

Masonic Window in Worcester Cathedral

Copy Correspondence

Art Glass Works,

Endell St., Bloomsbury W.C.

10 Aug. 1866

Sir

We beg to acknowledge the recd. of your letter of the 7th Inst. and to inform you that the Window of which you enclose a tracing may be carried out in Glass of Geometrical design for a sum varying from £150 to £240 according to the richness and intricacy of the work; the material and execution being of the best quality. If you will kindly let us know the sum at your disposal for the purpose we will furnish a design showing the best we can do for it.

We remain &c

Lavers & Barrand

W. Bristow Esq. Brog^r

If a wire guard is required for the window it will cost £15 in addition to the sum stated above; fixing expenses also are not included.

Newhall-Hill, Birmingham

August 23. 1866

William Bristow Esq. Brog^r

Sir

We duly received your letter & we

shall have great pleasure in submitting a sketch for your approval for the window in Worcester Cathedral. - A window of grisaille work with colored interlacings & centres as in the sisters at York, might be made to look very well in the position which the window occupies in the Cathedral. The cost of such a window would be from 20^l to 25^l $\frac{1}{2}$ foot according to the amount of detail introduced & we calculate that there are about 330 ft.

Regarding the design we think that the Masonic Emblems might be introduced but we would not advise that they alone should be the subject of the window but this might be considered later when the design is made

We remain &c

John Hardman & Co

Archy. Heath. Tipton.

March 1. 1867

Genl. Amos.

Provincial Grand Lodge of
Worcestershire

Referring to your letter of 10th (23rd) Aug^r respecting the proposed Masonic window in Worcester Cathedral I find that the amount we shall have at our disposal will be about £250 or £300.

As the time is approaching when the provincial Grand Lodge will again meet and something will definitely be determined upon

The Craft will afford me any assistance as to details, if you will give me an outline of your requirements.

Yours faithfully,

R.W. Lavers

To W. Bristow Esq.

Art Glass Works, Edell St.

Bloomsbury, W.C.

4 March 1867.

Dear Sir

I wrote you on Sunday from Surbiton but am not sure that my letter will reach you as I have put Worcestershire instead of Staffordsh. on the envelope.

We will have a sketch made as soon as possible - When does the provincial Grand Lodge meet? Please let us know and we will try to be present in good time.

We have already placed one Masonic window in the Cathedral which represents Faith, Hope & Charity - it strikes me that some illustration of the Four Cardinal Virtues will be appropriate for the present matter - Say a Figure of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice in Centre of each opening and a suitable medallion above and below. - The window is a very large and the amount at your disposal is inadequate for the production of the highest class of window, but we will do all we can to meet the views of the case - We shall show the best we can do for

£300 - The wire Guard and fixing expenses will
be 2/6 and will no doubt add about £25. -

Do you approve of this course

Yours faithfully

Lavers + Barrand

J. New Lavers.

W. Bristol Esq.

A more window of Geometrical arrangement
with Masonic Symbols will not be very
interesting - Try and have something better

A first class window would be worth
£550 or £600.

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Newhall Hill, Birmingham
March 6. 1867.

W. Bristol Junr Esq.

Sir

In reply to yours of the 1st Inst. we beg
to say that we are much obliged that we cannot
execute a window which will do credit to either you
or to us or be an Ornament to the Cathedral for the
sum of £300; the window contains about 330
superficial feet and as we said in our letter of
August for the sum of £500 we can produce
a window similar in character to the Five Sisters
of York; but if you cannot give a greater sum
than £300 we will send a sketch showing
what we will undertake for that sum upon hearing
from you again.

We remain &c

John Hardman & Co.

March 9. 1867.

Dear Sir

I shall make a point of calling upon you either as I go or return to or from Manchester next week, or that which is to follow but I will advise you of my call. - We did not know that we were to compete with Messrs Hardman - We will do so, but are nevertheless aware that it is almost putting ourselves in the Lion's Den, for Worcester Cathedral is looked upon as theirs for all work that is to be done; in fact one of the Minor Canons told me last year that the Dean & Chapter think more of them than any one. - We will do our best and can only hope the competition will really be fairly adjusted, few are if it rested with the Dean & Chapter only I am not sure we should accept the invitation. The Window already placed for the Masons was made at very reduced terms and we had hoped that competition in this matter would not have been required - Is it popular do you know?

Yours very faithfully
New Lavers

W. P. R. W. Esq.