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Newington House, Wallingford, Oxon

June 23

Dear Sir
I send this from London, but
give you my country address as I
am about to return home.
My grandfather Sir Geo
Jackson, who took the name of
Duckett, resided at Roydon
from about the middle of the last century
on the River Stort, near where it
runs into and joins the Lea.
He was constantly at Stortford
but not exactly as a Resident
He first formed the idea
of making the River Stort navigable
from his living at Roydon, being

then at the Admiralty
You had better consult
at the British Museum my work
"Duchetiana" in which you
will find my Grandfather's Diary
of the proceedings of opening
the River for navigation. No
work on the Stort would be
complete without this, &
his diary is in my possession,
so much as relates to Stortford
being given by me in Duchetiana, &
if any mention is made of it by
you, be kind enough to ack-

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was a constant attendant at
the Sessions as a Magistrate
at Stortford, and built the House
now occupied by Mrs Taylor
at the head of the Navigation,
and both he and my grandfather used
to visit Mr Clough (opposite the
Church) on these occasions.
Further than what I
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residents at Stortford.
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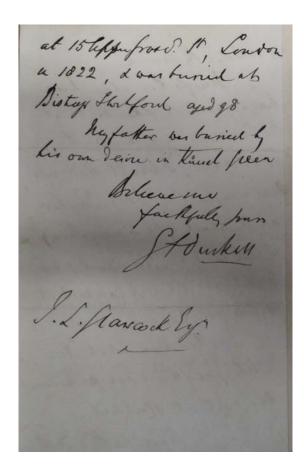
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at 15 Upper Grosvr St, London in 1822, & was buried at Bishop Stortford aged 98 My father was buried by his own desire in Kensal Green

Believe me faithfully yours G F Duckett

J L Glasscock Esq



Newington, Wallingford, Oxon Dec 7th

Dear Sir, I should have returned from here before, but have been much occupied. I do not quite know what sort of information you want more than in my Paper "Duchetiana" There are a good many odds and ends told of him. His opening of the Stort is in his own handwriting. He conceived the first ideas of making it navigable when he was at the Admiralty,

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run down to, to get a little air &
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man at the time was quite close
to Lord Balmerino when he was
beheaded in 1748. His (Actually 18th Aug 1746)
grandfather had also seen Henry
Jenkins fishing in the Swale for
trout. This H Jenkins was born
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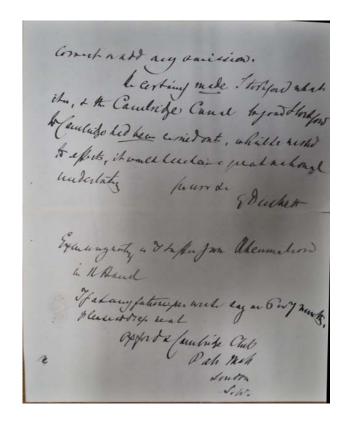
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correct or add any omissions
He certainly <u>made</u> Stortford what
it is, & the Cambridge Canal to join Stortford
to Cambridge had been carried out, which he wished
to effect, it would have been a great national
undertaking
Yours etc.,

Excuse my writing as I suffer from Rheumatism in the Hand

G Duckett

If at any future you write say in 6 or 7 months please address me at
Oxford & Cambridge Club
Pall Mall
London
S.W.



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 archæological 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.