

FITZWILLIAM, William Wentworth Fitzwilliam, earl, *fits'-william*, an English statesman, who took his seat in the House of Lords in 1769, and for a time acted with the Whigs, but on Mr. Fox approving of the French revolutionary ideas, he joined the Duke of Portland and Mr. Pitt, and was appointed lord-lieutenant of Ireland. In the discharge of the duties of this office, he favoured the agitation for Catholic emancipation, and this not being approved by his colleagues, he was recalled to make way for Earl Camden. On Pitt's death, in 1806, he became president of the council, an office he continued to hold till the Grenville administration fell, in 1807. He did not, after that time, take much share in public affairs. He was possessed of very large estates, and this, and his family connexions, gave him an immense amount of influence; to which circumstance, more, perhaps, than to his own abilities, he was indebted for the position he held in the national councils. B. 1748; d. 1833.

## FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM, AT CAMBRIDGE.

**B**UILDERS, Masons, Carpenters, and other Tradesmen, who may be desirous of Contracting for Building the Carcase of the FITZWILLIAM MUSEUM, at Cambridge, are informed that the Drawings and Specification may be seen on and after the 11th day of September, in London, at the Belgrave-square Office; of Mr. George Basevi, the Architect; or in Cambridge, at the Office of Mr. T. Smith, the Clerk of the Works, on the Premises.

The Tenders are to be delivered to the Vice-Chancellor, at Pembroke College Lodge, Cambridge, on or before nine o'clock on Wednesday morning, the 11th day of October.

The University does not pledge itself to accept the lowest Tender.



The Fitzwilliam Syndicæ have reported to the senate,—

1. That in pursuance of the grace of the senate of the 22d of May, 1844, "to authorize Mr. Basevi to settle the terms of a contract with Messrs. Baker and Son for the completion of the whole of the interior of the Fitzwilliam Museum, with the exception of decorative painting, at a cost not exceeding 28,350*l.*," engagements were made with Messrs. Baker for the centre gate and interior finishings of the museum, exclusive of the great hall, at a cost of 19,451*l.* 10*s.*; subject to an agreement that the work done should, after its completion, be measured and valued according to a fixed schedule of prices, by a competent person to be appointed by the architect, and that the difference, if any, between the actual and the assumed cost should be added to or deducted from the amount of the estimate. This course was adopted owing to the difficulty of precisely estimating the cost of the several parts of works of such a nature.

The state of the works and of the engagements with Messrs. Baker at the time of the lamented death of Mr. Basevi was described in a letter from Messrs. Baker to the Vice-Chancellor, which was laid before the senate the 15th of December, 1845, and which will be again placed on the registry's table for the inspection of the members of the senate.

2. That, in further pursuance of the grace of the 22d of May, 1844, engagements of the same kind for the finishings of the great hall were made with Messrs. Baker, under the direction of Mr. Cockerell; and the whole work of completing the interior of the museum has been thus carried on under the superintendence of the architects, with careful measurements and valuations of the work done.

3. That the several contracts authorized by subsequent graces of the Senate, for work in addition to that which was contemplated in the before-mentioned grace,—viz., first, by a grace of the 11th of June, 1846, for the book-cases and fittings of the south library of the museum at a cost not exceeding 1,666*l.* 15*s.*; secondly, by a grace of the 6th of July, 1846, for altering the lantern at a cost not exceeding 1,000*l.*; and thirdly, by a grace of the 6th of July, 1846, for putting up columns of red granite in the hall at a cost not exceeding 1,000*l.*, have all been completed, and the works executed to the satisfaction of the architect.

4. That the present state of the building is as follows:—

The picture galleries on the upper floor, and the south library, although not entirely finished, are perfectly ready for the reception of the collection of pictures, books, MSS., &c.

The sculpture galleries are completed, with the exception of part of the stone dado, and of the ornamental painting and finishing.

In the north library very little progress has been made.

In the great hall the lantern has been wholly completed and glazed, and the ornamental plaster work has been completed down to the level of the string below the niches.

5. The Syndicate beg leave further to report,—

That after making use of the sum of 12,000*l.*, for which the Vice-Chancellor was authorized by a grace, May 31, 1843, to affix the seal of the University to 30 bonds, the fund is at present inadequate to bear the expense of completing the building.

That, considering the extent to which the income arising from the capital stock of the Fitzwilliam bequest is already pledged for the payment of the interest on the bonds, and for the redemption of the bonds themselves, they think it very undesirable to lay a further burden on that income by procuring any additional loan for carrying on the works.

That they have been informed by Mr. Cockerell, that, upon the completion of the work which is now actually in hand, the further progress of the works may be suspended, without any risk of injury, until the available funds of the Fitzwilliam trust are adequate to the completion of the museum; and that in the meantime the building may be put into a state fit for the exhibition and use of the collection at a cost of 437*l.*

The Syndicate therefore recommend to the Senate, that the works should be suspended accordingly, upon the completion of the portion of them now actually in hand; and that such preparations should be made, at a cost not exceeding 437*l.*, as will render the building fit for the exhibition and use of the collection.

At a Congregation on Tuesday next, the 14th inst., a grace will be offered to the Senate to confirm the above report. Dec. 1847.



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Honble W<sup>L</sup> Wentworth Fitzwilliam

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Cambridge

Wentworth Fitzwilliam



19, Charles Street, Bath,

Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1831

Sir, Excuse my giving you the Trouble of this Letter, which is  
to ask of you, whether you are inclined to take a Partner?  
For by the death of the ever lamented Mr. Smart, a great Alter-  
=ation must have taken place - If your Reply is affirmative,  
I will let the Person know, (he is now on a commercial journey) & he  
& you may negotiate -  
I shall be very glad to hear a good account of Mrs. Smart, & of Miss  
Smart, and am, with best wishes for the Success of the Concern,  
Your obedient Servant,  
Fitzwilliam

Thomas Esq. Esq. Esq. Fitzwilliam, for many years  
a resident of W. Westbury St. Died 1833 when Mrs  
who became a widow



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Richmond. 14 Nov. 3. (Supper) 1809

Dear Sir,

Lord Fitzwilliam

It is now three weeks since our return, & they have not been quite so agreeable either to the Abbe or myself as the three days we had the pleasure of passing with you. He has had a little uninviting cold, & I another; but rather more distinctly marked by its usual concomitants, a fever & sore throat; both very slight. We are now at this present writing perfectly recovered, & at your service. He joins with me in telling you so, & in assuring you of his sense of your hospitable & polite reception. I wish the season had been more favorable for enjoying as well as admiring the beauties with which you are surrounded; but it has always been my lot to see Blundeston when stripped, or nearly stripped of its plumage. When in full blow, it must really be a delightful spot.

We are returned to our solitude, to the dust of our books, & to our meagre fare; meagre indeed when compared with yours. We beat you however in one dish, red cabbage



stewed; which I recommend, not only because that of all  
legumages it is the best, but because I understand from  
Mr. Oldwin that you seldom or never attempted it. It is  
often served with sausages; in which case pray recollect  
that it becomes entree. Alone it is entremets. - We have  
also made a discovery, of which you shall participate; viz  
that the monies au gratin is incomparably better baked  
than salamandred. -

You see that I endeavour to make my correspondence of  
some use. Fontenelle would say of the highest; for he somewhere  
declares that in his opinion the cook is the most valuable  
member of society. -

Adieu, my dear Nicholls. I hope that your connection  
with this place will draw you to it, & soon. With many  
compliments from the Abbe', believe me to be ever yours  
most faithfully & sincerely,  
Fitzwilliam.