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[Collection of letters 1867-1869 re the acquisition for the Patent Office Museum by Bennet Woodcroft of Bell's original reaping machine]

- /1 - To the Editor of Engineering [re] The "Franklin" Engine, [and re the "Heslop" engine invented by Messrs Heslop & Co, Lowea Ironworks near Whitehaven]
- /2 1867 Jun 14 (Copy) [Account] Banbury [to] Samuelson & Co, Agricultural Engineers/B Woodcroft, Patent Office, [re patent meadow mower etc]
- /3 1868 Mar 16 The Manse of Carmyllie [to] F P Smith, London/Patrick Bell. ['The first Reaping Machine constructed under my care' is probably at Mr Crosskill's works at Beverley in Yorkshire. Bell would be pleased to present it to the 'Kensington Museum']
- /4 1868 Mar 27 (Copy). Manufactory of Wheels & Axles, Carts, Waggons, Agricultural Implements &c, Beverley [to] B Woodcroft/W Crosskill & Sons. [The Rev Patrick Bell's 'original Reaper' was sent back to Scotland in 1852 or 1853]
- /5 1868 Apr 17 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re trip and expenses]
- /6 1868 Apr 22 London [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re visit to Napiers]
- /7 1868 Apr 24 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re expenses]
- /8 1868 May 9 London [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re selling his house]
- /9 1868 Jul 30 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re 'Dr Bell's beautiful model reaper' which 'has arrived quite safe']
- /10 1868 Aug 20 Watford [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re his health]
- /11 1868 Sept 30 London [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re 'bill for a reaping machine made for me to order' which he is 'willing to exchange for Bell's original machine to be placed in the Patent Office Museum']
- /12 1868 Oct 1 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re a machine for cutting grain and/or grass]

- /13 1868 Oct 2 Britannia Works, Banbury [to] B Woodcroft, Patent Office/  
Samuelson & Co, Agricultural Engineers & Machinists,  
[re machine for cutting grain and grass]
- /14 1868 Oct 27 Inchmichael, Errol, Perthshire [to] Mr Smith/Mary Bell, [re  
sending the "Original Reaping Machine"]
- /15 1868 Oct 27 The Manse of Carmyllie [to] F P Smith/Patrick Bell, [re the  
way the Museum acquired his Reaping Machine]
- /16 1868 Oct 30 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re reimbursing  
Mrs Bell at 'the price of a Perthshire reaping machine']
- /17 1868 Nov 2 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/Mary Bell. [She will accept a  
machine made by Samuelsons, if it is a 'self delivering  
one', otherwise £30]
- /18 1868 Nov 5 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [asking him to  
ask Mrs Bell if she wants a 'one or two horse reaper']
- /19 1868 Nov 5 London [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re machine to be  
made by Samuelsons for Mrs Bell]
- /20 1868 Nov 9 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/M Bell, [asking for 'a descrip-  
tive catalogue of Messrs Samuelson's Reaper so that  
we may choose one ... it must be a two horse one']
- /21 1868 Nov 12 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft, [re sending  
Samuelson catalogue to Mrs Bell]
- /22 1868 Nov 14 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/Mary Bell. [She has despatched  
the old reaper]
- /23 1868 Nov 18 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/M Bell. [Having looked at Sam-  
uelson's catalogue she does not want one of their  
reaping machines. She 'will either take one of Bamlett's  
or the money']
- /24 1868 Nov 19 Patent Museum [to] F P Smith/B Woodcroft. [He wishes  
to see 'the old reaper' the moment it arrives. Mention  
also of 'the Harrison relics']
- /25 1868 Nov 26 (Copy). Patent Office Museum, South Kensington [to]  
Reverend Patrick Bell/F P Smith, 'Curator', [formally  
acknowledging receipt of the 'original Reaping Machine'  
1826, a model of the same and other items]
- /26 1868 Nov 27 Inchmichael [to F P Smith]/Mary Bell. [She would like a  
machine by Bamlett's of York]

- /27 1868 Dec 19 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/Mary Bell, [re the Bamlett's machine]
- /28 1868 Dec 23 (Copy). London [to] A C Bamlett/B Woodcroft, [seeking favourable terms for supply of reaper which is to be given (to Mrs Bell) in exchange for the original Bell's reaper]
- /29 1868 Dec 23 Patent Office [to] F P Smith/Wm Marwick Michell, [re Woodcroft's letter to Bamletts]
- /30 1869 Jan 19 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/Geo Bell. [They have not yet received the reaper]
- /31 1869 May 5 Copy. London [to] Mrs Bell/B Woodcroft, [sending condolences on the death of Mr Bell and asking some questions about his reaping machine]
- /32 1869 May 5 Copy. Patent Office Museum, South Kensington [to] Mrs Bell, Carmylie/F P Smith, [sending condolences on the loss of her husband, Dr Bell]
- /33 1869 May 21 North British Agriculturalist Office, High Street, Edinburgh [to] B Woodcroft/Charles Stevenson, [re looking for articles on Bell's reaping machine]
- /34 1869 Jul 20 Inchmichael [to] Mr Smith/Mary Bell. [They have received the reaper]
- /35 1877 May 2 [To] The Secretary, Science & Art Department/B Woodcroft, [asking that Bell's Reaping Machine be delivered to the Patent Office Museum from the Loan Collection of Scientific Instruments]

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