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THE PROVINCIAL

REGISTER

1891

19 May 91

To Lt-Genl Pitt Rivers F.R.S &c

Sir

Could you go
to Boldrum with me
one day next week
or the week after?
If you will kindly
fix the date & come
by the 10 a.m. train
from Victoria to

Chatham, I can see
to the rest. We can
then drive from here
it is only 10 miles.
I have asked two
or three friends to
join us, Gen^l Goodenough
who is in command
here, Col French the
Director of the Artillery
College at Woolwich

+ M^r Leveron-Gower.
They are all looking
forward to the
day. Trusting you
are well

I remain
Yours obed^{tly}
George Payne

Copy. (July 11/99.)

Extract from G. P.'s letter
to the Genl. Nov. 11, 1889.

"Have you seen the Megaliths at
Coldrum? There are 34 lying to-
gether, 15 in a circle, a dolmen
with the capstone broken and
lying between the upright stones;
the rest scattered around. It is
a remarkable group. I intend
intervening the owner to try to
get him to cut down the chaw
which hides the stones."




The Precinct
Rochester

July 30/91

To Lt. Gen Pitt-Rivers F. R. S. &c

Sir

When shall you
be able to go to
Coldrum? I should be
so glad if you could
manage it within a
week or two. You could



come down to Chatham
by a fast train in
the morning then we
could drive direct from
there. Any day
you fix will do for
me & I hope it
will suit Gen Goodenough
& Mr Leveron Gower -

Yr's obed^t
George Payne

Coldrum
Anc: Mond.

THE REGIMENT
ROBERTS
1891

9 Sep 1891

To Lt Gen Pitt Rivers F.R.S &c

Sir

I was very glad
to get your letter. I
was with Gen Dawson Scott
on Saturday and asked
if he would arrange
for one of the R. E
officers to survey
Coldrum for us & he
readily consented to do

THE PROJECT
ROBERTS
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so, this will therefore
do away with the
necessity of your
bringing an assistant.
I should be thankful
to get the matter
closed while the "iron
is hot," when convenient,
as I want to get on
with Richboro' and
I might require money
for Colburn first -

Yrs obed^t
George Payne

will not supply enough
funds I can get
the remainder. As I
am the only man living
who has ever troubled
about Coldrum I am
anxious to do the
thing properly & shall
be glad to help in
any way in my power.

Y^r obed^t
George Payne

Ans^d.
Sept 8/91



The Vicar
Rochester

Aug 27. 91

To Lt-Gen^e Pitt-Rivers F.R.S

Sir

You will be
pleased to hear that
I have obtained the
consent of both owner
and tenant of Coldrum
to place the dolmen

& Cromlech there under
the Act -

Yesterday I made
all arrangements
with the tenant on
the spot & he agreed
to all I suggested.

I have been expecting
to hear from you but
hope that you will
be able to come down
in a few days to
visit the remainder
with me. In my
last letter I gave you

the best train to come
to Chatham by -

Kindly give me a
little notice as I
promised Gen^l Goodenough,

Col French & Mr Leverton.

I hope that they should
have the chance of
joining us. I shall

require to know how
far the Government
will go in the matter

of money for fencing
clearing & strengthening
Coldrum, as if they

upright-stones facing to
N.E. will probably come
down. Rodmud. too help
in the destruction of this
most valuable mon-
ument of the past.

A couple of pieces of bone
(about which I have not
yet had an opinion)
which I found partly
beneath the surface,
just under the upright
stones. I have ~~two~~ given
to Mr. Francis Galton.
Road makers have
made away with the

Ans'd.
June 18/94
STATION, NOTTING HILL GATE.

99, LINDEN GARDENS,
BAYSWATER,
W.

June 16th 1894

My dear Sir,

I venture to
bring to your notice the
fact that "Coldrum
Lodge" is very much
in need of proper care
many of the stones have
fallen over the bank
to the Eastward, & unless
something is done the

avenue of stones from Rossith
Hill (near Ightham) ^{to road Blue Hill Hill} & I know your
interest in the remains of the
remains of the stone circle etc. to
be so great that I at once adopt
Mr. Falton's suggestion to communicate
with you for the sake of the preservation
of Colonus Lodge. Every demolish-
ing influence cannot be put away
(last year a steam roller ran away
& knocked over "Kitt's City House")
but ordinary care can of course
be taken & such is all that is
needed in respect of Colonus
Lodge.

I am Sir
Yours truly
Fred. Sawcett.

Genl Pitt Rivers F.R.S.