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John: a visit to Vienna is entailed! See  
over especially. Could you ask the price  
of the back nos. of the Walpole Society vols.  
when writing to Reg. Williams? shd. be interested  
to know. AM.S. 18/1/89

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Dear Ann - if I may,

This is a long-delayed answer to  
your last letter. Apologies! I think it  
might be best for your local historian  
friend to write to an ex-colleague &  
friend of mine, now returned from <sup>full</sup> active  
B.M. service but still working there, in  
the Department of Prints & Drawings, as  
Hon. Treasurer of the Walpole Society. His  
name is Reginald Williams. He will  
be able to say whether the two volumes  
I did for the Society, xxxv (i) - text and (ii) plates  
are still available. On Bridge Place they  
contain as frontispiece to vol i a view of part of  
the former garden; as tailpiece to the intro-  
duction a view of part of the house and garden;  
and in vol ii, pl. 16 - a distant view of  
the village of Bridge and of Bridge Place.

Atlas! The drawings in my  
catalogue are from the Vander Ham Atlas  
at the National Library, Vienna, though  
I did find the tailpiece drawing in the

Rijks Prentkabinet at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam quite by accident.

The catalogue information on Bridge Place is on pp. 18-20 of vol 1 and there is an extract from Schellinks's journal about the pleasures of the house on pp. xviii and xix of the Introduction. Reginald Williams may possibly be able to supply xeroxes of plates and pages. One warning. The distant view makes Bridge Place look v. small. The reproduction is only about  $4\frac{3}{4} \times 9\frac{3}{4}$ " whereas the original in Vienna is  $19\frac{3}{8} \times 40\frac{5}{8}$ ". The scale and detail of the originals are impressive.

Yes, Sir Arnold Brauns, owner of Bridge Place, looked after Schellinks for three months. I think he belonged to a family of Flemish extraction & was a country gent. as well as a merchant. But it is more than thirty years ago since I ~~last~~ was working on this. I did make just one visit to Bridge and would love to see it again.

All good wishes,  
Yrs sincerely,  
Paul Hulston

P.S. for Ailsa: we have a kneeler in the house. I see from the Parish Mag. that you are concerned with the ones from the Church. Would you like ours too? Ams, 19/1/85