

The Worcester Cathedral Bells to be disposed of are 5 in no, say 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 of a peal of 8, without the 1, 2 & 3, say

	Note	Diam, inches	Approximate weight
4	B	34½	8 cwt.
5	A	38	11 “
6	G x	41½	15 “
7	F x	43	16 “
8	E	48¾	23

5 & 8 are modern, both cast by Rudhall of Gloucester. 4, 6 & 7 are ancient. From 4 the inscription has at sometime been cut off, but I imagine it is of the same date as 6, which, in the opinion of Archaeologists, is supposed to be 1180, the lettering on this 6 is very beautiful. Inscription is –

‘Hoc opus impleto Jesu virtute faveto’

7 is later; the character of the lettering leads me to say about 1370 – this I think correct, because the present Tower was finished in 1374, in which year the Bells were removed from the ‘Clochium’ this was then probably a new one. The inscription is –

‘Habeo nomen Gabrielis missi de coelis’

I propose shortly to advertise them in Times, Guardian & building News, to be sold together; if I do not dispose of them within a fortnight, then they will be sold singly.

The price will be 6 gns, a cwt. Which is one qr. above the price of old metal. The **fittings** would be given in, they are in very good order – say – **Brasses, wheels, stocks, etc, etc.**

This is a rare opportunity for those who want Church Bells. I recommend intending purchasers to come & inspect. The Bells are conveniently suspended in Cathedral Nave.

The weight may be rather more or less than stated, but the difference would be small either way,

[signed] Richard Cattley

23 Oct. (?) 1865 received

JRDT

21 Oct 1865

Dear Sir

I owe you very many apologies for my long delay in replying to your letter of enquiry touching our Cathedral Bells. It reached me just on my return home after a rather long holiday – I have had a great pressure of correspondence & have moreover been invalided – you must therefore forgive me the whole debt. I am thankful to report myself much better, & I think this seasonable change of weather will soon put me all right again.

Enclosed I send you a memorandum the same as I have given to others who have made enquiry. Any further information that I can give you, pray ask for. I think I have promised the A Bell (no. 5) but that has no charms for you – Denison & I have arranged it for the Tenor of a new peal near here, it is a beautiful Bell of Ruddalls – [word deleted] 1820.

The Wulstan Bell I think will not be for sale – certainly not for a long time to come.

Once more many regrets at my long silence.

Yrs very truly

Rd. Cattley

J R D Tyssen Esq

Brighton

Brighton 23 Oct 65      Monday

My dear Amhurst

I wrote Mr Cattley a month since respecting the Bells of Worcester Cathedral & enclose the answer received this morning, the two Bells I would suggest your purchasing are No 6 & 7 at a cost of £90 for No. 6 & £90 for No. 7, they are beautiful Bells & good sound. I have written to Mr Cattley to allow you to have the first option of buying these two Bells, the fittings are included. I am sorry to say I have been very much out of order since my return home, the Liver deranged. I go up tomorrow for the first time to Town & will call on Mears (?) as to the two Bells for Igboro [Igburgh, Norfolk] Church. Gus Sutton has ordered the Clock. I was in hopes to have been in Dublin long since, but must get well before I venture from home. Trusting you are all well, love to Margaret whom I hope has regained her strength.

Your affectionate uncle

J R Daniel Tysson

Mr Cattley is a Minor Canon at Worcester Cathedral

R Cattley

27 Oct. 1865

Dear Sir

In answer to your note of yesterday I beg to say, that, tho' I have many casual inquiries about Bells 6 & 7, I have had no definite offer that I feel bound to, and therefore you shall have the refusal of those 2 – It seems a pity that you shd. purchase the whole in way you suggest if you don't want them entire - Augustus Sutton rather has an idea of the Tenor or 8<sup>th</sup> as an Hour [gap] Bell at W Tofts. – Enclosed is paper as you request. – I have an idea of paying a short visit into Cornwall on Monday next.

Yrs. faithfully

Rd. Cattley

J R D Tysson, Esq.

10 Feb 1866

My dear Sir,

I am in a difficulty touching the 2 Bells, which I fully hoped were secured to you, as follows.

Mr Amphlett the Rector of Church Lench in this county spoke to me a considerable time before my correspondence with you about a Bell to be added to his peal. I felt all but certain that there was no chance of one of ours answering his purpose, as several others had asked the same question for a Country Tower, & when measurements were taken we had nothing near the mark: judge of my amazement then when I find that G # is exactly the note he wants, & I have just sent over a competent mechanic (who is also a good ringer) & he reports to me that the Bell suits in every particular. Under these circumstances, I can only at once write and tell you the facts to shew you how I am placed. The notion of your buying the whole for the sake of these 2 seems absurd – since I have inserted my advertisement I have several applications, & I have little doubt that some of the others are wanted – the Tenor I have always thought the most likely to remain in hand, but Augustus Sutton once expressed a wish to have this for his own Tower for Clock to strike upon.

I have given Mr Amphlett to understand that you have anyhow 1<sup>st</sup> refusal of the whole - pray let me have a line soon to say what is now your feeling in the matter, & if you are still anxious to have the G# and F#. I need scarcely say if you do decide upon taking the whole for the sake of these 2 in question, I will use the same exertion to dispose of those you don't require as if I was acting for myself only – you wd. probably see my advt. in Times, Guardian, Bdg. News &c wherein I fixed Feb. 24 as the final date on which I wd. receive offers for the whole. –

Begging the favour of an early reply.

I remain

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

J R D Tyssen, Esq.

PS Will you kindly bear in mind the Bellfounder which you mentd. to me

25 Paragon Street, Norwich

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

My Dear Sir

I return the rubbings of the two Worcester Cathedral bells. The 'missi de Coelis ...' one is much easier to assign a proximate date to than the other. From the Royal Arms France modern it is evidently later than Henry IVth & the crown which surmounts the arms looks (to me) as late as Henry VIIth . The type is probably earlier I should say it belonged to the early quarter of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. The other bell is a very beautiful example of lettering and appears from the rubbing to be in a fine state of preservation. I dare hardly venture to conjecture its date. It may belong to the 13<sup>th</sup> century but I should rather incline to its being of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. I enclose with the rubbings an anastatic impression of some letters at St Laurence, Norwich. I have evidence that these St Laurence Bells came from the collegiate church of St Mary (Chapelfield College), Norwich at the Dissolution. Now that church was founded in the middle of the 13<sup>th</sup> century and consequently the bells were not earlier. M. Viollet le Duc in his Dictionnaire d'Architecture has an article on Bells: he there gives a full size drawing of one of the letters on the bell at Moissac which is dated 1273, the character of which is very much the same as the St Laurence third bell. In Dr Billon's 'Epigraphie Campanaire' is an illustration of the bell at Fontenailles dated 1202, now in the museum at Bayeux. He also illustrates the inscription & the letters as he observes are much like those of the Moissac bell. From these bells which are dated I should certainly be inclined to the 14<sup>th</sup> rather than the 13<sup>th</sup> century for the 'Hoc opus ...' bell. I wish I had the power to speak more positively, but I don't feel competent. Believe me Dear Sir.

Yours very truly

John D ..... [Denison?]

Worcester  
21 Feb 1866

My dear Sir

One very hasty line to tell you that I am suddenly called into Yorks. in consequence of the death of a near relative. Immediately on my return I will reply to your kind note of yesterday. Meanwhile I send you a copy of memorandum forwarded to a large number who have recently enquired about the bells since I have advertised them – it is much like that I sent you before. I will write to you to the same address if I don't hear to the contrary.

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

Proposed Clock and Bells for Worcester Cathedral

Testimonial of Respect to the Dean of Worcester

Communications to be addressed to the Rev. R Cattley, London Road, Worcester

[Note: ansd. 4 March]

WORCESTER

1 March 1866

Dear Mr Tyssen

The matter stands as follows now. –

- (1) The Bishop of Oxford, on behalf of Honolulu Mission Fund, sends to make me an offer for a new Cathl. to be built f .... (for?) Queen Emma, as a memorial to the late King – my reply is that you are before him in the field on behalf of the High Sheriff of Norfolk & that I can say nothing more to him.
- (2) Mr Martin Amphlett (Rector of Church Lench) will be woefully disappointed that he cannot have 6 - I have written to tell him so, & hope for his answer tomorrow.
- (3) I am happy to tell you I have sold 5, the A Bell, subject of course to approval – please say at once if I may have it – it is for a public Clock at Wolverhampton – Joyce of Whitchurch has made the Clock, and they are waiting for it & **very** anxious for an answer.
- (4) I have written to Augustus Sutton to tell him that I can afford him a rare offer in a Clock Bell for Tofts never likely to occur again, and that he will be foolish to lose it. – I need scarcely remark there are my Tenor & 4 left – the largest and smallest. I will use my utmost endeavour to get both taken off yr. Hands. – I think the sooner I get the whole weighed the better; I want if I can to make one moving do – When wd. You like 6 & 7 away?

Yrs. very truly

Rd Cattley.

Church Lench Rectory  
Evesham

Sir

March 1<sup>st</sup>

I hope you will not think it an impertinence on my part to express to you my bitter disappointment on learning from my friend Mr Cattley this morning that the old Cathedral Bell G – No 6 – on which I had set my affections - is to leave the Diocese altogether.

Mr C. has kindly promised to let me have it in case he could not sell the whole peal at once. Some years ago – more than 20 – before my Incumbency – the Tenor Bell in my Church was ruthlessly broken and subsequently sold as old metal to put up a hideous Gallery which I have succeeded in demolishing, leaving my belfry supplied with only two. I sent a man to examine the old G Cathedral Bell and to compare it with mine, and it turned out to be just in harmony with them – I therefore engaged with him to put it up at once in my Belfry in case of their being sold **separately**.

Of course, I quite understand your anxiety as an Archaeologist to possess it and Mr Cattley naturally wishes to make the best bargain he can for the Cathedral, tho' he cannot help sharing my regret that the dear old Relic cannot be retained in the Diocese and especially where it would be so duly appreciated. Pray forgive me for burdening you with this note – your own feeling in such matters will enable you to make kindly allowance for that of

Yours faithfully

Martin Amphlett

J R D Tyssen Esqr.

Hoc opus Missi de Coelis

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WORCESTER

2<sup>nd</sup> March 1866

Dear Mr Tyssen

On again reading your note of the 26<sup>th</sup> Feb. I think I gather that you don't return to Brighton till tomorrow. – You will I trust receive mine of yesterday in due course - the Wolverhampton people write again most urgently about the A Bell, & say they must have an answer tomorrow - will you kindly send me a Telegram from Brighton tomorrow? –

The price I ask them is of course the 6 gs. I propose that they shd. pay – the moment I receive your message I shall send them a Telegram to come & inspect, as they wish to do – they have not been yet.

Martin Amphlett tells me he has written to you, thinking it just possible you may be magnanimous enough to allow the G Bell to remain in the Diocese – the most absurd thing I ever heard of – pray excuse the liberty he has taken.-

Yrs. most truly

Rd Cattley

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WORCESTER

10 March 1866

Dear Mr Tyssen

You will be glad to know that modern A is safely suspended in a Wolverhampton Church Tower & they are much pleased with him: also you will be pleased to learn (tho' I am sorry to tell you) the weight is less than I guessed it to be: 9.3.0 instead of 11.0.0. May I state that I have the privilege of using a very first rate weighing machine at an Iron Foundry here – it is very much more accurate than any public one we have (- I enclose your memorandum). Mr Padmore is one of our Members – would you wish me to have the rest weighed there in due course?

Also please say what I am to do about fittings when you write for the 2 Bells Mr Amhurst wants - he will do well to have them sent – they are Wheels, Stocks and Brasses, the Brasses might easily be stolen. I wd. do with them as I did for Wolverhampton, make them into a parcel & tie them tightly to each Clapper – the Clapper travels better **loose** – of course, we take them out before weighing Bell.- The Wolverhampton people ask whether they are to pay you or me – you must arrange this exactly as you please. –

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

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WORCESTER

19 March 1866

Dear Mr Tyssen

One hasty line at post time.-

You do not wish fittings to come before Bells, do you?

Let me recommend both to go together, as on account of weight of Bells, all wd. then go thro' to Brandon in one truck, without any change. –

I have requested the London & N.W. people to name a thro' route, & they have promised to give me one tomorrow. –

When I came here I brought all my furniture from Lynn – no remove – then it was by Peterboro' Blisworth & B'ham – now it will be same for you if I give to L & N.W. & not to Midland.

I strongly urge all to be moved together **in one lot**.

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

P.S. Fix as soon as possible, as I may have a Customer for another Bell when I can send weight – in Scotland -. I want to weigh all together.

Sign of Sutton Arms on Bell at Tofts sent by R Cattley March 68

Proposed Clock and Bells for Worcester Cathedral [printed heading]

WORCESTER

10 April 1866

Dear Mr Tyssen

I am sorry to tell you that I am on the [sick] list, & shall not be able I fear to despatch Bells on the day named in your last, the 13<sup>th</sup>, - I have got an internal strain from a severe cough, and my medicus orders me perfect rest: - but I am thankful to say I am feeling better already. I will not lose a moment when I am about again – I trust this will not disappoint Mr Amhurst.

Enclosed I send the copy of my letter, by which you will see I again advertise the 2 remnants – rely upon my doing all in my power to get rid of them. –

Yrs. most truly

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Yrs. most truly

Rd. Cattley

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WORCESTER

20 July 1866

My dear Sir

You will be surprised at not hearing from me – pray accept many apologies for this delay. – I have been called into Yorkshire in consequence of the death of a near relative, and have been unable to write before.

First – the cheque reached me in due course, but in the hurry of your despatch you omitted to sign it, so I now return it to you herewith: you may possibly think good to include the amount for the smaller Bell, which if all is well will leave Worcester tomorrow – the 8 cwt wd. be £50.8.0

Previous amt. £201.12.0

£252.0.0. – but pray let this remittance be as most agreeable to yourself.

Several of the nuts belonging to the iron work of the 2 Bells had been stolen during the short time the fittings were in the Nave, I have had new ones made. I hope they arrived safely & answer the purpose.

Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Richd. Cattley

W Amhurst, T Amhurst Esq.

Didlington Hall

Hartlebury Castle

23 August.

R. Cattley

My dear Sir

I am here on a short visit with the Bishop & Mrs Philpott, & on my return will have the pleasure of sending you a proper rect. for your second kind remittance for Bell No 3. Very many thanks for your prompt payment for same.

Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

W. Amhurst, T Amhurst Esq.

7 Feb. 1867

My dear Sir

I have much pleasure in answering your question. – Clifton & Hooper are the Registrars of our Court of Probate – the former is an old man – the latter the acting one – his address in (is?) A. C. Hooper Esq. I told him of your want this morning, and any letters addressed to him will have proper attention.

Touching the Tenor Bell, I had an enquiry some time ago, & ought to have written to you – it may not come to anything. – Will you kindly say the lowest you will take for it? I sent it to the weighing machine when your 3 were dispatched – it is exactly 21 cwt. I asked Taylor of Loughbro' to give me an opinion as to what you ought to take – his reply was that he wd. recommend you to make a reduction in consequence of your having selected and secured that you wanted – T's price for new Bells is now £7 – he is always lower than the London people, who I imagine wd. now ask at least guineas. I imagine T's price for old metal will be £5 – be so good therefore to think over that figure you will name between the £5 and 6 guineas it is a fair Bell, tho' for Rudhall of 1830 it is not so good as it might be – my impressions, however, are formed from hearing it in peal - for that it was miserably & hopelessly flat – as a about single Bell, however, it is a bargain not often to be met with – I shall be sorry for you to have any trouble with it, & had much rather find you a Customer if possible – I have it suspended in the Nave at present.

I was with Augustus Sutton in Oct: & was sorry you were away, as I shd. have had the pleasure of calling upon you: we went to Norwich & had a special peal at S. Peter's Mancroft – this has quite decided me to have 12 Bells here – you will do me the favour to read the enclosed printed letter on the subject. –

I shd. be grateful for any suggestions about Inscriptions or legends; I am quite undecided whether to have any; Gilbert Scott the last time he was here urged me to have an exact copy of your 2 Bells – we have plaster casts of the lettering – but surely it wd. be sham archaeology to copy the lettering in the same characters – there was only time for half a dozen hasty words, & I cd. not get at his meaning in the hurry. –

But I am troubling you with a long epistle.

Believe me to be

Yrs. Very truly

Richard Cattley

30 March 1867

Dear Mr Amhurst

Thanks for your note of the 22<sup>nd</sup> which I was glad to receive.

I have an offer of £100 – I believe I am not to tell you the quarter whence it comes – my reply is the price is out of the question – the Bell is worth more than that for old metal, & when the fact of fittings being included is taken into consideration, £120 – is such a bargain as is very rarely met with – I will tell you the issue in a few days.

I have just despatched the Clock to Augustus Sutton – it is in very good order – he will be able to boast of ancient machines from 2 Cathls. on the premises at the same time, this and Canterbury.

Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

PS I think the offer of £100 – is made in ignorance of weight and current price – more as a **lump sum**  
In the article – I have so written as, I think, to secure a Customer

R Cattley

5 April 1867

Dear Mr Amhurst

Thanks for your letter of Mar: 22. Since then I have communicated with the proposed purchaser (I am not to tell you his name – **you know him**). He says 'I do not like beating a person down in the price he asks for a thing he wishes to dispose of; but as my offer was 100 – and as my Church has daily calls upon me, I will divide the difference between us and give £110. Tho' I assure you I have a Bell that answers all present purposes & am therefore not in actual want' – This brings price to 5 gns. – you must please judge – if the mysterious cleric dislikes bargaining I do so more, but I don't think if you have to break up your old metal, not taking any Bells in exchange, that you will get so much as £110.

It just occurs to me that I still have the Wulstan Bell, 'In honore Sci. Wulstani Epi.': a great fuss was made in the papers about keeping that Bell, but without some one takes it up as a separate matter & gets up a fund for it, I shall let it go, as it is in my hands from our Dean & C. to do as I like with it, and it is probable that you wd. like it reserved for yourself; it was 3 of the peal – you have 4, the ancient Bell without inscription, it is a good note & has a pleasing tone – I fitted it up in Roof of one of our Lesser Transepts, & it is tolled for our daily service – it must weigh some 6 to 7 cwt. – you will be good enough to give me an idea whether you wd. like it in case I have it for sale, & then I will take care that no one else lays claim to it.

Mr. Hooper begs me to offer many apologies for his delay in writing, which he will explain to you - I think you will hear from him by this post. – Believe me to be

Yours very truly

Rd. Cattley

5 Nov. 1867

Dear Mr Amhurst

I shall be glad of a line in answer to my last touching sale of Bell for Yorkshire, as they are anxious to **cash up** & have done with the matter – they are very much pleased indeed with their bargain.

I am going to ask you to do me a great favour – do you think I may venture to ask Mr. Tyssen to give me a copy of his Photograph of the York Bell window? Will you kindly when you have opportunity present my request? - & do not know Mr T's address or I wd. not have troubled you. – The veteran Ellacombe has just been my guest & has shown me this photograph, which is most striking – it has charms for me as a Yorkshire man - I know the window well, & it wd. be a great gratification to me to possess a copy. – I shall feel grateful to you.

Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

21Oct. 1867

My dear Sir

I am not quite sure whether I ever told you that the bargain with the unknown Paddy fell thro', as his Tower was not large enough. – Since then I have had many nibbles, and I am very glad indeed to tell you that this day I have sold your Bell. – A Yorkshire manufacturer after some correspondence has this day made a journey from from [sic] Dewsbury & has clinched the bargain – I asked him £120 – you will remember you gave me leave to say £110 - for Brighton - they beg hard for a slight reduction, as they are poor. – of course, all committees are poor - I said I wd. ask you to knock off £5 and I am going to beg the other £5 (therefore) as I am at a good deal of expense as follows: during a temporary absence, our Nave was fitted up for divine service & this unfortunate Bell was so hemmed in that I have to take down & put up again a whole lot of fittings – may it, therefore, be as I propose? Of course, this brings it to the £110 – before named. I shall be glad to have your answer by return if possible. –

I have just had kind old Ellacombe with me, who is about to publish a charming book on Devonshire Bells &c – wd. you like a copy?

Yrs very truly

Rd.Cattley

6 December 1867

My dear Sir

I am indeed very grateful to you for your very kind offer touching the loan of letters – they would be invaluable to me. I wd. defer casting of Gt. Hour Bell if necessary. I shall anxiously await arrival of wood cuts you so kindly promise on your return home.

I shd. much value Mr Tyssen's opinion & advice as to position of coats of Arms on Bells – I suppose if stamped in 3 places it wd. be in head of Bell, where for instance Arms of England & France are on one of your Bells – I only contemplated one impression on the waist of Bell. - Augustus Sutton suggests crests in the corners.-

If you really prefer my **not** entering you at a sum of £5 – it shall be so, but if you have no objection I shd. much like that £5 so to appear in my accounts.

The enclosed note is from John Powell whom you may know (Hardman's partner, who designs all the best Windows) – you will see his opinion of **your** Inscriptions – he was very cross with me for letting those Bells go – you are aware he is a Roman C. – be good enough to return it to me. –

Forgive my haste

Yours very truly

Rd. Cattley

My dear Sir

Thanks for note of 24<sup>th</sup> duly recd. – the delay has not been of the least consequence, as the Yorks. people have not written about paying for their Bell – I begged them to wait till they heard from me. – I am only sorry to hear of the cause of your detention abroad, but trust you return with health entirely renovated. –

I have not had any trouble but a great deal of pleasure in re-selling the Bells for you, & am very glad to tell you that what appeared to be heavy (?) in hand has given much satisfaction – they like it very much & Potts the Leeds clockmaker is having a frame constructed for it. –

If they pay me £115, the sum I named to them, & you give the difference between £110 - & £132.6.0, say £22.6.0 – I shall in one sense be a gainer of £5 - by the transaction: this I think I explained to you wd. be incurred in expenses, to say nothing of loss of a little interest; shall I therefore enter this £5 as a contribution from yourself to my scheme? I shall be very proud to do so if you will give me leave. –

I shall be happy to convey your wishes to Mr Ellacombe when I next write.

Will you be good enough to give the enclosed to Mr Tyssen – I shall much value his kind gift - also may I ask you to give the benefit of your advice touching the placing of Coats of Arms in Modern Bells. –

Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Richd. Cattley

[Note at head of letter, by recipient : 'Send Cattley wood cuts']

Worcester

7 Dec: 1867

Dear Mr. Amhurst

Since I posted my last note to you, I have heard from Taylor that he is coming to me, & as I want to discuss Powell's letter with him, I write one line to you to say I shall be much obliged if you will kindly place it in an envelope & send it back to me by first post.-

Sorry to be so troublesome.

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

12 December 1867

Dear Mr Amhurst

I feel quite unable to find words to express my thanks to you for your most beautiful gift - the letters are charming indeed, and all to whom I have shown them are greatly delighted with them: but especially am I grateful to you for your most handsome offer to allow us to make use of these precious treasures, our old Dean, who was one of the first to whom I displayed my gifts exclaimed that most people wd. have taken care to monopolise such beautiful things for their own use, & congratulated me much in having had the good fortune to meet with such a large-hearted friend. –

Will you be so kind as tell me at your leisure of what material the moulds are made: of course the impressions you have sent me are from woodcuts – have you yet had Brass Casts taken? This I imagine will be necessary before you can use them for Bells. –

Taylor the Bell Founder has been here today; he like myself is puzzled as to how these lovely impressions have been taken. –

Instead of having T's name round the Bell, I have an intention of having a mould made something like the enclosed, omitting the Bell & Stock and there inserting the date – the Lamb and Flag Taylor calls his mark. This I would I think have on the waist of the Bell on one side, and on the other the Coat of Arms. When Mr. Tyssen suggests that you shd. have your own Arms on any Bells in 3 places, I suppose he means on the head of the Bell, as France & Engd. are on one of yours – in any case I think that would scarcely do, as it wd. not be well to have anything to interfere with Scripture Texts. I need scarcely say how gratefully I shd. receive any hints from either yourself or Mr Tyssen.

Thank you much for your thoughtful offer of your own inscriptions – we however took casts of them before they were sent away. Scott asked for copies of them. -

Augustus Sutton suggested crests in the corners - this wd. be very good, but I fear amongst my large number of subscribers wd. entail endless trouble & I am already full-handed.- I need scarcely say I will wait any time for your kind loan, tho' T. is ready to cast the Big Bell almost any time: but I have not yet got my 4 Coats of Arms prepared – I am expecting Powell daily.

Again my warmest thanks – yrs very truly.

Rd Cattley

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square London NW Jany. 13 1868

Dear Sir

I have found your list and have enclosed it. I have not got the list of the stops, but there were 14 in the whole.

I have sent the other letter to be electrotyped and will let you know when I receive it.

I forgot to ask you if you wish to have the third set of Gutta Percha casts from the moulds.

I also forgot to mention the papers on Ireland to you when you were here, but I have sent them by Book Post today, and you can kindly return them to me some time when you have read them.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

I have as you requested enclosed my account for the Electrotypes.

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square, London NW Jany. 25 1868

Dear Sir

I have just got the solid electrotype of the letter for impressing on the clay and should like you to see it, but do not know how to get it to you, as it weighs nearly a pound and is too heavy to post. I can if you wish it send it by Railway. I think it will answer the purpose perfectly.

I received your two letters yesterday and will make the drawings on the wood of the two letters in a day or two. They are two very good designs and will come very well. I will likewise put the R in hand immediately and also the small letters.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq

28 January 1868

My dear Sir

I must plead your forgiveness both from yourself and Mr Amhurst for my silence, and I am sure you will extend it to me when I tell you that I have been on the sick list myself and that I have also had great anxiety in consequence of the alarming illness of a young clerical friend who was my guest – happily he has so far recovered as to be removed home. In addition to all this I am pressed much at this time of year with ? and other kindred secretaryships in this Socy. I am financial Sec: for the district.

All I can today do is to offer my grateful thanks for the beautiful letters which reached me in perfect safety – they are immensely admired, & we all feel we are in deep debt for the loan so kindly promised. In a post or two I am intending to ask you 2 or 3 questions in which I know you will favour me with your opinion & advice, more especially with regard to Coats of Arms & shields to same.

Also let me say how very much I am obliged by your kind remembrance of the York photos. –

Believe me to be

Yours very truly

Richard Cattley

J R D Tyssen Esq.

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square, London NW Jan'y 30 1868

Dear Sir

I have enclosed with this the two electrotyped letters in relief. The A is the one I have had last done and is the one which I think will answer your purpose. It is cut down to the size of the letter and has had an extra thickness of the copper deposit, so that it will stand any work it may have to do.

I have also enclosed in the same parcel the drawings on the wood of the two letters and hope they will please you and also the lady who made the designs. You will see that I have taken the liberty of making a few alterations in order to fill up the blank spaces more fully, but not to alter the general 'character' of the designs.

I had a note from you concerning the Z a day or two since. I think you are quite right about the cross-stroke. The letter should be Z for the date of the Bells. On the tomb of Henry III in Westminster Abbey they are of this form ZZ and on Henry VII's Z without the cross line. I think the one I have sketched above will be right as it occurs along with letters of the same form as the lower coates (?).

I will get the R and the two small letters printed (?) immediately.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq.

Taylor & Co., Bell Founders, Loughborough

Feb'y 7<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir

In reply to your favour I beg to state that I am daily expecting the Inscriptions and designs of letters from the Revd. R Cattley. I wish I had them as the mould for the large bell is waiting. I shall be thankful to be put in possession of anything that will forward the business and will write to Mr C. by this post to urge him on to haste.

With many thanks. I beg to remain

Your most obedient servant

John Taylor

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square, London NW Feb 7 1868

Dear Sir

I have just received your letter and the blocks and will make the corrections immediately, but first I think it necessary to ask you about the Q. You will see that in the original letters the O is a circle, and I consider that consequently the Q should be a circle, but in Mrs. Amhurst's first drawing she had made it an oval, but in putting it on the wood, I made it a circle. I see in the tracing which Mrs. Amhurst has sent with the corrections, she has again made it an oval and I therefore conclude that she wishes it to be drawn as an oval, but I think it necessary to ask before I draw it again, as I shall be entirely governed by her wishes.

I suppose you would wish to see the drawings again before they are engraved.

I will get other letters done immediately, and will send the moulds today to have the electrocasts taken from them,

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen

10 Feb 1868

My Dear Sir

Pray thank Mr Tyssen for his kind note of the 6<sup>th</sup> – Need I assure you how grateful we are for the promise of electro letters, which no doubt will ensure a very charming result.-

Matters stand as follows with Taylor:

He is ready for Gt. Hour Bell only. On that I propose for Inscription 'Nunc dimittis servum tuum Domine secundum verbum tuum in pace' in as much of that there is space for- Also on waist of Bell, a Trefoil with 3 Coats of Arms, for which Hardman has promised to draw one design (I went over to B'ham on Saturday) (1) The See of Worcester (2) Dean & Chapter (3) City of Worcester. Then on waist of Bell on opposite side I propose a shield with Taylor's name, date & his mark, which he tells me has long been 'Lamb & Flag' – for this also Hardman is to draw me a design.- I shall esteem it a great favour if you and Mr Tyssen will give me a candid criticism on all this, & shall only be too thankful for any hints and suggestions – I think what I propose is right, but I am very anxious to avoid any blunders.-

As regards the smaller Bells, I have not yet made up my mind as to the inscriptions, but will soon do so – I thought of some of the other canticles, and making up the entire number with texts of scripture: I imagine the right plan will be to use the same letters – they may be full large for the smallest Bells – but then we must be content with fewer words – whatever is used leads at once to the Text - am I not right in this?

Then as to the Arms on the smaller Bells; would you have all the shields the same size? I think I shall scarcely go to the expense of more than shields – no crests or coronets that is – tho' the latter wd. be a great improvement, & I mean the owners of the same to bear the expense (Lord Lyttelton gave me leave before he went to New Zealand to incur the expense for him).

Good old Ellacombe much approves - I enclose my last note from him with some scraps, which be good enough to return. The 2 casts of Arms from Bells at Ashburton have reached me – I am very glad to have them as examples – if you care in the least to see them I will gladly forward them to you: but I think E is wrong about Wood Cuts being sufficient. I think Taylor wd. only make a poor business of it without metal.

Your letters are immensely admired: I only hope I am not transgressing all bounds by keeping them so long – the Wood Cuts and Plaster ones I propose exhibiting in our principal bookseller's window when I can find time to write a letter for the local papers to draw attention to them: Lord Beauchamp who has good taste in such matters covets a copy of the Wood Cuts – I thought I might venture to give you a hint in case you were kind enough to spare him a set – but I have not hinted such a thing to him I need scarcely say; I hope you will pardon this liberty:- I much regret that Lord B. holds aloof from our Cathl. Restorations, and therefore he is not on what we term the Joint Restoration Committee – I therefore cannot have his Arms – he is heartily in with me for my Bells & has subscribed – but the general restoration he wont look at – he is an advanced Ch: man – our Chapter are high, dry and slow, & till we have a new Dean he will do nothing – you might see he gave £5000 to Salisbury the other day. – I once thought of selecting 12 from my *subscribers* for Arms, but that wd. lead me into endless worry: the same remark wd. apply to my Bell Commee. [committee],

some of them are dissenters; the Joint Restoration Commee. consists of the Chapter (Dean & 4 Canons) Bishop, Lords Lyttelton, Dudley, Leigh and Somers – also Sir John Pakington & Sir E Lechmere - 12 in number - 3 of these are not yet amongst my subscribers, the only reason given is that they fear I shall injure general restoration – here then I feel a slight difficulty – how far is it consistent and right to place arms on any Bell of a man who has not been a contributor: it may be that when I next put it before these defaulters and ask them to bear expense of said arms, they will repent of their error, give me an offering to my fund and permission to run up a *small account* at Hardman's for execution of shields &c. - without this latter I certainly have no intention of thus handing them down to posterity.

Forgive my troubling you with all this, but your great kindness & splendid present leads me to hope that you wont think I bore you – moreover- I shall feel much obliged if you will consider this a joint letter to Mr. Tyssen and yourself – his great research into all such matters makes his opinion of much value to me, and any hint that either you or he will favour me with will be highly valued.

You kindly said you would print for me the Hour Bell inscription – I write by this post to desire Taylor to send me exact girth & space left for lettering, & I will at once forward it to you.

The canticle that I wished rather to have on Hour Bell is I think even more appropriate, but in conversation with my Bishop one day he thought it was a *pun* & I had better use this one named eove – it is canticum Ezechiae [Isaiah 3 8] 'ego dixi in dimidio dierum meorum, vadam ad portas inferi' – I thought as this bell will be for hours and for tolling for illustrious dead, this was good – I think I will use it for ? of peal.- you are doubtless familiar with 12 Canticles in Roman Breviary – most are excellent for my purpose & I shall copy them freely.

I should much like it if Mr Tyssen could suggest some stop or mark to shew that your Alphabet is used, of course Taylor must not make any use whatever of what is entrusted to him; and should I not be wise to provide for my Bells shield &c with his name in order that it may be used in no other case or perhaps it is not worth while to trouble about this.

Did I ever tell you that we took careful models of the letters on old Bells before they were sent to you - (Scott asked for copies, but I don't think they were ever sent to him) – many thanks for kindly offering to take them for me.

I fear I shall much weary you,

Believe me to be

Yours sincerely & very gratefully

Rd Cattley

20 Clifton Villas Camden Square London Feb 12 1868

Dear Sir

If I had waited until tomorrow I could have sent all your drawings but I think it better to write tonight and let you know what I am doing. I have thought it best to make slight (?) drawings on paper for you to see before I put them on the wood and of these I enclose the Arms of Amhurst and the Bellfounder's device.

I don't know that I have any remarks to make on the fruit except that I have taken the foliage exactly from the letters and I think it fills up the space very well. In the Bellfounder's mark I have endeavoured to give it more of a mediaeval character. The letters will be copied very carefully from the Some.... Bells and will lie in a deep hollow which will give a great effect of shade to them. I have put a diaper background to the Lamb which will come out well in casting and will give a relief to the figure.

The Arms of England I have not yet finished, but will send it tomorrow, along with the two corrected drawings on the wood of the K & Q [King & Queen].

I Have got the J & O??? and have sent the casts and ? to Duffield to be cut.

I went myself on Monday to see about the casts of the letters and to urge them on and I got a promise of them being completed about Monday next. I should therefore like to know where they are to be sent when completed, as they will be very heavy, much more so than the last as these are all **solid metal** and the others were mounted [moulded?] on wood.

I will write again tomorrow. I remain Sir, in haste

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen

The blocks (?) in a separate packet

20 Clifton Villas Camden Square London NW Feb 14 1868

Dear Sir

I hope you [word missing – received?] the sketches yesterday and this money safely and I now send the drawings on the wood which I have corrected according to Mrs Amhurst's tracings, and hope they will now be satisfactory.

I shall be able now to proceed with the engraving of all the subjects immediately I receive your instructions.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen

Taylor & Co Bell Founders Loughborough Feb 14<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir

We have the large Bell for Worcester moulded as far as we can get on with it until we receive the letters for the inscription – the diameter of the bell at the mouth will be 6 feet 4 inches – the circumference at the crown – where the inscription is usually placed is 11 feet- we send you by this book post several of our catalogues – on the cover of which is our trade mark – we believe Mr Cattley intends that we should use it on the Worcester Bells – the Inscription for the hour Bell (the large one) we hear is to be 'Nunc Dimittis servum tuum Domine secundum verbum tuum' - The Arms 3 Coats in a trefoil –

Any further information we can furnish you with shall have our best attention.

We beg to remain Sir

Your obedient Servants

John Taylor & Co.

Worcester

18 Feb. 1868

After post time

Dear Mr Amhurst

Thanks many for your valuable letter – how much I wish we were nearer that we might have a talk together.

Your idea of an inscription round the sound Bow is a new one; as a rule such is to be avoided, as tone and quality may suffer, tho' for an Hour Bell I do not think this so likely: I will give all this due consideration: Lincoln 'Tom' & Big Ben no. 2 (the one now in use) both have inscriptions at sound Bow – I will send you presently pictures of them for inspection – will you do me the favour to return them when you have had them (Mr Ellacombe will send them to Augustus Sutton, & I will tell him to re-direct to you) – I think I ought to have some extra ornamentation on big Bell – this you will see on the above when they reach you. – I much like your plan for Arms of England – thus if we placed inscription on sound Bow with Taylor's name & mark in same, we shd. not require shield for him, but cd. place 2 shields on each side of Bell – this might be better than all 4 in a quatrefoil – this is merely a suggestion. – I imagine you only wd. recommend the Eccles. Caths. &c &c on the **Big Bell** ? – the church is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, but in the old Books it is also Christi et beate Mariae Virginis – I will inquire more into this, tho' I believe it is correct. – Would **Agro** be the word in comitatu ? Lord Lyttelton used Agro for Diocese some time ago.

One thing I must not omit – Taylor asks me if a V. can be found as well as a U. – I imagine not – but in the word 'servum' for instance when the two letters follow each other – wd. you use the V. twice over?

Mr Ellacombe is eloquent upon some London wood cutter for Arms &c. – I think I shd. be inclined to entrust all to Hardman, as I am ignorant how to give instructions, & Hardman has done this kind of thing before – Sutton for instance has a shield done by Hardman for his Bells – on Tenor only I think – I have it now [word deleted] on my table – this is size of shield, & I think not a bad guide for us.

Taylor tells me that he has written to give Mr. Tyssen circumference of big Bell at crown – 11 ft: - of course at sound bow it is very much larger.-

Once more my grateful thanks for all yr. kind help – this is an important opportunity to do things well. – Believe me to be

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

P.S. Blews the new B'ham Founder has made a mess of a Bell near here, & I advise him at once to recast it – he determines at once to adopt my suggestion – they have tuned it beyond redemption – it is a 7<sup>th</sup> to a fine peal of 8.

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square, London NW Feb 22 1868

Dear Sir

I have been from home two days but found your letter awaiting my return. I was very sorry indeed to learn of the damage that has been done. I think however that many of the letters can be repaired without recasting, at all events they shall be made perfect in some way. I sent them back and have received a very satisfactory answer – ‘We are sorry to hear of the damage sustained by the electros from careless packaging. We will put them right at once’. I will send the O to Duffield either tonight or Monday morning. I have been somewhat hindered with having to go from home.

You have not given me any instructions concerning the Z and have not returned the designs for the Arms of England.

I will send the drawing on the wood of the Arms for Mr & Mrs Amhurst on Monday.

I will get the small letters forwarded immediately.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq

I write hurriedly but hope I have not forgotten to answer any of your enquiries.

Block in a separate packet by this same post.

20 Clifton Villas Camden Square London NW Feb 25 1868

Dear Sir

I have only just time to send off your drawing on the wood of the two shields. I hope you will like it, but I am afraid the bearings will be too minute for casting.

I received your letter this morning and will see Messrs. Clay myself about the inscriptions as to the best mode of doing them to communicate with you **direct**.

I have attended to everything else you have mentioned.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq

2a Dean Street, Oxford Street Feby. 25<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir

I received orders from Mr Jewett to cut a mould with the letters J & G on it i done so, the Plaister Impression that was sent as a Pattern was broken when i received it. Mr Jewett has sent back the tablet that i have cut and states he wishes them to be cut separate on two Blocks instead of one, he also sends for a letter Q with Bishop's Head and Mitre to be Recut. I assure you the trouble and time lost in attending to Mr Mazzoni [?], Respecting the Moulds that went through his Hands and the small amount i received for the work i done, that i cannot afford **being a poor man** to loose my Labour for nothing paid. I try in general give satisfaction with all my Productions. In this case I cannot give that Satisfaction that I should wish. I beg leave to Decline cutting any more. I Humbly thank you for Your Past favours and Remain

Your most obdt.

Jas. Duffield

H Tyssen Esq.

PS I Retain the tablet with the Letters cut on it which i assure you was cut to order, as Mr Jewett wished them to be two Letters on one Block, if i am to be the looser it is more than i can afford. I Have sent the Parcel back to Mr J as safe as I Received it, should it be broken, it will be the fault of the Delivery Company's servant. The Plaister Pattern Broken that Mr J speaks of i assure you was broken when I Received it and no Doubt through the carelessness of the Deliverer or some other of the companys servants, was the cause of the injury done to the Plaister Impression.

2A Dean St., Oxford St Feby 25<sup>th</sup> 68

Sir

I Received your Parcel by the Delivery Comy. which i am sorry to be obliged to return, as i find I cannot give satisfaction, i would rather Decline cutting any More Moulds. I have had so much trouble and received so little for my work, that i have been a great looser. Respecting the Plaister Mould being broken when you received it, I assure you it was Broken when it came to me. I also understood by your order that the letters J & Q was to be cut on one tablet. You now wish them to be cut Separate, and another tablet with the letter Q with Bishops Head & Mitre. finding i cannot Please i must Decline doing any more. I am a Poor man and cannot afford to loose my time for nothing. I feel obliged to you and Mr Tyson for Past Favours and beg to Remain

Yours most Obedt

James Duffield

A Jewett Esqr.

PS I write to Mr Tyssen to inform him that it will not suit my Purpose to cut any more Blocks under circumstances above Stated.

[SEE NEXT LETTER FROM A JREWETT – C.42]

Answer

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square NW Feb. 26 1868

Sir

I am sorry to have caused you any annoyance. It was not my intention to do so. The reason I objected to the O & I was not so much to their being on one Block as that you had cut them on a knotty piece of wood and the knots came across the letters, leaving rough places which would prevent the getting of good casts from the moulds.

I have several more of these small letters to send you as well as some large other large ones (sic) which I think you would do well to cut, and though I have nothing to do with the payment of the matter, I am quite sure that Mr Tyssen does not wish you to be at any loss, and will pay any reasonable charge which you may make for them. Whatever you do must be done thoroughly well and you must charge accordingly.

I shall be glad to hear from you again, when you have re-considered the matter. I remain

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square London NW Feb 26 1868

Dear Sir

I have sent to Mr Duffield the plaster cast and proof of the O with the Bishop's head with instructions to him to cut another and I also at the same time returned the small O & I which he had cut on one block and on a knotty piece of wood, the cracks of the knots rendering it not possible to get smooth casts. I did it in a manner which I thought would not offend him, but last night I received a parcel containing the casts &c and the enclosed letter. I wrote to him this morning and have given you a copy of my answer.

He is I believe very poor but seems a decent well-meaning man and I do not think he would be unreasonable in his charges. It would therefore I think be well to come to terms with him as we may probably face some difficulty in getting another to take his place. I am at work on the small letters.

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen Esq.

20 Clifton Villas Camden Square London NW Feb 27 1868

Dear Sir

I have tonight received the letters in relief for the Bell. They seem all right now and I have forwarded them to Mr Amhurst's address. I have today got the charge for them. I find that for these they have to take a copper **mould** and to cast from this as they cannot take the cast from the wood, so that it makes double trouble. Then there is a double thickness of deposit of copper and after that the moulding on metal and cutting down the back parallel with the face. Altogether (?) it is a very long piece of work and cost is consequently high, viz. 5/6 each both for the square and circular ones.

I went over to Messrs. Clay today to explain what you wanted about the legend on the Bell. I have sent to them the whole of the electrotypes for printing and they will set up a portion of the motto and send it to you to show you the spacing which will be required, and they will also send you a list of the electrotypes already done, and of what will be required, and you can communicate with them. I have given their address on the other side.

I shall be glad to receive the rest of the drawings which will have to be engraved.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

Messrs Clay, Son & Taylor

Printing Office

Bread Street Hill

London EC

J R Daniel Tyssen, Esq.

29 Feb 1868

Worcester

My dear Sir

I am so very sorry to hear of Mr Tyssen Amhurst's troublesome attack, & do most earnestly trust he may soon be quite convalescent: Augustus Sutton writes me word that he has had any amount of measles at Tofts, but I am glad to have a favourable report of all his invalids.

May I ask you to thank Mr A. For his kind attention in sending me the 1728 'Daily Post' which was most interesting & curious – we have a local File here of the 'Journal' from 1720 – when I have opportunity – I trust in an early day – I am going to compare notes & search for a report of a certain storm – I will tell Mr. A. the result – the whole document is quaint & has amused many local folk.

I was with my Bishop at a Church Consecration yesterday (I go to represent the non-resident Chancellor) not far from Loughbro', & went to see Taylor's progress – the Great Bell is quite ready, and he is anxiously waiting for Coats of Arms & inscriptions – I got hold of an intelligent fellow who has just gone to Taylor as a moulder – he has worked in Paris, & has some **art** in his composition which Taylor lacks – I now see my way what to do – I shall be quite satisfied with wood carvings of Coats of Arms, & without you suggest any one better, I shall get to a firm recommended by Ellacombe, – Bonnewell & Co, 87 Holborn Hill – I will have some amount of ornamentation, & this man tells me if I have a short piece of any pattern well cut in wood, he can cast it in soft metal, so as fit shape of Bell, & that that same piece can be continued round in short lengths – of course any ornament **must con..... with 15 existing letters** – I have asked our Cathl. Architect to put on paper anything he cd. advise – I need scarcely say how thankful I shd. be for any suggestions from Mr Amhurst & yr. self if you will favour me with the great advantage of yr. taste & experience – What I now think in the matter of Arms for Gt. Bell is 4 shields equidistant each in a quatrefoil or other ornament **alone**, and it may be a kind of band to connect the whole: at first I had an idea of 3 shields in one Trefoil, and I hope you will think that the above is the best; I am rather led to this by inspection of a most beautiful photo just sent to me by Mr. Ellacombe of the Bell at St. Isaac's Cathl., Petersburg – this I purpose sending to you by the next post – I am asking Edmund Denison to address it to you, & you in turn will kindly despatch to Sutton who will send it back to me – if you have not seen it, you cannot fail to be greatly pleased with it – weight of Bell is 29 Tons, more than double that of Big Ben – it is evidently a photo from an engraving, not from Bell itself - ornament is undoubtedly overdone on lower part of Bell – I wd. never have anything on sound Bow not even inscription as on Lincoln Tom. – This brings me to inscription on our own Bell – I have to thank Mr. A & I do so very much for his hint touching same – he suggests **on** sound bow I think – I purpose placing same just above upper bead of sound bow (Big Ben has insn. between beads on upper part of sound bow but Taylor has not left room for such with us) – possibly I may place some slight ornament above & below such inscription – line runs as follows – some words may be abbreviated if necessary, but I think there is room for all in full – Ecclesia Cathedralis Christi et Beate Mariae Virginis in Civitate et Comitatu (or agro?) Vigornensi John ? Taylor fudit (this better than fecit I think) anno domini MDCCCLXVIII on this I am led to trouble you with three questions –

(1) How am I to manage about Popish things?

(2) Should I use your beautiful letters for the date? – are they appropriate, or wd. you advise my having something different?

(3) How shd. I secure what is proper & correct for Taylor's mark or monogram, the Lamb & Flag – surely a London wood cutter cd. easily contrive it, & if cut in wood, Taylor cd. easily make a metal one from the wood if necessary. –

I fear I am running in to a troublesome length – but bear with me while I make a few enquiries as to Arms in the 12 Peal Bells – my present idea with regard to them is to have 2 or it may be 3 shields on each in waist same as in Gt. Bell where I propose 4. – If 2 shields I shd. be a member of Commee. as I wrote before, & the other Taylor's name date and mark – I call this latter a shield, but I shd. feel very grateful if you wd. suggest what form it shd. take – it ought to be in keeping with lettering, do you not think? & also with Arms on opposite side of Bell – then if I added on each a 3<sup>rd</sup> – it might be Arms of Chapter which might I think well be placed on every Bell – in every case such shields to be placed in a foil, which of course I wd. have made in Brass – I think a quatrefoil wd. be best. – I don't think I have stated the 4 shields for Gt. Hour Bell they wd. be (1) See – (2) Chapter (3) City – (4) England, as Mr A. suggested, or Province of Canterbury. – I fear I have run on so as to be a worry & a bother to you, but any remarks in reply however brief will be esteemed a lasting favour – I am singularly solitary here in lacking any one with care or taste for such matters with one happy exception, one Richard Woof FSA, the present Town Clerk of Worc. – he is an excellent archaeologist, but has never thought much about Bell matters before.

One word about Inscriptions, & I have done – I think I told you I had a wish to place in Gt. Bell – “ Ego dixi in dimidio dierum vadam ad portas inferi ” – one of OT Canticles, & I thought appropriate – in mentioning this to my Bishop he replied ‘he thought it rather a kind of pun – this I told Denison who remarked “ I confess I am obtuse enough not to see the pun which your Bishop perceives in the “Dixi dimidio”: but in the other hand I don't see why the Bell shd. talk of going down to the gates of Hell in the middle of each day: is that the pun?” – For this I settle Nunc dimittis, & shall not give it further thought. – The 12 Peal Bells, & 13<sup>th</sup> extra quarter Bell it is not so easy – Sutton suggests that is novel, & for many reasons I like the idea much – name, after 12 Apostles, & for inscriptions the portion of creed usually given to such Apostle – I will write to him how this may be arranged. – My latest idea I like – as follows

150 Psalm – Vulgate of course – each verse – say 1<sup>st</sup> 5 – as 2 separate sentences, & the repetition of the word Laudate in each seems to be very appropriate & charming as the Bells quickly follow each other

Bell Verse

1. 1. Laudate Dominum in sanctis ejus
2. “ Laudate eum in firmamenti virtutis ejus
3. 2 Laudate eum in virtutibus ejus
4. 2 Laudate eum secundum multitudinem magnitudinis ejus

- 5      3 Laudate eum in sono tubae  
 6      “ Laudate eum in psalteris et cithara  
 7      4 Laudate eum in tympano et choro  
 8      “ Laudate eum in choro et organo  
 9      5 Laudate eum in cymbalis benesonantibus  
 10     “ Laudate eum in cymbalis jubilatinis (?)  
 11     6 Omnis spiritus laudet Dominum

This leaves 12 unprovided for – I might carry out the idea of “praise” with Te Deum laudamus; or ? there are numbers of single Texts which are good & proper. By the by, I have just had an account sent me of the new Bells at Boston, & I see there they have chosen texts in English.

As time presses & I have written at length about inscriptions, perhaps I may ask you to forward this despatch to Sutton, to whom by next post I will write a line & tell him to expect it – also you will be good enough to forward Photo: when it reaches you – I have also pictures of Lincoln Tom & Big Ben if you wished to see them – Many apologies for such a lengthy epistle – The smallest hints thankfully rec’d – from one so well able to give them as yourself.

I sincerely trust you will soon report Mr Amhurst entering convalescent.

Believe me to be

Yours very truly

Rd. Cattley

PS Are the Electro letters nearly ready? I don’t think we are likely to require [text overwritten]

[SIDEWAYS AT TOP OF FIRST PAGE] The Frame is in an advanced state & promises well – the moment Roof is on tower (?) I mean him to fix it that it may have best possible chance of seasoning. T’s frames hitherto have been the worst part of his performances.

[SIDEWAYS AT END OF LAST PAGE] PPS Monday ? The other thought strikes me – I fear I cannot get the Laudate or any other inscriptions on the small Bells, if I use **the** beautiful letters, which are large: I could of course have double lines, tho’ they are not desirable – even then I cd. not get in ? ? with secm. Multm. Mags. Which are frightfully long – Neither can I see my way to any abbreviations that will do: one attempting is using 2 or 3 words of well known Texts such as Te Deum Laudamus, Bednecite [sic] opera omnia - Benedictus Dominus Deus Israel Magnificat aut .... dominum.- Exultavit cor meum in Domino &c. Moreover, I cannot come down much on to waist of small Bells with Inscriptions on Account of coats of Arms. – I thought of having round crowns (?) of each Bell some slight ornamentation – possibly some above sound Bow



20 Clifton Villas, Camden Square, London NW March 2 1868 Monday evening

Dear Sir

I am sorry to hear of Mr Amhurst's illness.

Duffield has been up here this evening. He seems very much gratified and pleased with your letter and I have no doubt will do his very best to please you. He has no doubt of being able to cut the arms the size of the sketch and I have promised to draw all the bearings for him larger to cut by. I gave him the large O with instructions how to cut it and he has promised to send me the small O & I on Wednesday and I will immediately forward them to be electrotyped.

You will see by the enclosed proof that I have had the X enlarged as you suggested. It has been done by adding a thin piece of wood all round the letter. I think it looks much better for it. I have sent it to have new electrotypes taken from it for the inscription instead of those already sent.

I have written to Messrs. Clay today to say you would be glad to have the proofs. I will now get the two shields drawn and send you the block by Post.

I remain Sir

Yours sincerely

A Jewett

J R Daniel Tyssen

Worc. 6<sup>th</sup> March 1868

Dear Mr Tyssen

Thanks many for kind despatch of 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lincolnshire Inscriptions are good – they will be a great treat to Ellacombe to whom I forward them.-

I shall be very glad when you can report Mr Amhurst's more rapid progress towards recovery – this will I trust be in yr. next.

Pray say how grateful I am touching Trade mark for Taylor – of this, tho', presently - **now** I shall be grateful if you will discuss one subject only – that is Gt. Hour Bell & all therewith connected – that really presses now – Taylor urges me much – all is quite ready for inscriptions & ornamentation, & then at Loughbro' the other day a hint was given me that from lowness of situation of that place if much rain fell, water might find its way into pit which is of course a deep one!

Herewith, then, I send by Book post **sweep** of Bell to which please refer.- (May I again ask you to forward it & this note to Gus Sutton, I thus keep him **posted up** and he is much interested) –

(1) Ornaments 1 2 3 & 4 I think will be right – patterns ought to be ready – our architect promises me drawings today – they must not be too heavy – Taylor will rebel, but he must do it – I am sorry the beads are there before all this is decided upon. –

(2) Inscription “ Nunc Dim.” This leads me to speak of what you mention in yr. last for the 1<sup>st</sup> time – small letters – they will indeed be a treasure – are the 2 sent, specimens of them? As space for this inscription is large, and there is I believe ample room, wd. it not be well here to use all capitals?

(3) Inscription “Ecclesia Cathedralis” : in this I wd. use small letters; I wd. perhaps substitute agro for comitatu – you did not answer my question how I am to arrange about the two diphthongs. What letters shd. I use for date – also I want a special Lamb & Flag making for this Bell if I am to carry out Mr. A's suggestion, & I confess I like it much & thank him much for the idea – inscription in full in “Ecclesia Cathedralis Christi et beatae Mariae Virginis in civitate et comitatu (agro) Vigorniensi, “Johan Taylor fudit (rather than fecit?) Anno Domini MDCCCLXVIII.” As I have just said I wd. use small letters with large for all capitals; or if there is room, how wd. it be to use all capitals & small for the date only, thus giving a grand & distinctive character to big Hour Bell.

(4) The Coats of Arms. – I hope Mr Amhurst & you approve of my plan of **4**, each in a quatrefoil & all 4 tied together by a kind of band somewhat after fashion of Russian Bell – say (1) England (2) See of Wor: (3) Chapter of Wor: (4) City of Wor:- I might have had province of Canterbury instead of England, but I like latter best.-

I have written to Bonnewell of London to know if he cuts Arms in wood; & if not I request him to recommend me a Heraldic Wood Man, - So much for Big Bell, & Taylor must exercise patience till I can get all ready for him.

Here I might stop, but as I am writing early & have time before our Day Mail to London, I will say a few words about Taylor's mark, so kindly sent me, which really belongs, as I think, to other Bells – at least I think it wd. scarcely be wise to place it on upper part of Bell, would it? If we insert as proposed, then Lamb & Flag **between** Johan: & Taylor.-

But I now speak of it as for all peal Bells.- I confess in my ignorance I wd. have inserted date in it; if not there, **where** can we put date? Round head of each Bell comes inscription, then on one side I thought of Arms of one "swell" member of Comee., and on other side, this "Mark" of Taylor's **with date**; I did not contemplate any inscription as on Big Bell, "Ecclesia" & just above Sound Bow – therefore **where** shd. date come? Of course we might place it on waist of bell, under Taylor's mark.

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MD & c & c I shall be very glad to have your opinion on this.-

So how wd. the following do: Keep Taylor's mark a small affair, about size Mr. A has kindly sent now – repeat that thrice on head of Bells – have shield with a member of Comee. on one side, and that of D. & C. on other, repeating this last on all Bells- (I can see no objection to this, as for instance we have Arms of Chapter on all Vessels for Holy Comn. now): - then where shd. date come?

But there is ample time for all this latter, as also for Inscriptions, whether Sutton's (for which I am anxiously waiting) or my praise worthy ones – as I have said, all my desire is for Gt. Bell at once.-

Yrs. very gratefully

Rd. Cattley

21 June 1869

Dear Mr Tyssen

I owe you 1001 apologies for non-reply to your last recd. an age ago - pray forgive my long silence – I was much pressed with various correspondence when your letter & memoranda arrived, & now I am sorry to say my papers are much upset with workpeople in the house – very shortly, however, I hope my matters will be in order again, when I will have the pleasure of sending a cheque for my debt to you. –

Speaking of this reminds me that Mr. Amhurst has to send me a small balance for the Bells – there is not the least hurry for this, & the thing is entirely separate from what you have so kindly done for me – but perhaps I had better some day mention it to Mr. A. before it entirely escapes my memory.-

After very much thought I have decided to place the names of the Apostles only on peal Bells, in Latin of course, & Taylor's name on crown - The tenor is cast – a very grand Bell it is – Fredk. Sutton went the other day & thought it if anything better than Hour Bell – Augustus has not yet heard it, but is charmed with Gt. Bell – Taylor has asked leave to use the small letters for the name of his Firm round crown of **small** Bells & I have given him leave – there was not time to write to you & I hope you will not disapprove. – On the larger Bells he shall use all large letters – of course name of Apostle is to be in every case in large letters, & on waist of Bell – also I am placing one band of ornament round each Bell under Crown inscription – The 13<sup>th</sup>, or extra Bell for quarters, will be S. Paulus. Again sincere apologies.

Yrs. very gratefully

Rd Cattley

10<sup>th</sup> July 1869

[Annotated: Cheque for £17.6 sent to R.C 12 Aug 69]

Dear Mr Tyssen

Thanks for your kind note – also, I am sincerely obliged by your kind trouble about the Letter 3. which Taylor tells me he has applied to you for & which has duly reached him & enabled him to cast the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bell of the peal.

First, let me send you a cheque which I am ashamed you have not had long ago for the expenses incurred in the matter of the Crests – you ought to let me pay Cab hire &c in full – at all events I make it even money so as least to discharge a moiety of those items – the memorandum was £9.9.0 & I herewith enclose my own cheque on Berwick & Co. (crossed) in your favour for £10. – Believe me I am very sensible of all your thoughtful kindness in this matter: also I consider it better not to mix this up with the small balance Mr Amhurst has to forward me for the Bells – On this subject I enclose separate memorandum. There is still the **Wulstan Bell** which Mr. A. begged me to keep for him, and as far as I know he can add that to **his peal shortly**. Taylor has cast 1 2 3 4 5 also 10 11 12 – remainder in forward state – tenor I have heard – it is a very grand Bell.-

I don't think I ever told you how very stupidly Taylor has placed the Coats of Arms on the Gt. Bell – they are very crooked – but the lettering is well done & much admired – I do hope you will contrive to come and see me & inspect all – I will most gladly welcome you & give you hospitality in my quiet way.

Please let me have one line to say cheque reaches you & with renewed assurance of my grateful thanks to the Squire and yourself.

Believe me to be

Yours very truly

Rd.Cattley

[SIDEWAYS AT TOP OF FIRST PAGE] P.S. I will ask you some day when opportunity offers to remember your kind promise touching a photo of the York Bell Window [sic]

[SEPARATE SHEET, NO HEADING] I am much indebted for the kind permission to use the beautiful letters which are greatly admired: I have always impressed upon Taylor that he has no right whatever to make use of them on any other Bells without special permission – on one occasion when Mr. A. gave leave they were used for Augustus Sutton.

[overleaf] Mr Tyssen Amhurst sent me cheques for the 3 Bells – The Tenor I sold to the Yorkshire people for **£115** – Mr A. allowed me to take **£110** & at the time very kindly said I might have the odd £5 towards expenses: But I really do not feel I am justified in accepting this – The Bell weighed 1 ton 1 cwt 0 qu. This at £6.6.0 I make £132.6 leaving balance of

132.6

115 £17.6.0

Proposed Clock and Bells for Worcester Cathedral

Testimonial of respect to the Dean of Worcester

Communications to be addressed to the Rev. R. Cattley, London Road, Worcester

Worcester

14 Aug: 1869

Dear Mr Tyssen

Thanks very many for all the kind trouble you have taken, & for sending me Mr. Tyssen Amhurst's cheque for balance of old Tenor of Worcester peal, which has been safely recd. by me.

I will make a point of giving you all due tidings about the Wulstan Bell – I have made up my mind you shall have it if you want it, tho' in one quarter I shall have opposition – still the disposal is fully in my hands from the Dean & Chapter.-

I shd. be most proud to welcome you when all is completed.

If you think Mr Tyssen Amhurst wd. like a more formal receipt than this, pray tell me.

Yrs. very truly

Rd. Cattley

The last Bells of Worc: peal were cast on Thursday – I hope to see them at Loughbro' next week.

- [SEPARATE SHEET] P.S. Will give me an idea, now you have size of Bell how large my shields shd. be? My idea is to have 2 sizes only throughout; say for Hour Bell & for 6 smallest, another; thus I shd. only have expense of 2 quatrefoils or whatever other ornament we decide to have shields placed in: they must of course be in hard metal, whereas shields, only used once, wd. do in wood. – If, as I have suggested I use D & C's shield on all Bells, **that** must be in Brass also.

I like Sutton's shield on his Tenor; that perhaps wd. do for smaller size, & the other could be a little larger.

\* This postscript may relate to a different letter – reference to original letters should answer the query.

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LONDON March 10 1868

Sir

We send you by this post the inscription made up to eleven feet as you wished – we have pasted one together for the effect and also enclose two rough impressions to show how we propose to work it – we have placed three large stops at the end to fill up the space till Mr Jewitt has engraved the coat of arms – We trust we have carried out your idea properly –

Yours obediently

R Clay junr.

J R Daniel-Tyssen Esq.

Hartlebury Castle 23 Aug.

My dear Sir

I am here with the Bishop & Mrs Philpott, & on my return will have the pleasure of sending you a proper rect. for your second kind remittance for Bell no. 3. Very many thanks for your prompt payment for same.

Believe me to be

Yrs. most truly

Rd. Cattley

W Amhurst, T. Amhurst Esq.

2A Dean St. Oxford St. (undated)

Sir

I Received yours of the 29<sup>th</sup> Inst. And beg leave to say i will do all in my Power to Please, i have wrote to Mr Jewett informing him I will meet him at his Residence on Monday Eveng., when I will take the Moulds with J & Q (?) and get the Bishop's Head done Immediately afterwards. I will do my best to merit your good opinion of my skill of Mould Cutting and as soon as i Receive Instructions from Mr Jewett your orders shall be Placed in Hand immediate.

Respecting the Butter Print with Arms & Crest Please send word the size you would like, it will Require a larger Print than those i cut with the Single Crests a 2 oz. Print would be 2¼ Diatr. ¼lb. 3 in. Diar. ½ lb. 3¾ Diatr. ?. 4½ In Diatr. Please send word which you would Prefer, the 2 oz. would not be to Large for Breakfast Pott. the ½ lb would make a Centre for a Plate with the Smaller size Crests Around, and would make a very Pretty ornament for Table such as are used Generally by Familys of Distinction.

Yours most Obedt.

James Duffield

J R D Tyssen Esqr.