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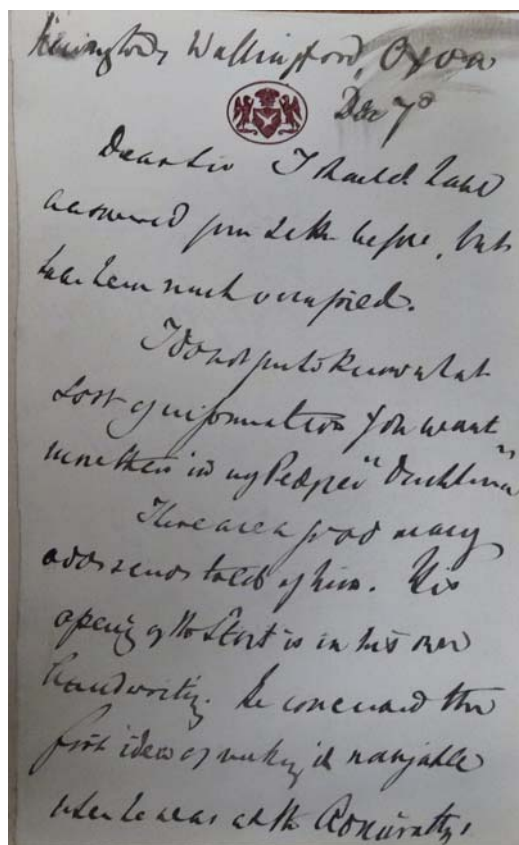
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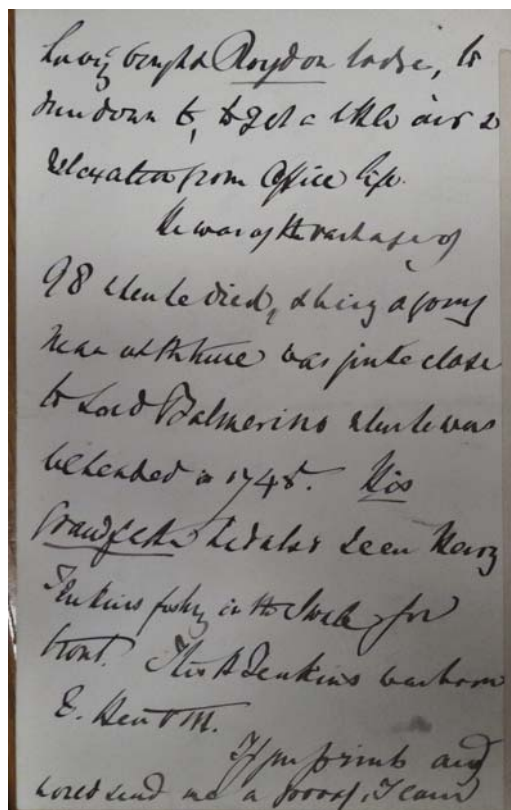
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Sir George Floyd Duckett (1811- 1902)

b. 27 Mar 1811, Hartham, Wiltshire .

Duckett was commissioned on 4 May 1832 a sub-lieutenant in the second regiment of life guards. Faced by beggary with his father's bankruptcy, Duckett exchanged in 1834 into the 15th hussars, and then into the 82nd regiment, in which he remained until 1839. when he went into the 87th fusiliers.

Duckett concentrated himself on the compilation of a 'Technological Military Dictionary' in German, English, and French. To make the work accurate, he obtained leave to visit the arsenals of Woolwich, Paris, Brussels, and Berlin. To complete his task he retired on half-pay. The work was published in 1848, and its merits were recognised abroad but at home was ignored.

On the death of his father on 15 June 1856 he became third baronet.

He abandoned interest in military matters, and thenceforth devoted himself to archaeological and genealogical studies, to which he brought immense industry but small judgment or historical

scholarship. In 1869 he published his exhaustive 'Duchetiana, or Historical and Genealogical Memoirs of the Family of Duket, from the Conquest to the Present Time' (enlarged edit. 1874). Subsequently blindness put an end to his literary activities.

He was elected F.S.A. on 11 Feb. 1869. He died at Cleeve House, Cleeve, Somerset, on 13 May 1902, at the age of ninety-one, and was buried in the cemetery at Wells. He married on 21 June 1845 Isabella (*d.* 31 Dec. 1901), but had no issue, and the baronetcy became extinct.