sir J W C Horlock Bart-

11 Sept 1875

Does not the Contract give you all the power you require as to hastening the progress of the work? The uncertainty makes it difficult for us to know what arrangements we ought to make in engaging Teachers. I think I understood you to say that the house shd remain unoccupied for a month after completion. For the last 2 days there have only been 2 plasterers & 2 carpenters at work, all of whom left today at 11 oclock.

J. B. Pearard Esq.

11 Sept 1875.

Will you be so good as to let me know whether the Ed.n Depart.t have returned the Draft which you sent up some time ago relating to the exchange of land for N.V School. I shd be obliged if you wd let me see it as soon as they forward it to you again.

Messrs Miles & Gregory.

(Potter. Leicester was the carpenter employed in building the School.
Adams. Narborough was the painter.

5 January 1876.

I beg to forward herewith the Architect's certificate of the completion of our schools which I have just received

With reference to the portion of the augmentation of £40 to be given in the shape of exhibitions to deserving scholars, it occurs to me that assistance towards prolonged attendance at school – if a boy might thus become fitted for a Superior school (or for a Superior post) wd seem to be in harmony with Lord Cs wishes since he contemplated the possibility of boys who had been educated at his school in N.V going up to Oxford as candidates for the Exhibitions which he had founded at Lincoln College. I have also observed that Lord Sandon Mr Forster & others have spoken highly of the benefit to be expected from assistance being given towards prolonged attendance at school.

I believe that at Sonning in Berkshire encouragement in the shape of annual sums of 50/- is given to the Monitors who it may be presumed are the elder scholars in the Schools.

Canon Willes who in this Diocese has interested himself very much in education appears to think that it wd be necessary to give as much as £4 or £5 to prevent a boy being tempted away from school by the high wages he cd now earn

I shd myself make suggestions with greater confidence with regard to the local circumstances of the school if it had been at work for 12 months instead of for only 4 or 5 weeks but I think that besides encouraging prolonged attendance by certain larger rewards (called the Crewe Scholarships) it wd be useful to give 8 or 10 Exhibitions value about 10/- to children in the Upper School who were deserving either on account of the regularity of their attendance the laudable progress they had made or for other similar reasons. This wd virtually make the School free to the most deserving.

S Rowlandson Esq. The College. Durham.

13 Jan. 1876.

I beg to thank you for the cheque & to enclose receipt. With regard to the Exhibitions I may add to what I said before that the Trustees will perhaps wish to add the condition of being born so many years resident in the Parish or within a mile of it to entitle a child to obtain one of the larger rewards. The population here does not fluctuate much but some such condition wd seem to be desirable in order to encourage the school & to ensure that those who more properly belong to the place shd have the full benefit of Lord Crewe's liberality.

S Rowlandson Esq.

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28 Aug 1875.

A difficulty occurs to me with regard to the 2 very foul fields into wh I propose to bring the steam cultivator as soon as I get possession of them. Will not Freem plough them up during the winter thereby unnecessarily adding to my expense? or cd he be prevented from doing so? The more I think of it, the more I am convinced that a warning from you is likely to have a very good effect on him & wd I believe make him afraid to sell off the straw & hay. He wd have no doubt I think that you had the power either to stop him or to obtain substantial dilapidations for me. Otherwise he wd hardly have paid attention to my remonstrance when I spoke to him in the Spring about selling the hay. At any rate it seems the best chance.

I. C. Stone Esq

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13 Nov 1875. I saw F yesterday who protests that he does not wish to do anything wrong. The field in question was wheat when he took it & he considers he may leave it in wheat; otherwise he expt to receive compensation for having laid it down in grass.

I pointed out to him what he allowed he already knew that on the death of an & even best the Glebe Tenant enters on a new Tenancy if he still remains on the land & that this was plainer than usual in his case as he not only had an increase of land but the rent of the whole of his Taking was considerably reduced per acre. His object evidently is to induce me to pay him something not to plough it up. I shd be glad to have yr opinion on it occurs to me whether we cd ascertain who he intends to leave as Valiers & come to some arrangement so that he might leave the land or portions of it sooner. I am especially

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Newbold. Verdon Jan 7th 1876.

We had our school opening on the 2nd Dec. last & began school on the following Monday, but the Contractor having left some points incomplete I have been unable to obtain the Architects certificate till within the last few days. I have now the pleasure of returning the Society's Form of Application signed by the Archdeacon & myself. With regard to our delay in claiming the Grant I may be allowed to refer to my letter dated 6th Feb 1875.

The Rev^d the Secretary S.P.C.K.
67 Lincoln's Inn Fields
London.

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thinking of the land wh is in so bad a state on the opposite side of the village to the Buildings. It certainly seems too bad that I shd be the one to pay compensation. There are plenty of applicants for his land but no one, I think, who cd properly clean the worst fields. F. intends to employ his horses in doing as much ploughing as he can.

I. C. Stone Esq.

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14 Oct. 1875.

Will you kindly thank Georgie for his message & tell him that we have not room for the Alderney Bull ourselves & that all the farms around us have the foot & mouth so that it wd not do to have him here. I see he is now $3\frac{3}{4}$ years old wh is I suppose the best age for a bull & I hope you will have no difficulty in finding a Customer for him.

If he sells well I think you will agree with me that as a native of Newbold Prince Charlie ought to contribute towards our school wh is now nearly completed. I will not say anything about the journey to Doddington in 1872 wh I paid, as well as the mare's expenses who took him but I shd like to have Georgie's name as Head of the Family in my subscription list & though this Parish cd not otherwise

put forward a claim of any sort on him, yet if Prince C fetches a good price, perhaps you will think that he ought to remember his native place & do his best to help us. The builder has of course been troublesome as builders always are but so little now remains to be done that I hope we shall be able to open the school at the beginning of Dec[r] & we shall be very much pleased when everything is settled.

Mrs Jarvis. Boddington Hall.

15 Oct 1875.

I have to thank you for yr letter received this morning wh I am afraid does not give me information of any progress having been made. I do not understand from it that you have received again the Draft Conveyance wh you sent up to the Ed[n] Depart[t] at the beginning of Aug but if you have, will you kindly let me see it. There is no change in the names of the Church-wardens.

I wrote to the Depart[t] myself on Wednesday last & enquired about the Draft Conveyance & at the same time forwarded to them the Copy on parchment of the Order & Scheme accompanied by the Original sealed Scheme. The original of the Order now in yr hands. I shd be obliged if you wd send me by return that I may forward it also to them.

The order & scheme however they saw long ago & approved: what we want them to do is to approve the Draft Conveyance & let you have it again so that after I have seen it, it may be proceeded with as soon as possible. The schools are now so nearly completed that we are anxious no time shd be lost.

It seems that my letter to the Depart[t] crossed theirs to you, if you heard from them on the 14th inst the date of yr letter.

E. Miles Esq.

18 Oct 1875.

If you have to send up to the Dept the Draft of the Conveyance to be made to me it will be better to send up the Order with it as you propose instead of forwarding it through me. I had no idea that the Depart[t] were engaged in approving anything except the Draft Conveyance wh I had requested you to draw up; otherwise I wd have let them have again the copy of the scheme wh they returned to me sealed & approved on the 14th Jan[y] in this year.

On receiving yr letter from Ireland I at once wrote a letter addressed Mess[rs] Miles & Gregory to ask whether anything had been heard from the Ed Depart but I received no answer.

The Contractor is not as forward as he shd have been with the building but the architect has no doubt that it will be finished next month.

Edward Miles Esq.

9 Nov 1875. New University Club. St James's Street S.W.

Thank you for yr letter wh was put into my hands on my way to the station. I have seen Palgrave & Lumley today & after going to & fro several times between the Ed[n] Dept & the Local Govern[t] Board I find that the cause of the delay now is that they are waiting for an answer from you to the letter wh Lumley wrote or rather wh was sent from the Ed[n] Depart[t] under Lumley's instruction on the 3rd inst, explaining to meet Mr Gregory's difficulty that if there was a trust for the school on the old site, there is a trust for the Church on the new site & that they are quite satisfied that the two can be exchanged, the Dep giving his sanction in the one case & the Charity Commissioners in the other. Palgrave gave me the portfolio containing the whole correspondence & the letter ended with words to the effect that if you were satisfied with the explanation given, he wd at once peruse the Draft Deed of exchange. Will you write or ask Mr Hollams to write & say that you are quite satisfied & Lumley promises on leaving for yr that he will lose no time in seeing to it.

E. Miles Esq.

17 Nov 1875.

I am not sure whether you intended to remain in London & so I do not know whether I am right in addressing this letter to you there, but if you have returned to Leicester I have no doubt Wollaston will kindly forward it.

I write to say that it will not be necessary to send me either of the Draft exchanges to see, after the Depart^t has approved Item, as in order to make this unnecessary & so save time I went again to the Ed. Sec^y on the following day & Palgrave kindly allowed me to read them over in his room. The only thing I have to suggest is that it shd always read '8 perches or thereabouts'. It is so in the deed wh makes them over to me & it wd be as well perhaps that 'or thereabouts' shd always be added.

If you are still in London perhaps you wd not mind going to see Lumley who is to be found at the Local Govt Board in Whitehall. The House is Gwydyr House or some such name opp to the Ed Dept etc. He wd no doubt look over the Drafts with you at once wh wd be an important saving of time. I have always found him extremely civil & ready to acknowledge that the personal interview has saved him time & trouble.

And as I have now so short an interval remaining I shd also be much obliged if as soon as the Drafts are returned to you approved you wd be good enough to let me know what I shall be indebted to Messrs. Miles Gregory & Bonskell without waiting till they are completed. I want to have the school building accounts printed as soon as possible & we are to open the school, as I can arrange either on the last day of this month or the very beginning of next, so you will see that I have no time to spare & I shd be glad, if I cd do it, to send them beforehand to some of the Subscribers.

E. Miles. Esq.
13 Coleshill St.
Eaton Square. S.W.

Nov 20 1875.

I must commence by thanking you for having lost no time in seeing Mr Lumley. The sanction of the Bp of the Diocese & of the Patrons of the living I obtained in 1870 when I first began to move in this business. I informed the Ed. Depart^t that I had obtained their sanctions in a letter dated Oct 15 1874. in reply to an enquiry wh they made & wh I saw in the Portfolio had been suggested by Mr L. I have now written to Cook St to this effect.

I knew that the consent of the Managers under under the Charity Commissioners Scheme wd be required for the conveyance to me of the old site but this I had thought wd be given by their Signatures being added to the Deed of Conveyance.

Will you kindly procure for me the Certificate wh is to be signed by three beneficed clergymen. The sooner this is done, the sooner we shall get the Building Grant, the amount of which they will not even announce till the legal part of the case is completed but as I was good enough to tell me what it wd be, the further delay wh appears inevitable need not hinder us from opening the school at the time we intended but I want you to help me by getting Mr Gregory to tell me the costs without waiting for the completion of the 2 deeds. If he will do so, I shall not be prevented from having the Building accounts printed for distribution at the opening of the school & shall be able to bear the delay more patiently.

E. Miles Esq.

20 Nov 1875.

I have to inform you that I have already obtained the Consent of the Bp of the D & of the Patrons of the living to the conveyance of ¼ acre of glebe for the site of a school in exchange for the old site.

The delays have been much greater than I anticipated & I am afraid that some time must still elapse before the legal part of our case is completed. We are about to open the school almost immediately & are anxious to have the school building accounts printed for distribution at the same time. Will you be so good as to let me know what we shall be indebted to you

for yr services in making these 2 conveyances without waiting till they are completed.

Messrs Miles Gregory & Bonskell.

Nov 1875

It is so long since we met that I am afraid you must have almost forgotten me. I hope however you will excuse my troubling you & will not have much difficulty in giving me the information I require. I will try to explain myself clearly.

I wish to know whether the Managers of a Public Elem[y]. School, assisted by grant from the Privy Council are at liberty for any reason to refuse to receive the children of any person into their school.

We have been prevented up to this time from building a school here by causes into wh I need not enter but we were in a position to apply for a building grant in 1870 & the school we are now opening "we desire shall be placed by the Dept. on the list of those to wh annual Grants may be made.

When I began to move in the matter of a school in 1870 I said that I wd do my best to get a school built without having recourse to a rate if the Landowners & Ratepayers wd support me. A certain farmer, Mr A. who then promised his support & whose name was set down for £20 in our printed list of subscribers has since without the shadow of a pretext refused to give the money he promised or to assist us in any way & yet it is said he intends to save himself the expense of having a governess in the House by sending his children to our school. I wish to know whether we can refuse to receive them or whether the Managers are not obliged to receive the Children of any parent who chooses to send them. Mr A is the Chief ratepayer in the parish & one of the largest Landowners & his property is of course improved by the building of a school wh has been built at our expense & to wh he has contributed nothing. I have not the least idea why he refuses to help in building a voluntary school wh is so great a saving to his property: it is generally supposed that his sole reason is to save the money & that he originally encouraged us to try & build a school voluntarily in order to avoid the heavy rate wh he would otherwise have had to pay.

I propose to adopt from a neighbouring Board school the ordinary fees. The parents of some children might evidently pay more without difficulty but I am unable to see where a line cd be drawn. Can you help me? If it is impossible to make a distinction satisfactorily - this has occurred to me that the fees shd be the same for all (or for all except farmers occupying more than 100 acres of land) but that ratepayers shd be required to pay quarterly in advance.

George Miller Esq.
Ed. Depart[t]. Whitehall.

1 Dec. 1875.

Since I saw you I have been subjected to a vexatious annoyance from Mr. A. who brought Mr Morris the Surveyor to see whether in enclosing the site of the old school I had not encroached improperly on the road. The ground was inspected & carefully measured & Mr M. told me afterwards that he saw no cause for complaint. He had fortunately in his possession a tracing of the old site with the measurements wh he had either made 5 years ago when he surveyed & mapped the Glebe at the desire of the College or wh he had made more lately for me to send up to the Charity Commissioners or Ed. Dept — I do not distinctly remember — but by referring to this tracing he was able to see that we had only advanced at one point in order to compensate for a corner opposite to the houses wh we had conceded to the road. In order to avoid, as I hoped, any such unpleasantness I had taken the precaution before enclosing the piece, to have it staked out by the Wardens & the 2 Churchwardens & had also written to Mr M himself about the condition of the road in front of the school asking him to come over & see it & I had not begun to enclose till I received a reply that he wd come to Newbold as soon as he could. But Mr M also told me that though he saw no cause of complaint as far as the piece itself was concerned he had been under the impression that a small strip of it was to have been given to the road in return for the little bit on the other side of the Kirkby road wh we had been allowed to take in to make the

wall of the new school straight.

Now of this I know nothing. I have the permission of Bishop & Patrons to give ½ acre of glebe as the site of a school in exchange for the old site but I have no permission to give up any of the old site itself & situated as it is, exactly opposite to the Rectory with Arnold's land on the other side of it, it is most important that the piece shd not be made narrower. A. claims 4 feet from the hedge as well as the Eastern end of it so that it is less wide than it looks. I was told by the Legal adviser of the Ed. Dept that it was not an exchange but a charitable gift I was making, the old site not being half the size of the quarter of an acre of glebe. I do not regret that I have obtained the sanction of Bp & Patrons to this but I have neither the power nor the wish to give an inch more. I do not however suppose that I shd hear anything more about it. M of course knows much more about A. than I do.

This morning about 9.30 A came with one of his labourers & they had dug up & were on the point of removing some of the fence I had erected wh he asserts approaches too close to his own land, when my attention was called to what they were doing. I went out & warned them not to proceed into it, told him that I shd be compelled to bring an action against him wh wd cause loss both to him & to myself & suggested that we shd ask Mr M to decide between us. This I am glad to say he agreed to; the portion of fencing was replaced & they walked off with Spade & Crowbar.

But isn't it hard that I shd be subjected to such annoyances simply because we have succeeded in building the school notwithstanding his opposition & wd it not be too bad if rather than submit to a continuance of such petty indignities I shd prefer to leave a place wh I have been attempting to benefit & thereby alone incurred this mans enmity.

A. Coe Esq.
Byers Hall
Dowgate Hill
E.C.

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obtained some notion from College in the Monastery adjoining the to go from as it is not the Manor what Builder then his object is so that I may receive his name & Henry Bettenham Esq - Esq from - who often lunch by 2 of my Curates. He has just it convenient to have use of some 2 Maps one of Thurlow & English Hatton on it.

Joseph C. Shaw Esq.
Rectory Steeple
Essex

March 7 1874

I shd be much obliged if you wd be so good as to see a builder about the repairs required at the Halifax Farm as soon as you cd make it convenient. You will perhaps remember that the back wall of the barn was to be pulled down & rebuilt without, if possible, disturbing the roof & floor of the granary & you recommended some other improvements in the central part of the buildings with the thought of which Mr Peck seemed to be much pleased. I shd be glad now if this cd be undertaken without unnecessary delay.

I shd also wish to have the flood gates put in repair & to supply as many gates & posts as you noted down to be required.

It will no doubt be necessary for you to come over to N. to see to these things & I shd then like you to look again at Keenan's thatched buildings & at the gates & posts of that part of the Glebe.

The new Cart house will have to be postponed I think for a time. There appeared to be so much delay in the application for a Loan to the Bounty office & so many conditions attached that I have withdrawn my application & have

Oct 5. 1870.

Sir.

I hope you will allow me to address you on the Subject of a School for the children of the Parish of Newbold Verdon.

I wish to ask for some information as to the existing school & also to invite yr attention to the manner in wh it is desirable to meet the new condition in wh the Parish will be placed by the Elementary Education Act 1870.

The ground & buildings of the existing School are held, as I understand by 3 Trustees & I am informed that you are one of the Trustees. I am anxious to learn what the conditions of the Trust are & I shd be much obliged if you wd kindly allow me to see the deed of Trust & give me the names of the Trustees.

The School confers at present very little benefit on the Parish; the Master's Stipend £20 is not sufficient to secure an efficient man, & it does not appear that there is a prospect that Lord Crewe's Trustees can materially increase it. Even if the affairs of Lord Crewe's Trust were already settled by the Court of Chancery, it is not likely that they cd add (if they were so disposed) more than £5 or £10 a year to the £20 now paid.

Consequently from this source we cd not expect to get more than a portion of a Master's Salary. Hence the question arises can Schoolpence paid by the Scholars become in this as in other schools a part of the Master's income? This question cannot be answered without knowing what character is given to the School by the Trust deed. If it is described in the Deed as

a Free School it wd appear that there wd be difficulty in exacting payment for attendance, though the inhabitants wd be quite willing to pay for a good education.

If it shd be found impossible to require payment for attendance in the existing school, I fear it will be necessary to have a second School in the Parish. For according to the requirements of the Government Education Board, education must be provided for about 100 children. The present School wd accommodate only about 40, so that even if the Master were good & efficient, the School must be pronounced by the Govt. Inspector inadequate for the wants of the Parish.

It will therefore be necessary under any circumstances that a large addition shd be made to the means now afforded for education here. Either the present School must be largely increased in building & other ways or an entirely new School must be provided.

If during the present year sufficient promises of subscriptions are made, we shd have the prospect of considerable aid from a Privy Council Grant, but if this year passes, the necessary school accommodation will have to be provided at the cost of the Rate payers.

I am very desirous that sufficient means of education shd be provided for the Parishioners without the resort to the Rate & I will do anything in my power to promote this object, if I meet with the concurrence & support of those who as Landowners & in other ways are interested in the good of the Parish. A sum of £90 is in my hands bequeathed by Mrs Greenway the wife of the late Rector for the purpose of building new Schools. To build schools of sufficient size with a Master's residence, £800 may be expected to be required & if £400 cd be obtained from the Council office, £400 must be raised by subscription. In addition to the £90 mentioned above there are sources from wh I hope to receive £100 more.

The passing of the Act has made it more necessary than ever to provide for the Education in this Parish & unless within the present year means are taken to obtain a Grant from the Privy Council by offering subscriptions of the same amount as the grant applied for, the whole expense of a new School will be thrown upon the Parish rates.

I beg to remain Sir,
Your obediently
W J Cole. Rector of N.V.

To Sir J G Harlopp Bart
Aston Flamville. Hinckley.

P.S. Since writing the above last night I have this morning received a letter from the Bishop in wh he informs me that we shall be required to provide sufficient space to accomodate 116 children, that for this purpose a new School will be required, & he reminds me that no assistance can be obtained from Govern.t unless application is made before Dec. 31 1870.

I take the liberty of copying the following sentence from his letter. "Will you kindly let me know what steps you have taken or purpose taking in this matter — what sum you

think might be raised locally – & what deficiency you foresee, that I may be enabled to form some idea of what sum I shd endeavour to raise from other sources".

He desires me to forward my reply as soon as possible.

Sir, Oct 5. 1870.

I hope that you will allow me to address you on the subject of the education of the children of this Parish. The existing School room is far too small for a Parish of the size of Newtold; the Master's age renders him less efficient than he once was – & the result is that since my coming into the Parish as Rector I have repeatedly been told that nothing is so much wanted here as that the School shd be put upon a new & improved footing.

The passing of the Elementary Education Act 1870 renders it necessary to attend at once to the State of education here & unless within the present year means are taken to obtain a grant from the Privy Council by offering subscriptions of the same amount as the grant applied for, the whole expense of a new School will be thrown upon the Parish in the form of rates.

It will be desirable if possible to turn the present site & the endowment of £20 per annum to account. The School Building, I fear, is from age & smallness incapable of being made useful. It wd only accommodate about 40 or 45 children & under the new Act room will have to be found for at least 100. Such accommodation together with a house for the Master cannot be estimated as likely to be provided at a less cost than £700 or £800, but if during the present year promises of subscriptions to the amount of half the sum required are made, we shd have the prospect of obtaining the other half from the Committee

of the Privy Council

I will do anything in my power to promote the erection of a School if I meet with the Co-Currence & Support of those who as Landowners & in other ways are interested in the good of the Parish. A sum of over £90 is in my hands bequeathed by Mrs Greenway the wife of the late Rector - This wd be available for building a School in Connection with the Church of England with a Conscience Clause. There are sources from wh I shd hope to receive £100 more.

P.S. as before.

To Mr J Arnold
Catters Lodge
Ashby de la Zouch.

Mrs Browne
Stonts Hill
Uley
Dursley.

& Oct 7th to Earl Lovelace
East Horsley Tower
Ripley Surrey

J. Cope Esq
25 Cleveland Gardens
Hyde Park
London W.

Mrs Knowles
Care of Mr Wm Thorpe
Nailstone
Hinckley.

[*Archdeaconry of Leicester.*]

THE PALACE, PETERBOROUGH
SEPTEMBER 29, 1870.

DEAR SIRS,

It is of great importance that steps should at once be taken to raise funds in this Archdeaconry to assist in the provision of new schools where required, or the enlargement of such schools as will probably be declared insufficient by the Education Department of the Privy Council.

From the return you have been good enough to send me, it would appear that your school requires such additional space as will accommodate 116 children, namely, ~~* feet of area, and~~ 2280 cubic feet in the principal room. The cost I estimate roughly at £3. per child where additions have to be made to the existing school, and £5. per child where an entirely new school must be provided. Towards this the Government Grant (which must be applied for before December 31, 1870) will not exceed in amount the sum you can raise locally.*

Will you kindly let me know what steps you have taken or purpose taking in this matter—what sum you think might be raised locally—and what deficiency you foresee, that I may be enabled to form some idea of what sum I should endeavour to raise from other sources. Will you also kindly forward your reply as soon as possible to the Rev. E. Willes, Secretary to the Board of Diocesan Inspection, Ashby Magna, Lutterworth, who will be happy to supply you with any further information you may require on the subject of this letter.

I am,
Faithfully Yours,
W. C. PETERBOROUGH.

* By sums raised locally is meant "The total amount voluntarily contributed by proprietors, residents, or employers of labour in the parish where the school is situated, or within a radius of four miles from the school."

* We ask for more details of plans for a new school.

The Rev. The Vicar & the Managers of the School New Bd Verdun.

Oct 6. 1870

My Lord.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of yr Lordship's Letter & to inform you that I wrote at the beginning of the week to the principal Landowners to request their assistance in building a new school. I laid before them the Educational wants of the Parish & the requirements of the new Act & I pointed out to them that we cd obtain no aid from Government unless application was made for it during the present year.

Our position is somewhat complicated by assistance received fr Lord Crewe's Trustees & unfortunately alterations are at present being made in the disposal of the surplus of the charity by the Court of Chancery. To lay before you our relation to them I venture to trouble yr Lordship with a copy of a Letter wh I am about to address to their Secretary as soon as I shall receive his address from the Rector of Lincoln College from whom I am daily expecting to hear. I am etc.

The Lord Bishop of Peterborough
The Palace
Peterborough.

Oct 7. 1870.

Sir

I desire to ask the attention of Lord Crewe's Trustees to the condition of education in this Parish in wh there exists a School receiving from them under Lord C's will £20 a year.

I have lately become Rector of Newbold & on coming here found the School building greatly in want of repair & the School itself in a very inefficient state. These defects are not remedied but it wd be impossible in the present building to receive the number of children who ought to have education, in this Village, nor is the sum of £20 sufficient to obtain a good Master.

In order to satisfy the requirements of the Govern^t. Board of Education room must be provided for over 100 children: the existing building will not receive do many as 50. I am therefore making application to those persons who are connected as owners of property or otherwise with N. for aid in erecting a new School & I wish to apply to Lord C's Trustees to give me their assistance & support in any way possible. I wish to have their concurrence in my plans & I desire to ask them for pecuniary aid. The natural growth of population & the change of circumstances has rendered insufficient a provision wh in Lord C.'s time may have been all that was needed & as Lord C. expressed so much regard for the welfare of N. I hope that

his Trustees will feel themselves able to assist in the endeavour to give to the people of N the benefit of a good school.

The sum of £90 is at my disposal left by the wife of the late Rector. I believe that £100 more will be placed in my hands for the purpose of erecting a church of England School with a conscience clause & I am making application to the owners of property in this Parish & to other friends of education. It is my hope that I may be enabled to apply to Govern.t for a grant to meet the subscriptions. Any application for aid to Govern.t must be made before the end of the present year.

It will be extremely unfortunate if Lord C.-o wish to provide education in reading & writing gratis prevents his annual endowment from being applied towards the payment of a Master who shd be partly paid by the School pence to be paid by the children attending the School.

I remain Sir etc.

Samuel Rowlandson Esq
The College.
Durham.

25. Oct, 1870.

Sir,

Before writing to you again on the subject of the Newbold Verdun School I was anxious to ascertain how my appeal wd be received by the other persons mainly interested in this place. I have this morning received a letter from the President of Trin Coll Oxford in wh he informs me that the College will give any sum up to £100 which yourself & Mr Amcotts as the principal Landowners will meet with equal gifts, if by this means a School can be provided for the Parish without having recourse to a rate. Mr Cope has promised us £30 on the same condition. We shd greatly regret it if you determine to adhere to the offer made in yr last letter. To obtain aid from Govern.t as you are aware application must be made this year. Shd the year pass without our being in a position to apply, a School will have to be provided next year by a rate upon the Land.

I do not believe that I have over estimated the expense of building a School & Master's house in reckoning it at £700 or £800, for I find that the Bishop's estimate corresponds with my own. In a printed circular he says 'The cost I estimate roughly at £3 per child where additions have to be made to the existing school & £5 per child where an entirely new school must be

provided' And Mr Pell M.P. is reported to have said at a meeting held at Leicester last Wednesday that if persons were holding back under the idea that the utmost demand that cd be made upon them bye & bye wd be a threepenny rate he wished to say the rate might be an exceedingly heavy one especially with regard to buildings. He believed that on the average it wd require not less than £10 per scholar to provide the requisite buildings & Site.

Our present site, an irregular strip 132 feet long by 16, 23 & 12 feet in different parts — is unfortunately insufficient for the requirements of the new Act according to wh an area of 8 square feet must be provided for each child. Shd Mr Arnold whose land adjoins our present site make the necessary addition, it is not unlikely that he will take this into account in making his pecuniary donation.

You are perhaps aware that the land here is in a great measure in the hands of small holders from whom we cannot expect much help but we propose as soon as we have heard from yrself & Mr Arnold to invite the rate payers & small landowners living in the neighbourhood to a meeting, to announce the subscriptions already promised & to ask their help. The Valuation List gives the chief landowners as follows

Sir J. Hartopp	....	339 - 1 - 22
Mr Arnold	.....	313 . 1 - 39
The Glebe	....	305. 3 - 10
Mrs Browne	——	141 . 3 .
Mr Goldman	——	109 . 3 . 23
J Cope Esq	——	76 . 1 . 39.

Hoping that I have been able to clear up points wh my last letter left in doubt.

I remain, Sir
Yrs faithfully
G Cole.

P.S. I ought I think to remind You that our population is more than 700 & therefore we ~~require~~ must provide education for 116 children. The requirements of a small place like Aston Flamville can more easily be met.

Sir John Hartopp Bart.

Oct 27 1870.

My Lord.

I must apologize for troubling yr Lordship again on the Subject of a School for this Parish. The importance of the matter & the little time allowed for application to Govermt will, I hope, be sufficient excuse.

I have already described our educational destitution. Since my coming here a year ago the people have over & over again expressed their regret at the loss of the School wh was maintained at one time on the frontier of the Parish.

To obtain aid fm Govermt as you are no doubt aware, application must be made this year: Shd the year pass without our being in a position to apply a School will have to be provided next year by a rate upon the land. The rate thus raised must each year pay the interest on the sum borrowed for building & repay $\frac{1}{50}$th of the loan as well as provide for the annual expenses of the school. This cannot but press heavily on a place in wh the land is in a great measure divided among small owners.

I know that yr Lordship has no great amount of property in this Parish. It is calculated in the Valuation book as 8ª-3ʳ-15ᵖ. with a house, but I trust that you will feel yrself able to offer us some support on condition that we obtain fm other sources enough to build a School without having recourse to a rate.

I beg to remain etc.

Earl Lovelace.

Newbold Verdon,
Leicester, Nov. 3rd, 1870.

Dear Sir,

It is proposed to hold a meeting of Landowners and Ratepayers, on Thursday next, November 10th, at Two o'clock p.m., in the Free School, to consider the means of education in this Parish, with reference especially to what will be required under the new Elementary Education Act of 1870, and to determine whether steps can be taken to render the means of education sufficient for the requirements of the Parish, without resorting to a rate for building a School.

You are earnestly requested to attend.

It is no longer a question whether this Parish shall have an efficient school or not. Unless the Inspector finds such a school either existing or in preparation, Government will *next year* require us to provide it. The sum of money necessary for this purpose may be borrowed at the rate of $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the interest together with one fiftieth part of the principal to be paid each year. A rate will have to be levied for this purpose as well as to provide for the annual expenses of the school.

If, however, we can obtain promises of voluntary subscriptions this year, we should be entitled to receive considerable pecuniary aid from Government. To obtain this aid, application must be made before the end of the present year. Should the year pass without our being in a position to apply, the *whole* expense will be thrown upon the Parish in the form of rates.

With a population of more than 700 persons we must provide School accommodation for at least 116 children. The expense has been estimated at £5. per child by the Bishop of this Diocese.

It is my hope that the Landowners and Ratepayers will see the expediency of enabling me to take measures at once for building a school. A sum of over £90. which is in my hands, bequeathed by Mrs. Greenway, the wife of the late Rector, would be available for this object, and I have received some promises of assistance conditional on our being able to build a school without having recourse to a rate.

I remain, dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

W. G. COLE, *Rector.*

Nov 11 1870.

My Lord.

By yr Lordship's desire I enclose 2 letters wh I have received fm one of Lord C's Trustees; You will see that we cannot hope to obtain any assistance fm them towards building a school. Up to the present time I supposed that the site of the existing school & the school buildings were vested either in the Lord of the Manor or in certain Trustees for the use of the Parish & I imagined that Lord C's Trustees were in no other way connected with the School than as bestowers of the annual endowment left by Lord C. The President of Trin Coll shared with me in this belief & we have made many enquiries to discover the deed of Trust. I have now reason to believe that Lord C's Trustees are the owners both of the site & building. I have written to ask Archdeacon Bland whether this is the case & pointed out that in this case the Parish is without a site for the school wh we are using every effort to obtain. I have enquired how far they cd assist us by placing the site at our disposal. It consists of only 8 perches, whereas Govent requires ¼ acre & I am afraid that the owner of the adjoining land will not give us the additional land we shd require. I have asked whether they wd allow it to be exchanged or to be used as the site of a Teacher's house if it shd prove too small to build a school upon.

The time remaining to us is now so short that I begin to fear that we shall be unable to obtain the aid fm Govent & the S.P.C.K. The latter expects application to be made before the end of the present month, whereas I am still unable to fill up the form of application. We had a meeting of Landowners & Ratepayers yesterday. The latter are very anxious for a school & have contributed liberally; from the Landowners it is difficult to obtain help. The College made a handsome offer of any sum up to £100 wh the 2 principal Landowners wd meet with equal gifts: Sir J. Hartopp declines to give more than £25 & Mr Arnold has given £20. Under these circumstances we begin to be somewhat disheartened & yet I think we have no reason to complain of most of the promises of help we have received. Our fund amounts to £365. This includes a bequest fm the late Mrs Greenway wh I must receive yr sanction for applying to this purpose. I wrote to yr Lordship to inform you that I had received it fm her executors at the end of May or the beginning of June 1869.

Mrs Greenway's bequest with interest.	£93 .. 18 .. 5
Landowners.	100 -
Tenants.	122
The Rector.	50
	365 .. 18 .. 5

We may fairly expect at least £50 more & there is some glebe land conveniently situated for a site but I feel some

reluctance to urge the College to consent to giving it when I find landowners so reluctant to do their share & I anticipate that any deficiency in the annual funds will have to be made up by the Rector. In order to lessen the annual expenses I desire now to build, if possible, a Teacher's house & the site of the existing school might be available for the purpose. Wd yr Lordship be so good as to tell me whether it wd be possible to apply informally to the S.P.C.K. in the event of our being unable to fill up their form & get having an almost certain prospect of obtaining a site.

I beg to remain etc.

The Lord Bishop of Peterborough.

Nov 11. 1870.

Dear Sir.

When you receive another letter from me I am afraid you will almost regret that you gave me any encouragement to apply to you for information but I hope you will be so good as to forgive me for troubling you again.

Up to the present time _____ owners both of the site & buildings [See preceding letter.] will you be so kind as to tell me whether this is the case & whether the President or myself cd be permitted to inspect the Trust Deed.

I have been making every effort, with great encouragement from the Bishop, to obtain promises of sufficient help towards a new School to enable me to apply to Govern.t for a building Grant. Application must be made before the end of the year and to the S.P.C.K before the end of this month. If the ground on wh the present school stands belongs to Lord C's Trustees the Parish is without a site. If is true that the present site is insufficient consisting, according to the Charity Commissioners Report, of only 8 perches whereas Govern.t requires ¼ acre but this - something to start with. I know that I am putting a difficult question but I hope you will excuse it as my position is full of perplexity Wd Lord C's Trustees be willing to make over to us this site supposing it belongs to them & that we cd obtain enough of the adjoining land to satisfy the requirements of Govern.t, or supposing we are refused any portion of the adjoining land wd they allow us to exchange the present site for another piece of land, or wd they allow it to be used for erecting a Teacher's house upon either now or at some future time. If you cd give me information on these points I shd be greatly obliged. I have taken the liberty of forwarding yr kind letters to the Bishop of P. who desired me to let him know what answer Lord Crewe's Trustees made to my application.

I beg to remain etc.

The Ven. Archdeacon Bland.
The College
Durham.

Lord Crewe's Charity.

Sir John Rolt's Scheme 10 years ago. Divide Surplus among original objects of charity proportionately.

Question arose as to Lincoln College, Oxford University & the City of Durham Judgment being given against them fixed £734 annually.

What is to be done with this £734? Give it, said Sir J Coleridge, partly to Middle class school at Hadenbridge & Blair Convalescent Hospital with remainder.

The proportion of Surplus to the other original objects was £316 which Sir J Coleridge was willing to let them have proportionately as suggested by Sir J. Rolt but the new Master of the Rolls (Sir G. Jessel) would not accept this suggestion. 'All, said he, are not equally deserving. Let each object make out its case.'

Testator left about £1090 per annum.

The Testator left bequests amounting to £1090 per annum.

Trinity Charity.

26 Dec[r] **THE CREWE BEQUESTS.** *1870*

On Thursday the Master of the Rolls gave judgment in the case of the Attorney General v. Liddell, in which the question was whether, under the will of Lord Crewe, Lincoln College, Oxford, the University of Oxford, and the City of Durham, to which Lord Crewe made certain bequests, were entitled to share in the surplus income (amounting to 10,000*l*) of his lands and hereditaments in the counties of Northumberland and Durham. Lord Romilly said that counsel for Lincoln College, the University of Oxford, and the City of Durham had contended that, notwithstanding their exclusion by distinct words in Lord Crewe's will from participation in such surplus income, they ought to be allowed to participate on the ground that Lord Crewe did not anticipate that the surplus would become so large. It was quite true that where all the charitable objects of a testator failed, the Court ordered his bounty to be applied to some other charitable objects corresponding with those mentioned by the testator; but in this case the Court would not only be making a new will for Lord Crewe, but a will directly contrary to his expressed intention, if it held that Lincoln College, the University of Oxford, and the city of Durham, were entitled to share in the surplus income.

Mr John Barrs (Leicester) 3 69 14 5 5-0-0 National Society 50-0-0

NEWBOLD VERDON,
LEICESTER, NOV. 12th, 1870.

At a Meeting of Landowners and Ratepayers held after notice on November 10, at 2 o'clock, in the Free School, it was determined to take measures for providing a School and Teacher's House by voluntary subscription, so as to make the means of education sufficient for the requirements of the Parish without having recourse to a rate.

For the purpose of carrying out this object as far as possible, the following Committee was appointed:

REV. W. G. COLE, RECTOR.
MR. J. GIMSON, } CHURCHWARDENS.
MR. W. GILBERT, }
MR. W. WILDMAN.
MR. T. K. OLDACRES.
MR. W. WIGSTON.
MR. J. CART.

The Committee earnestly solicit assistance from owners of property in this Parish. It is believed that from £700. to £800. will be required.

The President and Fellows of Trinity College, Oxford, have promised to give any sum up to £100. which the two principal Landowners will meet with equal gifts, provided that a School can be built by this means without a rate.

The following sums have been received or promised:

	£.	s.	d.
The late Mrs. Greenway's bequest	90	0	0
Interest on the above, June 1869—September 1870 ..	3	18	5
T. Cope, Esq.	30	0	0
Mrs. Browne	10	0	0
Sir John Hartopp, Bart.	25	0	0

(P. T. O.)

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Lord Crewe's Charity.

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Mortgage Charity.

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Rev. S. W. Cope	5	0	0
Rev. W. G. Cole, *Rector*	50	0	0
Mr. Arnold	20	0	0
Mr. Gimson	20	0	0
Miss Gimson	5	0	0
Mr. Nutting	5	0	0
Mr. Wildman	20	0	0
Mr. T. Thorneloe	5	0	0
Mr. Cart	6	0	0
Mr. J. Beck, *Newtown Linford*	5	0	0
Mr. Gilbert	7	10	0
Mr. Trotter	5	0	0
Mr. Freeman	3	0	0
Mr. Wilkinson	1	0	0
Mr. Wigston	12	10	0
Mr. Bailey	1	1	0
Mr. T. Smith	2	0	0
Mr. W. Ball	3	0	0
Mr. G. Lord	0	10	0
Mr. F. Archer	1	1	0
Mr. W. Statham	0	10	0
Mr. Herrick	2	0	0
Mr. Jordan	1	1	0
Mr. J. Ross	1	0	0
Mr. J. Preston	1	1	0
Mr. G. Gilliver	1	10	0
Mr. Richards	1	1	0
Mr. J. Barrs	1	1	0
Mr. F. Godfrey	1	0	0
Mr. F. Gilliver	1	0	0
Mr. James Brown	2	0	0
Mr. J. Pegg, Sen.	1	0	0
Mr. T. K. Oldacres	10	0	0
Rev. W. B. Moore	5	0	0
Mr. T. Smith, *Barleston*	0	10	0
Mr. J. Gilbert	0	10	0
Mr. Everard	3	0	0

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Mr John Barrs (Leicester) 5-0-0
Mrs Browne - 2nd Donation Pd. 15-0-0
Mr W Thompson. 3-0-0
Mr John Bosworth 10
Mr James Riley. 10
Mrs Thompson. 10
Mr Joseph Moore. 2-0-0
Mr E. Lord Sr 10
Mr John Pegg jr 4-0-0
Mr Joseph Statham 6-0
Mrs Geary 5-0
Mr Thos Kent. 10-0
Mr John Deacon 1-0-0
Mr John Thompson. 1-0-0
Mr Wm Joyner 2-2-0
Mr Thos Bott. 1-1-0
Mr Jos. Bacon (Braseote) 10
Mr Jos Brown — 1-1-0
Mr Brown (Mailstone) 10
Sir John Hartopp 2nd Donation 25-0-0
Mr R Wrask 1-10
Mr R Crosher Pd. 5-5-0
Mrs Heggs. 1-1.
Mr H. Heggs 1-1
Mr J Kirkman 6-0-0
Mr R Worthington 2-2
Mr R Trotter. 5
Mr Trivett — Pd. 1
Mr Pratt. 1-1-0

National Society 50-0-0
S.P.C.K 10
Diocesan Board 50
Trinity College. 50-0-0.
A Cox Esq. 20

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N. Two Hundred Pounds Navy 5 per Cent

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Nov 10 1871

I take the liberty of forwarding to you a memorial to the Attorney General, to wh if it meets with yr approval, I hope you will be so good as to add yr signature. I will endeavour as shortly as possible to state the circumstances under wh it is proposed to present this memorial.

Last year when we were asking for promises of assistance in building a School to meet the requirements of the new Education Act 1870 the Crewe Trustees were obliged "though very reluctantly" to decline making any Grant towards it because the Trust was then in Chancery in order that a new Scheme might be drawn up by the Attorney Gl for the appropriation of the surplus income. In this surplus the University of Oxford Linc: Coll: Oxford & the city of Durham claimed to share: We joined with other parties interested in resisting their claim & it was set aside by the Master of the Rolls at the beginning of Decr last. At my request the P & fellows of Trin Coll instructed Messrs Wood & Hayter of Frays Inn London to see that our interests were not overlooked & after this decision they consulted with the Attorney Gl's solicitor Mr Jeaves & afterwards wrote a letter to him stating our case. They now advise us to lose no time in forwarding the accompanying memorial wh they have seen & approved.

I may say that I believe the late Attorney Gl Sir R. Collier was favourable to our claim.

If you will have the kindness to sign the M & return it to me I will obtain the signatures of the Churchwarden & principal inhabitants & then forward it to the Prest for him to return to Messrs W & H.

We applied to the Education Department before Jan 1. 1871 for assistance in building a school & in May I received a letter directing me to apply to the Endowment Commissioners, whose sanction was necessary on account of our annual Endowment of £20. The endowment commissioners required the consent of the Crewe Trustees wh in the present state of the Trust I knew they cd not give & I have therefore been obliged to let the matter rest. But shd we be successful in obtaining the insertion in the new scheme of the provisions we desire, the Crewe Trust will not only build us a school but provide us with everything necessary for conducting it properly.

I am Sir etc.

Sir J. W. C Hartopp Bart.

Attorney General v Liddell.

The following statements are submitted to their Majesty's Attorney Gl by Sir J Hartopp Bart Patron of Lord Crewe's School at Newbold Verdun in the county of Leicester, the reverend W G. Cole. Rector of the Parish of N. V, the Churchwarden & other inhabitants of the same & the reverend S. W. Wayte

President of Trin Coll Oxford in behalf of the President Fellows & Scholars of the said College, the Patrons of the Rectory of N.

The School founded under the will of Lord Crewe is still held in the original building. Its dimensions are 30 ft in length 15 ft 6 inches in width & 8 ft in height: it has therefore an area of 465 Square ft & a Cubical Content of 3720 ft.

The population of N.V has largely increased since the time when the School was founded & the number of children for whom accommodation shd be provided, reckoning the number at one sixth of the total population in 1871 is 103 - This number of children wd require 824 square ft & 8240 cubic ft.

In addition to this the School Buildings are much out of repair & the Master's Dwelling house is unfit for occupation, consequent upon its dilapidated condition & small size - The Master has to live elsewhere.

The sum of £20 is wholly insufficient at the present time for the Salary of a competent Master without providing anything for the services of a Mistress wh we think are much wanted. The number of Children is now so large that their instruction is more than ought to be confided to one person & looking to the fact that a fair proportion of the children are girls, we submit that for their proper education & instruction a School-mistress is required in addition to a Schoolmaster.

Yr Memorialists to submit that the intention of the Testator was to build & endow a School for N.V sufficient to supply the educational wants of the place & that the legacy of £30 & annual sum of £20 provided by his will were at the date of his death amply sufficient for these purposes. - His words are "Item I give the sum of £30 to build a School house at Newbold Verdun aforesaid to teach the Children of the same Parish in Gratis to write & read unless I shall build such School house in my life" - & as Lord C gave the natives of N V a concurrent preference with the natives of certain parts of Yorkshire, of Leicestershire of Northamptonshire & of the Diocese of Oxford after natives of the Diocese of Durham for 12 Exhibitions wh be founded in Linc Coll. Oxford, we submit that it is a legitimate inference that Lord C expected that the education given in his School at N.V. wd even enable boys to be sent up from it to hold his Exhibitions at Linc Coll.

It seems to be clear that the Testator contemplated the application by his Trustees of his Surplus income amongst the objects of his bounty named in his will or else he wd not have thought it necessary to exclude the University of Oxford Linc Coll & Durham as he has done.

If we are right in this it follows that Newbold in past years has suffered & the Testators wishes have not been.

carried into effect by reason that the Trustees have devoted the whole surplus income or at all events almost the whole to objects other than those mentioned by the Testator, the result being at the present time in the case of N. V. the want of proper School accommodation for the Parish as intended by the Testator & the decay of the building wh he directed shd be built

Yr Memorialists further submit that anxiety is felt at N V that advantage may be taken of the present opportunity to supply the chief want of the Parish & to remedy what must be perceived to be a great evil ie that if the school remains on its present footing it will become nearly useless to the Parish, as it is wholly inadequate to satisfy the requirements of the Education Act 1870.

The present site being of less magnitude than that required by the regulations of the Committee of Council, the Rector is prepared in exchange for the present site to grant a ½ acre of glebe land in a situation equally commodious for the purposes of the school. It is not possible to add by purchase to the present site so as to make it of sufficient extent.

Yr Memorialists therefore humbly submit that the scheme shd be amended by the insertion of provisions to the following effect.

The Trustees shall erect a School house at N.V for the education of the children of the Parish of both sexes.

The School shall be conducted as a Public Elementary School within the meaning of the Elementary Education Act 1870.

The Trustees shall also erect a Suitable Dwelling house for the Master of the School & shall pay the Master a proper & Sufficient Salary & shall pay such further sum as may be necessary for providing a Mistress or Competent teacher of Sewing & needlework & such other teachers as may be required, & shall also pay such further sums as shall be required for warming & lighting the school.

The Patron of the School, the Rector of N.V & the Churchwardens of the same shall be the managers of the School.

The Master Mistress & Teachers shall be appointed by the Managers & shall be removable at their discretion.

3 Jan 1872

Sir. I desire to be allowed to lay before the Lords of the Committee of Council on Education the circumstances under wh we have been prevented from following up the application made to their Lordships Dec 13. 1870.

On hearing from you 16 May 1871 that our annual endowment of £20 brought this school within the jurisdiction of the Endowed Schools Commission I wrote at once to the Secretary & received a reply (8th June) in wh I was informed that my letter & the papers forwarded by me to the Education Department had been considered & that the matter required careful enquiry. The letter proceeded to say.

'The commissioners have received no communication either from Lord Crewe's Trustees or from the Patron of the Free School with reference to the proposal contained in yr letter & you do not state whether or no it has their concurrence. — etc [to end of letter].

The plan proposed to the Educn Department 13 Dec 1870 had the support of the Patron of the Free School & wd I have reason to believe have had the concurrence of the Crewe Trustees, had it not been for the position in wh the affairs of the Trust then stood & in wh they still remain.

The Attorney Gl has been for a considerable time engaged in drawing up a new scheme for the Trust: indeed at the end of 1870 a scheme was produced but exception having been taken to it the matter is still unsettled.

I am of course unable to say whether the school of this Parish is likely to benefit by the new scheme but I may state that with the increase in the value of the Trust property we believe ourselves entitled to more assistance than we have yet received & that a memorial to this effect signed by the Patron & principal Parishioners has been presented to the Attorney Gl.

In daily expectation that the new scheme wd be settled I have delayed from time to time to lay these matters before you, hoping that in a short time I shd have had something more definite to say & I now only venture to trouble you with this statement, because it appears impossible to conjecture when the scheme will be settled.

I have the honour to be. Sir.
yr obedient servant.
W J Cole.

The Secretary
Education Department
Whitehall
London S.W.

For succeeding letters see other end of this book.

March 7 1874

I shd be much obliged if you wd be so good as to see a builder about the repairs required at the Halifax Farm as soon as you cd make it convenient. You will perhaps remember that the back wall of the barn was to be pulled down & rebuilt without, if possible, disturbing the roof & floor of the granary & you recommended some other improvements in the central part of the buildings with the thought of which Mr Peck seemed to be much pleased. I shd be glad now if this cd be undertaken without unnecessary delay.

I shd also wish to have the flood gates put in repair & to supply as many gates & posts as you noted down to be required.

It will no doubt be necessary for you to come over to N. to see to these things & I shd then like you to look again at Keenan's thatched buildings & at the gates & posts of that part of the Glebe.

The new Cart house will have to be postponed I think for a time. There appeared to be so much delay in the application for a Loan to the County Office & so many conditions attached that I have withdrawn my application & have

Extract from the Will of the late Mrs Jane Greenway late Beaver

And I declare that the said sum of one hundred pounds is herein-before given & bequeathed to the said Bishop of Peterborough and (the said) Rector of Newbold de Verdon for the time being upon trust that they shall apply the same in such manner as they in their absolute discretion shall think best in the repairs rebuilding endowment or otherwise for the benefit of any school or schools in the Parish of Newbold de Verdon aforesaid in connection with the Established Church in any other way than by buying land for the erection or endowment of such school or schools And I declare that the receipts of the said Bishop

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the time being ——— shall be
sufficient discharge to my Exec-
=cutors for the legacy bequeathed
to them the said Bishop of
Peterborough & (the said) Rector.