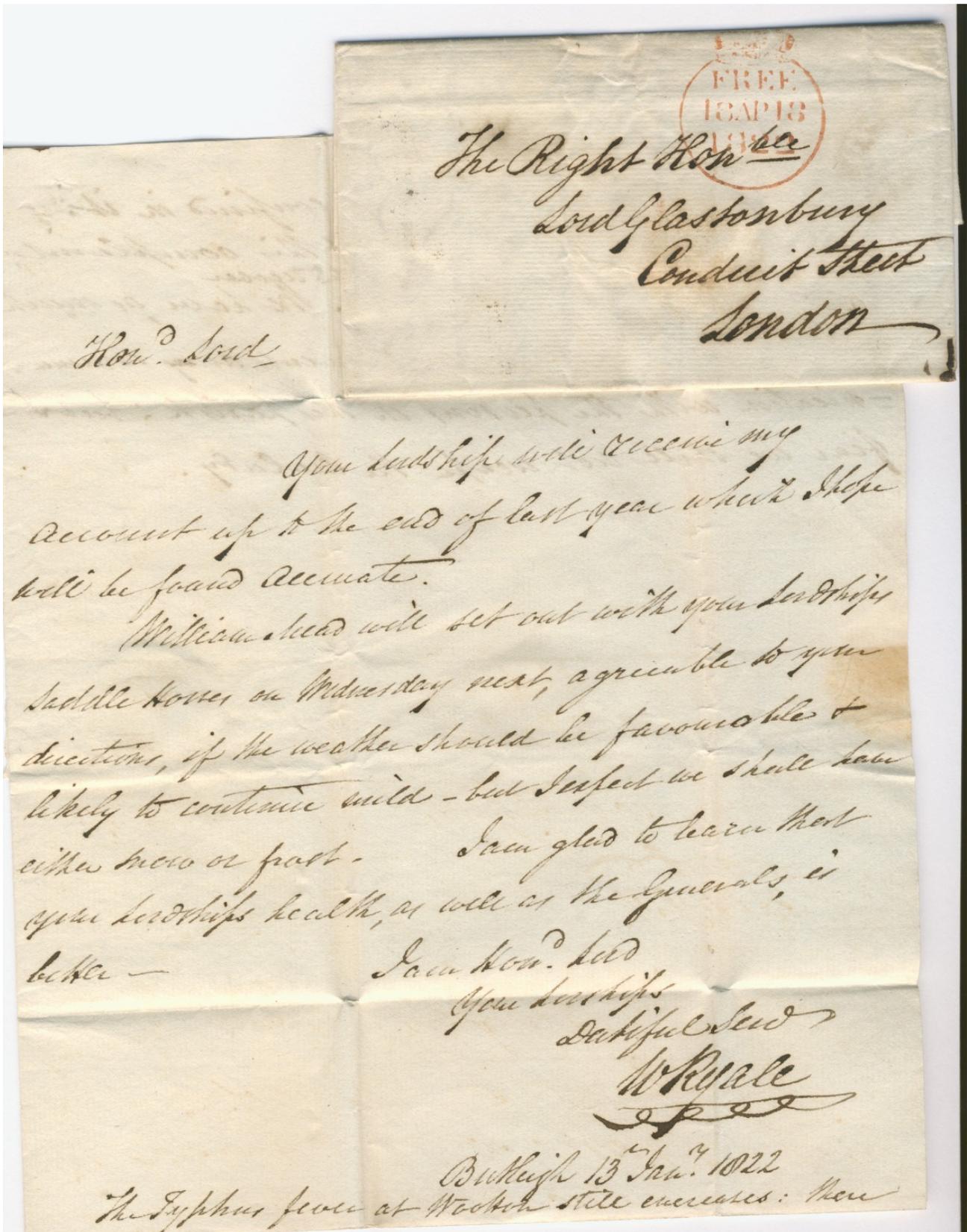


Three letters addressed to The Right Hon. Lord Glastonbury
Conduit Street, London by his bailiff William Ryall



The Jan 13th letter and (top) the April 16th letter

1) Butleigh 30th December 1816

Hon^d Lord,

The covering intended for the steps at the front of the house [presumably the Butleigh Court demolished in 1845] is in hand and will be put up in a day or two. It is a wood frame which will be covered with Reed – so as to protect the steps from wet & frost.

The item in the carriage bill which your Lordship alludes to, I observe charged on the bill as follows ~ “Value £320 risk £4”~ which I suppose was the sum given in at the warehouse in London when it was sent there to be brought down. I do not therefore think there is any imposition on the part of the waggon office. They may perhaps, as well as others, be liable to errors which may be the case in this instance – But I apprehend that Mr. Grant is best able to explain to your Lordship the nature of this circumstance. I hope that your Lordship and the Generals [Richard Grenville, his brother] health is better than when you left Butleigh.

I am Hon^d Lord, your Lordships Dutiful Ser^v W Ryall

2) Butleigh 13th January 1822

Hon^d Lord,

Your Lordship will receive my account up to the end of last year which I hope will be found accurate. **William Mead** [Lord Glastonbury's coachman] will set out with your Lordships saddle horses on Wednesday next, agreeable to your directions, if the weather should be favourable & likely to continue mild – but I suspect we shall have either snow or frost. I am glad to learn that your Lordships health as well as the Generals, is better.

I am Hon^d Lord, your Lordships Dutiful Ser^v W Ryall

The Typhus fever at Wootton still increases: there now upwards of twenty people confined in it. Three or four has already dec'd of this complaint & several more are expected not to recover. We have as much as possible endeavoured to prevent any communication with the persons in the parish but I fear we shall not escape the malady

Four people were buried in Nov 1821, four in January 1822 – only a little higher than the usual total for that time of year, though there was a noticeable increase in payments by the Overseers of the Poor to people who were 'ill' in November and December 1821. It didn't spread and the problem seems to have gone during January 1822.

3) Butleigh 16 April 1822

Hon^d Lord,

I send your Lordship a particular & valuation of the remaining part of Winsors estate in Butleigh, the fee of which I have set at three years purchase, but as I do not know the number of years which are unexpired of the term I may have set it too low. I have made two calculations therefore your Lordship may leave out the Sedgemoor Common or not, as you please.

I have limited the brewing of this Spring to 20 sacks of malt instead of 30 sacks the usual quantity for the Spring brewing. I am glad to learn by your Lordships last letter that your health is better I sincerely hope it will continue to improve.

I am Hon^d Lord, your Lordships Dutiful Ser^v W Ryall

Thomas Windsor of High Ham held various properties and woods in Butleigh as well as land on Sedgemoor Common – a record of his transactions with Lord Glastonbury exists from 1821

General Richard Grenville died 27 April 1823 and Lord Glastonbury died 26 April 1825