

To Longmore from various correspondents concerning Memoir of Richard Wiseman

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Mr. Henry A. C. Mackenzie.

20 Westbourne Park Crescent, W.

Harrow Lane, L. 36/1
Dorking.

Jan. 19. 1891.

Dear Sir, -

Many thanks for your interesting letter. I never before heard of any work by Viseman of 1672. There is no copy in the library of the Coll. of Surgeons nor in that of the Med. Chir. Society. Have you one? Or where do you hear of it? I have only the edition of 1705. Your bibliography will put mine altogether "out of court."

Do you remember in the Spectator - No 329. Sir Roger De Coverley's visit to Westminster

Abbey, and the interest he
took in the lady who died
from pricking her finger?

I have lent my Cunningham's
Handbook of London, and can^{not}
recall her name. I think she
was one of the Russell family.
The story was already popular
in Wiseman's times, and he
quotes the case as showing how
slight wounds may become fatal.

Just now I cannot find the passage

When Dean Stanley was writing
his History of Westminster
Abbey I sent him the paper
from Wiseman. He quoted
it in a note, but never said
she had told him of the case!

Y^r very truly

James Dixon

Sir Thomas Longmore. C. B.

L 36/2

Harrow Lands,
Dorking.

Jan. 20. 1891.

Dear Sir, —

Soon after posting
my letter last evening I
found the passage about
the lady's finger. Book IV.
Chap. IV. on the King's Lute.

I see W. in his preface speaks
of "particular tracts, some of
which were published four
years since". That would be
about 1672, the date of your
volume. Nowadays "Tract"
means a separate publication
of small extent, but in W.'s
time it was equivalent to
Tractate (Milton) or Treatise.

Here W's tracts separately
published, and since bound
up into a volume; or has
the volume a proper title and
date? Strange, as I said,
that no notice of these tracts
occurs in library catalogues
or notices of Wiseman.

Yr very truly
James Dixon

Sir Thomas Longmore
C.B.

20 Westbourne Park Crescent
Paddington L 36/3
London. W.

Jan 26th / 91.

Dear Sir

I send by this post pencil sketch of Lady Russell's monument in Westminster Abbey. I have put upon the drawing copies of the inscriptions - the first one is on the top of the pedestal above the moulding and the other just beneath the same in two lines on a scroll as shown. Trusting the sketch is what you require and

that it will meet with your
approval

I am

dear Sir
Yours obediently
W MacKenzie.

Sir Thomas Compton.

P.S. I have just received yours
of the 24th but cannot get to the
Abbey today, I will however
carefully examine the finger
tomorrow and write you the result.

20 Westbourne Park Crescent.

Paddington W. L 36/4

Jan 28/91

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of yesterday
The finger is slightly elevated
from the others though not exactly
stretched out, it is in a very
natural position, although it is
evident the Sculptor intended
to make a feature, or draw the
attention of the Spectator, to it.
I am truly pleased that sketch
is what you require my charge
is 10/6.

Yours faithfully
H. Mackenzie.

Andrey Saxe ^{L 36/5-}
London Feb 27
1891

Dear Sir,

Mr. Wing has shown me
your letter -

You will find all the
information that can be
gathered concerning the death
of Lady Elizabeth Russell

and the growth of her legend
in Dean Stanley's Memorials
of Westminster p 211 especially
in the notes at the bottom
on the page, where Wiseman
also is quoted. There exists
no further information
in the family records.

regarding her death

The legend says the Dean,
grew up about 70 after her
death

I remain faithfully yours

Arthur Russell

This letter is sent to me by Lord Arthur
Russell, brother to the Duke of Bedford
who has recently died (suicidal death)

Mr. Wing is a great of his family - Edgar
Moreau introduced me to him through a
friend of his.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS.
"LONCMANS, LONDON."

L. 36/6
39, Paternoster Row,
London, E.C.

July 20th 1891.

Dear Sir,

We beg to acknowledge and thank you for yours of the 18th inst.
we fear the reply we can only give you now respecting your "memoir of
Richard Wiseman" is, that if you will kindly let us see the MS when complete
we shall be pleased to give it our best consideration.

We are, Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

Longmans, Green & Co.

T. Longmore Esq
The Grand Hotel
Trafalgar Square
WC.



L. 36/7

1st Oct. 1891.

Dr. Lii.

I am sorry I was unable to answer your letter before. I now give you what I know of the sources of information regarding the siege of Taunton.

I know of no separate monograph on the subject. the nearest approach being a paper by Mr. E. Green

in vol. ~~22~~ 25 of our
Proceedings, entitled "The
Siege and Defence of Lanneton
1644-5." This gives many
details of the siege and
Defence operations and the
sources from whence the
information was derived -
"Perfect Diurnal." "Parliamentary
Scout." "Mercurius Civicus".
"Perfect occurrences" "Scottish
Dove." "Weekly Postmaster." "The
Kingdom's Weekly Intelligencer"
"Moderate Intelligencer" "A Great
Victory before Lanneton" (tract.)

"Anglia Rediviva". "Narrative of
the Expedition to Lanneton" &c.

The State Papers at the
Record Office would furnish
materials if searched no.
doubt. The works quoted
will no doubt be found in
the British Museum Library.

If I can help you any
further I shall be happy
to do so.

Yours very truly

H. Bidgood