

PR Box 2 / R2

The Precinct  
Rochester

8. 3. 90

To Lt Gen<sup>e</sup> Pitt-Rivers F. R. S &c

Sir

On my return I  
found your letter &  
cheque enclosed, for  
which I am obliged,  
& rejoice to hear that  
you are now the  
worse for your accident.  
I have received permission  
to vacate at  
Richboro'. I am

Sir  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup>  
George Taylor

to do anything for you  
in interviewing or  
writing if desired.

I am

Sir

Yours obed<sup>tly</sup>

George Payne

PL Box 2/R2

The Precinct

Rochester

15.3.90

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

Sir

I was at Richborough  
yesterday making arrange-  
ments with the owner  
& tenant about the proposed  
excavations & am pleased  
to say had no difficulty  
in settling the matter.  
To my surprise the  
owner informed me that  
he would sell the castrum  
with the five acres

contained within it & that if necessary he would set apart a certain strip of land all round it for a cart track - As you told me, when I had the pleasure of visiting you, that you had some idea of buying the property when last put up to auction, I pressed him to ascertain if he were in earnest, and found that it was so. Now as he is willing to divide the cartum from the farm I hasten

to let you know before it gets to other persons ears. The owner is rather a second-rate farmer type of man and cares naught for the ruin & does not seem grasping for a fancy price. I should think something might be done in the matter & forward his address  
Mr. W. Wilson  
Little Statenborough  
Eastrey  
Kent.  
I shall be only too glad

P.R. Box 2112

The Precinct  
Rochester

20th Feb 1890

To Lieut Genl Pitt Rivers F.R.S.  
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Sir

I am very sorry  
to hear that you are  
indisposed, but trust  
that you may speedily  
recover. My dear  
Father's wonderful life  
was brought to a close  
yesterday morning.  
I have written to  
Mr Willson agreeably

to your kind request.

Yours obed<sup>t</sup>  
George Payne



E. Payne  
in  
Richborough

(R. Box 2) RZ  
The Precinct  
Rochester

27 Feb 90

To Lieut Genl Pitt Rivers F.R.S. &c

Sir

I forward the  
enclosed for your  
consideration. It  
would be necessary for  
anyone buying the  
place to take the  
slope of the bank  
down to the Railway  
fence, therefore this

with the track all  
round the walls  
maker an extra  
two acres. I should  
mention that Dr. Wilson  
has no idea who is  
in treaty for the  
property. Trusting  
you have recovered  
from your recent  
indisposition.

Believe me  
Yours obed<sup>t</sup>  
George Payne

pa Box 2122

Little Statenborough

Eastry

N. Dover

March 26. 1890..

Dear Sir

I have delayed  
answering your letter in  
consequence of my Solicitor  
looking over the Deeds of the  
Farm. He now informs  
me that I can sell the  
ground as freehold with  
the Castle Walls standing  
thereon and with out any



restriction as to digging  
for minerals &c &c. —

Your proposal to  
take the Bank in down to  
the Railway fence on the  
East side and round the  
outside of the Walls where  
it is not cropped with Corn  
would take I estimate  
about 7 Acres of Land —

I now propose to offer  
to sell it for £1000

The purchaser to pay all  
legal expenses attending  
the transfer of the said  
property; and for any  
compensation if required  
to the Tenant Mr. G. Solley  
who holds on a yearly  
Tenancy.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

W. Wilson.

PR Box 2/R2

*Mad*  
Kent Archaeological Society.

THE REGISTRY,  
ROCHESTER,  
KENT.

3 Apr 1891

To Mr Genl Pitt Rivers F.R.S.

I should be very  
glad to know your final  
decision about Richborough,  
as if you do not purchase  
it I should try and  
arrange a plan for  
excavations to be  
commenced in the autumn.

THE RECTORY,  
ROCHESTER,  
KENT.

I find that the brush-wood around the Megalithic Remains at Coldrum has been cut down this winter so that the monument may be seen to advantage. Do you think you could spare time to see it with me shortly? Your best way would be to

come by the L. & D.R. to Meopham station. I would meet you there & have a landau in readiness. Your train would leave Victoria 9.13 a.m. and that would enable you to return early in the afternoon.

I am  
Yours obedtly  
George Payne

PR 308 21R2  
The Precinct  
Rochester

7 May 1890

To Lieut Genl Pitt Rivers FRS &c

Sir

I will attend  
to the form next  
week. The delay  
concerning Richters  
is not due to me.  
I am promised the  
information required  
in a few days. A  
Surveyor in that

district to whom I  
have spoken, in  
confidence, says the  
value of the land  
would be about £700  
& he thinks that,  
taking into consideration  
the fact that with a  
view of special  
interest & the chance  
of antiquities being  
found that the  
£1000 asked is not

unreasonable -  
Mr. Leeson-Jones &  
Mr. Roach Smith are  
of the same opinion.

I am  
Yr<sup>s</sup> obediently  
George Payne



a certain man in  
each County and  
officially invite him  
to undertake the work.

If some decline, try  
others & so on until  
all have promised.

Unless something of  
this kind is done  
discussion after  
discussion is useless.

If you attend will you  
propose this, providing  
it accords with your views.

Ans  
mons

<sup>Pr Box 212</sup>  
The Precinct  
Rochester

2 July 1890

To d<sup>r</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Pitt-Rivers F.R.S &c

Sir

I went to  
Grottycliffe yesterday  
and paved the way  
for the protection of  
the Megalithic Remains  
at Coldrum. The parson  
rejoiced at what I  
proposed to do in the

matter, and as he  
is an old friend of  
the owner, he has  
promised to intercede.  
I have written twice  
for particulars  
as to the price paid  
by Mr. Willson for  
Dickborough Farm,  
but the information  
does not come to  
hand. I hope you  
will purchase them

"castrum" nevertheless.  
I have received notice  
of the Arch<sup>d</sup> Congress  
at the Antiquaries  
& observe that the  
County Survey is  
again on the Agenda  
paper. My opinion  
is, the only way to  
bring that matter  
to a head is for  
the Council of the  
Antiquaries to select

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Should you not be present,  
shall I make the  
proposition? I am  
shortly going with  
Col French to look into  
the discovery at  
Shoeburyness. It seems  
to have been a neglected  
corner. He has shown  
me your letter in  
reference thereto —

I remain

Sir  
Yours obey  
George Payne