

PA Box 1/C4

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The Airlour,
Whanphill,
Wigtonshire,
6 Sept.1897.

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I want your counsel on the following matter. The ruined Chapel at the Isle of Whithorn - St.Ninian's Chapel of the Isle - is in danger of falling to pieces altogether, unless something is done to stay the mischief. The interest which we have succeeded in raising for objects of antiquity has this deplorable effect among others, - that it incites idle or curious people to pull them about, either in hopes of finding something or to carry away relics.

Now, of course I am aware that you have no fund to administer under the A.M.Act: what I want to know is this:-Can you sanction the application of a fund which I am collecting to the repairing and preservation of this Chapel, which is scheduled under the Act. Lord Bute has contributed £100, and I daresay I can collect £30 or £70 more. I should like to point the walls, replace fallen or stolen stones, and, if possible, put a roof on the building to secure it against further decay.

Will you tell me how we should proceed to obtain your sanction?

Yours very truly,
Herbert E.Maxwell.

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SUBJECT.

St. Ninian's Chapel near Whithorn.

Memoranda.

Secretary,

I enclose a letter from Sir Herbert Maxwell, enquiring whether a fund at his disposal can be appropriated to the repair of the Chapel. The matter could not be in better hands than those of Sir Herbert Maxwell; but I presume the sanction of the Office of Works will be necessary to enable him to proceed.

Yours truly,

A. Pitt-Rivers.

The Secretary, Office of Works.



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