

I also enclose a letter  
received this morning from  
our Fellow Mr. Studd which  
contains the latest  
information on the subject.

Kindly return both  
letters.

Yours very truly  
W. H. St. John Hope.

Gen. Pitt Rivers

Earthworks

PR Box 1/C2

Clifton Down

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BURLINGTON HOUSE, PICCADILLY W

9 March 1888

Dear General Pitt Rivers

The Executive Committee  
desire me to forward you  
the enclosed from Sir John  
Maclean relative to the  
threatened destruction of  
earthworks on Clifton Down,  
& to ask you whether in  
case you take any action  
in the matter a letter from  
us would strengthen your  
hands, if we wrote to the  
Mayor & Corporation of Bristol.

11 Box 1 / C2 v 9/3

94. Pembroke Road.

Clifton.

March 8<sup>th</sup> 1888.

Dear Mr. Hope,

~~Thanks for your letter and the cutting from the Saturday Review. It gives on the whole a fair account of the book I think.~~

The proposed "improvement" on Clifton Down, respecting which I understand that Sir J. Maclean has written to you, seems to be creating some excitement among local archaeologists, as well it might. When I became aware of the scheme I wrote to a member of the Downs Committee and this morning received a reply from him in which he says:—

something of the kind is to be brought before the Committee, but there is not I think the least chance of its being entertained. This is satisfactory so far as it goes, but it is well to be prepared for the worst. The enclosed paragraph from the Bristol Press this morning looks suspicious. I have also written to a former Master of the Society of Merchants asking him to use his influence to prevent any mischief being done, and hope we may succeed in preserving

the Camp from being interfered with. There are already three wide paths leading to the top of the hill, and the construction of another is perfectly uncalled for.

Yours very truly  
Asper C. Studd.

W. H. St. John Hope Esq.

Berlin. Western Daily Press - Wed. 7. 1884.

THE CAMP ON CLIFTON DOWN.—An impression prevails among some citizens that the Downs Committee contemplate carrying out improvements which will involve the levelling of the Camp on Observatory Hill. It appears that the Downs Committee, which is composed of members of the Town Council and Merchant Venturers, at their last meeting had a proposition before them to have a path cut which would enable the Observatory to be better reached than at present. This motion was brought forward by a gentleman who is one of the Merchant Venturers, but it was not discussed, as notice was necessary to be given. Such notice was accordingly given, and the subject will be considered at the meeting of the Downs Committee this afternoon.

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4, Grosvenor Gardens.  
S.W.

March 14. P.A.

Sir.

Having received several letters from archaeologists expressing a fear that the Roman British Camp on Clepton Down is in danger of being injured. I write to say that I trust you will be able to prevent the threatened destruction. From the numerous

communications that I have  
received upon the subject I  
can have no doubt that  
any injury to this work  
would be regarded as a  
calamity by the Public no  
less than of the Government.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Yours Truly

A Pitt Rivers -  
St. George  
Inspector of Ancient Monuments.

PK Box 1/02

The Council House, Bristol.

15<sup>th</sup> March 1888

The Mayor of Bristol begs to acknowledge the receipt of Lt General Rivers' letter of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant and in reply thereto is glad to be able to assure him that there is no intention to interfere with the Roman British Camp on Clifton Down

Lt General Rivers  
Inspector of Ancient Monuments