

PR Box 2 1 R 1
Newcastle upon Tyne 2 Dec^r 1887
My dear General,

Roman Wall

Excuse my delay in replying to your letter respecting the bringing of the Roman Wall or some portions of it under the protection of the Ancient Monuments Act. There will be considerable difficulty in doing so, and before writing to you at length upon the subject I am consulting those who are interested in it. I have already spoken to the Duke of Northumberland and Lord Percy

upon the matter and I am now
in communication with
Mr Clayton. I think that it is
of the utmost importance that
you should visit us as you
propose in the Spring and see
for yourself the existing state
of things. You would meet with
a very warm reception from
the legates and pro-prators of the
day.

I am my dear General
Yours faithfully
J. Collingwood Bruce

General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S., F.S.A.
Rushmore
Salisbury

Received news & this
being deposited shortly
news attention to the
matter & I am in the
Athenaeum that Mr. Gladstone
had invited you to
Benton with regard to
your examining into the
question. I hope you will
be able to do this, for the
question is one of very
great importance and
which ought to have the
most comprehensive and
available form during

15 December

PR Box 21 R3
Roman Durham 13 Sep 1883
~~and~~
~~and~~
~~Hadrian's~~

Nightcap Dell Review

I see you are at
Hastings for the
Brit. Assoc. Meeting.
I shall not be over,
having had a long,
though not a severe,
attack of Gout, which
still hangs about me
& makes me comparative
weak. Now that you

in these northern parts work has been received
it will be most desirable
that you should make
an examination of the
Roman walls from the
engineering point of
view. This has never been
undertaken and no one
is so competent as
yourself to tackle it.
The controversy as to
the builder of the walls
& the relative date of
the earthworks & stone

walls has been received
in the Sep. number of
the Archaeological Review.
Smythies have always
entertained the belief
that the two were anti-
distinct systems, built
at different times, though
for the same purpose.
At one of our local
archaeological meetings
this year, I mentioned
my dissent from this at ~~present~~

try to settle the
question. I hear you
were at Chester, but
were not able to
see anything except
the camp there.

Believe me
Yours & Yours
W. Brewster

Roman Wall
~~Antennae~~
Hadrian's

PK Box 2/13
15 Sept. 1889.

My dear Pitt Rivers,

I hear you have
two Surveyors
with you and are
nowhere in the best
position to examine
the tall & craggy
Intriguing. Had
hoped to have seen you

today when I came
have talked the
matter over with
you. You should
see the district near
Hannum (Fallon
(Chester) and the
between Chester
& Greenhead. The
great question is
whether the wall and

Searthwork are parts
of one system, made
by the same hand, or
two separate systems
of defence.

It will be a thousand
pities if, less that
you are in the
district, you should
not get this work done,
which would do a long

for long do car
proper to stay in the
north.

Som, 21 Aug
15 Greenwell

~~Roman Wall
Mediterranean~~ / 17 Sep. 1889
^{PR Box 2/63}

My dear Pitt Rivers.

I am extremely
sorry to have missed
seeing you today. I got
a telegram yesterday,
without signature, to
say "Leslie come to
Durham tomorrow
morning" I had an
engagement to meet

Alman at Jarrow in
the afternoon slept by
the 9.55 train, having
then come to the
conclusion that my
unknown telegrapher
was not coming. Had
I been certain that it
was you & that you
would be over if not
in the morning then
sometime during the
day I would have written

my engagement, but
under the circumstances
I kept it & so lost the
opportunity of seeing you.
I should like to know
what you propose as
regards the Roman
Gate, for it seems
going to be at work on
it I would come and
have a look at you about
some talk about it.

an possible attack from the
south possibly at a date when
the danger from invasion from the
north for which the wall was
built was lessened so that both
walls and aggers might have been
built within a few years of each
other but I think the stone
you named opinion on the
subject - did you see that magnified
bank on the left bank of the Tyne



Roman Wall

Dear Gen: Pitt-Rivers

Yours was forwarded
to me in Town & before leaving
today for Bath I write to
thank you for the same &
to express regret that we
did not meet at Cheltenham.

The examination of the Roman
wall & Vallum requires us

We have walked sufficiently further than we
may have found a camp or some halt before
that height so our return in the place the
bottom appears the quite subsidiary to the
Mars. It appears to me as an enormous
military matter that the soldiers appear
some certainly said Spanish - on which

You say some can and some
before arriving at any sound
conclusion as to their relative
dates. We drove from Hollerup
to Knudsen's saw sufficient
at the different points we
examined to people us at
one place 12 Black Arts from
the bottom seemed to be
commanded by superior
height on the South. but then

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the foundation of the body?
for what purpose could the
clouds have been made a
subsequent work clearly.

Let me know when you will be
again at hand & you
will try and keep myself
free for a week.

Very truly yours
H. W. Wilmot

Winwood

Roman wall