Finding aid for the Letters of British architects, 1793-1921

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Abstract: An assembled collection of letters written by 34 British architects between 1793 and 1921, most of them from the second half of the 19th century.

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Acquisition Information
Received in many acquisitions circa 1983-1990.

Processing History
Processed and cataloged by Onica Busuioceanu. The items in this collection were formerly part of the British artists letters collection (accession number 860525). They were separated when that collection was cataloged.

Scope and Content of Collection
An assembled collection of 80 letters from 34 British architects, written between 1793 and 1921, most of them from the second half of the 19th century.

The letters address a large variety of subjects, from appointments and excuses to information about work in progress, plans for the future, lectures and courses, considerations about architectural design and criticism. Among the most significant are letters from Alfred Ainger (1), George Frederick Bodley (4), Arthur Thomas Bolton (1), Charles Robert Cockerell (2), Nockalls Johnson Cottingham (2), Owen Carter Jones (7), Sir George Gilbert Scott (8), Sir Giles Gilbert Scott (1), Sidney Smirke (6), Sir John Soane (7), Sir William Tite (6), and James Wyatt (3).

John Soane's letters are accompanied by three prints: his portrait engraved by T. Blood after a painting by S. Drummond; the elevation of Soane's house in Lincoln Fields, London; and the New Treasury, Whitehall, engraved by M. Fox after a drawing by Thomas H. Shepherd.

Also included is a seating diagram for the 1907 RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) annual dinner.

Arrangement note
The collection is organized alphabetically.

Subjects - Names
Ainger, Alfred, 1797 or 8-1859
Bodley, G.F. (George Frederick)
Bolton, Arthur T. (Arthur Thomas), b. 1864
Cockerell, C. R. (Charles Robert), 1788-1863
Cottingham, Nockalls Johnson, 1823-1854
Jones, Owen, 1809-1874
Scott, George Gilbert, Sir, 1811-1878
Scott, Giles Gilbert, Sir, 1880-1960
Smirke, Sydney, 1798-1877
Soane, John, Sir, 1753-1837
Tite, William, 1798-1873
Wyatt, James, 1746-1813

**Subjects - Topics**
Architects--England--Correspondence

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**Abraham, Robert (1774-1850) 1830**  
Scope and Content Note  
1 letter, 1 p.

**Folder 2**  
**Ainger, Alfred (17947-1859) 1833, 1838**  
Scope and Content Note  
Signed list of two of Ainger's works. 1 p.

**Folder 3**  
**Arkpitil, Arthur 1807-1869) 1856**  
Scope and Content Note  
1 letter, 2 p.

**Folder 4**  
**Beazley, Samuel(1786-1851) undated**  
Scope and Content Note  
1 letter, 1 p.

**Folder 5**  
**Bodley, George Frederick (1827-1907) 1902, 1906, undated**  
Scope and Content Note  
4 letters, 10 p.

**Folder 6**  
**Bolton, Arthur Thomas (1864-1945) 1921**  
Scope and Content Note  
1 letter, 2 p.

**Folder 7**  
**Butterfield, William (1814-1900) 1882, undated**  
Scope and Content Note  
3 letters, 6 p. 1882, n.d.

**Folder 8**  
**Clayton, John (ca. 1820-1861) undated**  
Scope and Content Note  
1 letter, 3 p.

**Folder 9**  
**Cockerell, Charles Robert (1788-1863) 1838, 1848**  
Scope and Content Note  
2 letters, 5 p.
Folder 10  Cockerell, Frederic Pepys (1833-1878) 1875, 1907
Scope and Content Note
1 letter, 2 p. 1875, and 1 RIBA Annual Dinner setting, 1907.

Folder 11  Cottingham, Nockalls Johnson (1823-1854) 1851
Scope and Content Note
2 letters, 8 p. 1 illustrated.

Folder 12  Cubitt, Thomas (1788-1855) 1834
Scope and Content Note
1 letter, 2 p.

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Scope and Content Note
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Folder 19  Jackson, Thomas Graham, Sir (1835-1924) 1909, 1918
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Folder 20  Jones, Owen Carter (1809-1874) 1843-1872
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