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	1767	Second design for the chimney-piece by Adam for the chimney-piece Soane Museum. Collection Sir John Soane's Museum, Vol. 22, No. 229. In the chimney-piece Adam's Neo-classicisms are much more apparent. The tree-cusped opening, the capitals, and some of the mouldings are the only obviously unclassical features. Adam did use Edward the Confessor's shrine for inspiration, but he classicized much of what he borrowed. The powerful and angular twisted columns were softened and made more antique, the circles and even more antique, the circles and even guilloche were domesticated into a typical Adam pattern, and the diamond shapes were transformed into a frieze pattern not at all unlike such characteristic Adam frieze pattern, and the diamond shapes were transformed into a frieze pattern not at all unlike such characteristic Adam friezes its that in the red drawing Room at Harewood. The bell-flowers above the capitals and on the shafts and some of the mouldings are familiar Adam details. The whole process is in a sense analogous to Adam's adaptation of antique sources, for one sees, as always, the refining hand of Adam making of his inspiration.	
	1768 March	'Ceiling of round Tower 48 0 0. Toynbee ACCOUNTS 11	
	1768 Aug 20	[HW to Cole] My gatlery is not only finished, [FN 4] but I am going on with the round chamber at the end of it; [FN 5] and am besides playing with the little garden on the other side of the road, [FN 6] which was old Franklin's and by his death come into my hands. When the round tower [FN 7] is finished, I propose to draw up a description and catalogue of the whole house and collection, [FN 8] and I think you will not dislike lending me your assistance.	
	1768 Sept 22	"For this year past I have been projecting a chimney in imitation of the tomb of Edward the Confessor, and had partly given it up, on finding how enormously expensive it would be. Mr Adam [FN 6] had drawn me a design [FN 7] a little in that style, prettier it is true, and at half the price. I had actually agreed to have it executed in scagliuola, but have just heard that the man [FN 8] complained he could not perform his compact for the money settled.[FN 9] Your obliging present is I am certain executed by the very Person who made the Confessor's monument [FN 10]; and if the scagliuola-man wishes to be off his bargain, I shall be glad; if not, still these materials will make me a beautiful chimney-piece for another room.'35407	
	1769 July 20	The chimney piece in the round Room 288 137½, Toynbee ACCOUNTS 11	
	1769 Oct 27	gilding the round Tower 95 8 0. Toynbee ACCOUNTS 11	

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TICH!	1770 March 31	[HW to Montagu] You will find the round Chamber [FN 1] far advanced, though not finished, for my undertakings do not stride with the impetuosity of my youth. This single room has been half as long in completing as all the rest of the castle. My compliments to Mr John, whom I hope to see the same time.  10 304  [HW to Mann] I am come hither for two months, very busy with finishing my round tower, which has stood still these five years, [FN 20 In 1769, HW paid for the chimney piece In the Round Room] and with an enchanting new cottage [FN 21] that I have built, and other little works. [FN 22] In August I shall go to Paris for six weeks. [FN 23]	
	1770 Dec	Cobb's bill for furnishing The round room, tapestry chairs for the Cottage, carpet for do. &c. 99 8 6. Toynbee Accounts 12	
	1771 Jan 7	[HW to Conway] YOU have read of my calamity without knowing it, and will pitty me when you donine thousand powder-mills broke loose yesterday morning on Hounslow Heath; [FN 1] a whole squadron of them came thither, and have broken eight of my painted glass windows; and have broken eight of my painted glass windows; and have set a set of the read stand of single. The two about it the for [FN 2] is a nord of frames (see Green is also if will 0); have settered market mill They have had a set to the set of the least valuable, being the passage windows to the library and great parlour—a fine pane is demolished in the Round Room; and the set was a view before the case in a delib being the normal and set, and a set of the case in the Case in and the being the income a condition of the least the set of the case of the set of the case of the set of the	Hati Armoury, passage to Great Parlour Round Room; Gallery Cabinet; Holbein; Gallery; Blue Room; Green Closet China Closet
	1771 June 8	[HW to Mann] I have made a Gothic gateway [FN 8] to the garden, the piers of which are of artificial stone [FN 9] "Coade's artificial stone" or "tithodipra," made at Lambeth (Thomas Gray, Correspondence, ed. Toynbee and Whibley, Oxford 1935, iii. 963]. WH had a copy of Daniel Pincot's Essay on Artificial stone, 1770 (Hazen, Caf. Of HW's Lib., No. 1609, 26, 4). HW ='s letter from William Chambers 8 June 1772 discusses Mrs Coade's 'claim upon you for the piers at Strawberry Hill' and includes an itemized bill.] and very respectable. The round tower is finished and magnificent; and the state bedchamber proceeds fast' 23311 Toynbee Accounts 147	[Gate Piers]  CONSTRUCTION - completed

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	[HW to Mann] I am writing to you in the bow-window [FN 8] of my dell round tower with your Bianca Capello over against me, and the settin behind me, throwing its golden rays all round. Are you never to se castle? It is not a hovel like Lady Mary Wortley's ChâteauM. de Chwould conceive of the pleasure of sitting in a silent window alone, add the changes of an evening landscape and writing to a distant friend	g sun e this oiseul miring			
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	[HW to Mason] [a camera obscura invented by] a Mr Storer, a NorfolkIt improves the beauty of trees, -I don't know what it doe do—everything for me, for I can have every inside of every room here minutely in the size of this page. Mr Storer fell as much in low Strawberry Hill as I did with his instrument. The perspectives of the hwhich I studied so much, are miraculous in this camera. The Cabinet, Round Drawing [-Room], and Great Bedchamber, make pictures as you never saw. [FN 4 If any drawings were made of SH videlineator," then have not been discovered. A camera obscura, perhaps Storesold SH xix. 27*.]	es not drawn : e with nouse, sallery, e such with the			
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	1794 Sept 27	[HW to Lady Ossory] Dr Goldsmith is dead, [FN 5] and my cousin Mrs Harris. [FN 6] The owl hooted last night on the round tower, and I thought was going to tell me a story for Lady Anne,	
	1794 Sept 27	[HW to Mary Berry] EVERYTHING has gone au mieux. The rain vented itself to the last drop yesterday, and the sun, as bright as in the Belvedere, has not had a wrinkle on his brow since eight o'clock this morning, nay, has been warm, and gilded the gallery and tribune with sterling rays. The Tharmes quite full with the last detuges, and the verdure never fresher since it was bourn. The Duchess [of York] [FN 2] arrived punctually at twelve, in a high phaeton with Mrs Ewert, [FN 3] and Budé on horseback—and no young Nick. [FN 4] On the step at the gate was a carpet, and the court matted. I received the Princess at the side of her chaiseafter she had seen the house and drank chocolate in the round drawing room, and then she commanded General Budé to sit, that I might have no excuse—yet I rose and fetched a salver to give her the chocolate myself, and then a glass of water. She seemed much pleased, and commended much; II was sorry my eagle had been forced to hold its tongue [FN 8]—Tomorrow I shall go to Oatlands [FN 9]	
	1795 Aug 22	Hittle imagined I should rejoice at your not being here; yet I d., at least I did yesterday, when we had an outrageous storm of thunder that would have frightened you terribly: I thought it directly over the blue room, and it was so near that it did fall on Davenport's field over against the round tower and reduced a shock of corn to powder. [FN 1The field was directly west of SH, just across the road to Hampton Court (Genesis of SH, fig. 34)] 12 143 Yesterday (Court of SH, Court of SH, Cou	
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