

Ans<sup>d</sup>.  
Sept 23/91.

PR Box 1/F1.

**Bournemouth.**

Sept 21. 91  
to General Pitt Rivers -  
Dear Sir.

I was at Gurnes Abbey the  
other day & was shocked to see  
the careless way in which the  
ruins are treated. any one is  
admitted free. names are cut all  
over & I saw a noisy party  
picknicking in the ~~great~~ garden  
in the church. I do not think  
these things should be allowed &  
appeal to you in your official capacity  
to endeavor to prevent the  
waste being in further than is  
necessary. A small charge of 3/-  
a head admittance will provide a  
repair fund & keep out the roughs.

Yours truly  
Richard G. Pender

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Rushmore,

Salisbury.

Sept. 23rd, 1891.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 21st inst., the Ancient Monuments Act has nothing whatever to do with Mediæval Monuments, and if it had, Government could do nothing without the consent and desire of the owner. I would recommend your referring the matter to the local Archaeological Society, which is the best means of influencing Public opinion.

Yours obediently,

A. Pitt Rivers.

Reginald G. Pinder Esq.