

Charlotte Powell Powell's letters written from Quex Park during October to December 1830.

The three letters were written to Charles Deare, Esq'r, Harcourt Buildings, Temple, London, who was probably the Powell family's Solicitor.

Charlotte's husband, John Powell Powell, was the member of the family who demolished the old Quex House (Park House?) and rebuilt it in the early 19th century style.

The time of the **Swing Riots** was well under way and the unrest among the extremely impoverished labouring classes was at boiling point. On Christmas Day 1830, a large group of about 30 men and women were sentenced to transportation and several others to hang, for damaging crops and machinery in Thanet. Eight of the defendants were from Birchington and Acol.

The person who transcribed the letters from Charlotte's own handwriting had some difficulty in reading some of the words - Charlotte also must have written her letters in some haste, as they sometimes sound almost breathless in her hurry to get her words onto the page.