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COBB PAPERS

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**POWELL ARMS PLANS
c. 1850 and c. 1880**

There are three plans in this set.

- 1 A plan of the inn – coloured - dated **c. 1850** (**Traced**)
- 2 A plan showing the architrave moulding round the door of the inn and also the shape of the label above the door, which is shown on the drawing on the right of Plan 3. Dated **c. 1880**
- 3 A second coloured plan of the inn, which is similar to Plan 1, but with a small drawing of the front and side elevation in the bottom right hand corner of the sheet. It shows the CAGE. The plan is dated in the catalogue of the Cobb Papers as **c. 1880** in the archive index.

The two building plans both showed the cage, which makes it look as if it was still there at the beginning of 1880. However, it is not shown on the Ordnance Survey plan of 1872, so the dating of this later plan is probably nearer **1870**.

The internal dimensions of the Cage in the earlier plans (**P 18 / 1**) were :

Street wall – 8 feet
Left short wall – 3.5 feet
Right wall – 6 feet
Back long wall – 10 feet

In the second later plans (**P 18 / 3**), a toilet had been inserted on the right hand side, and labelled clearly "Privy". There is also an odd shape on the left side of the cage which looks not unlike a bath - but this is totally impossible, so that fixture remains a mystery for the time being.

In the garden the shed at the rear of the plot, which backed onto the churchyard wall had been altered. Additional trees were added – but these may just have been for aesthetic purposes and not be true to life!