

Mr. Snyce's
letters
Claverton

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Answer

Pk Box 2/w11

4 Bernard Villas,

Bath.

Sept. 16 / 86.

Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

I have been in correspondence
with Mr. Skrine about the excavations
you proposed to make on his estate:
as we have both been laid up with
severe colds, we have been ~~unable~~
unable to have a talk together on
the subject. He tells me that he

would be very glad to see you
next Friday, or, should that day be
wet, on Wednesday week. Madam
informs me that your train from
Salisbury reaches the great Western
Station at Bath at 12.5. I

if either of the dates named were convenient to you
would meet you there, & take you

at once to Claverton Manor,
& after lunch we could examine
the ground. Mr. Storie is delighted
with your idea, & is now studying

your book etc. I have lent him.

What a very successful meeting
we have had, at all events so far as
"Section H" is concerned!

Yours faithfully

A. H. Sayce.

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~~Answer~~

Pk Box 2/W11

4 Barnard Villas

Bath.

Sept. 19/88.

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

Mr. Skrine tells me
that he will be engaged the greater
part of next Wednesday, so that
if Friday prove wet or inconvenient
to you, he would be glad to ^{see} ~~see~~

you next Tuesday. But I hope
you will be able to come here
next Friday. I will meet you
at the first Western Station at
12.5 in Mr. Skinn's carriage, as
one of my father's horses happens
to be laid up, & we will drive at
once to Claverton Manor where you
will find lunch awaiting you.
There will be plenty of time afterwards

to examine the ground to be excavated
& to arrange a plan of operations.

Please let me have a post-card
to say if you can come next
Friday.

Yours faithfully
A. H. Jayce.

Re
Wansdyke
Sayce

PK Box 2/W11

4 Bannard Villas,
Bath.

Sept. 23/08.

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

Mr. Skrine tells me that
he has written to you about your
visit to Bathampton Down. He does
not seem to think that you will be
able to examine the old settlement
on the Down if the piece of the

Wandylph at Warleigh on the same
day. If you come on Tuesday, I
will meet you at the Station.

I find that Mr. Shute has been
excavating a little this summer on
the Down, & has laid bare the founda-
-tions of curvilinear walls of unburnt
stone. All he has discovered has been
a pavement of black pottery, ^{along with} & some
flint flakes & chips including a

scraper, but neither he nor his workmen
have been accustomed to excavations.

Yours truly

A. H. Joyce.

remnant of the Devil's Dyke I found
a fine flint scraper.

If the Wandryke really ran over
Hampton Down it can have had nothing
to do with the Belgae. Ptolemy says
that one of their towns was
"Ylara Deppea, at the hot springs
of Bath ~~by~~ to the north of it.

Yours very truly

A. H. Sayce.

Sayce

PR Box 2/W11

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Oct. 11/88.

Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

I have just had a letter
from Mr. Sherrin in which he tells me
that he is about to begin trenching
the ground that we visited. It is
a good thing to have stirred him up
to undertake the work. But I
doubt whether he will do anything

Somersetshire usually means a piece
of waste common land attached to a
village.

In Domesday Bookwick & its manors
are called Wica, i.e. Vicus, & it would
therefore appear that after the destruction
of Bath, a body of Romanised Britons
continued to live in the suburbs, preserving
the Latin word vicus as the name
of their settlement.

Yours very truly
A. H. Sayce.

~~Hand~~
Sayce

PR Box 2/W11

QUEEN'S COLLEGE,
OXFORD.

Oct. 14/88.

Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

I am very glad to find
that your examination of the Wansdyke
goes to confirm the current state-
ments about its course. Scatch's
map indicates a fragment of it
between Englishcombe & the old

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Twin-pike running from north to south,
& another fragment at the back of Prior
Park, running from south to north
towards the camp in Hampton Down.
Your researches seem to show that the
first fragment is now destroyed, & infer
that the second fragment is destroyed.
If the fragments really existed, they
would indicate that the Dyke was
pushed forward to so to include

the Camp, if we may then infer
was already in existence. But
against whom could the Dyke have
been raised?

English Combe is called 'Ingelis =
= cune in Domesday, proving that
a Saxon camp or settlement must
have been formed there in the midst
of the British population. The same
fact may be gathered from the name
of English Bateh. The "Bateh" ^{was}

Sayce

P.R. Box 2/W11

4 Barnard Villas,
Bath

April 26th/09.

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

Let me congratulate

you upon your success, you have
solved at last the mystery of
the Wandylke. I should very
much have liked to see the
section, but I did not get

back from Egypt until the day
before yesterday when I found
my father dying. I hope to be
at Oxford again towards the
middle of next week.

Yours very truly

A. H. Jayce.

Sept

Queen's Coll.

Oxford.

May 8/89.

Dear Genl. Pitt-Rivers,

Very many thanks for
the photographs. The set is
most satisfactory. So far the
results bear out your expectations
& show that this portion of
the Wandzke at all events

is later than the Roman occupation
of the Roman Road.

The name of Wansdyke or Woden
Dyke is curious, as it seems to
imply that the name-givers did not
know the origin of the Dyke. Can
the name have been primarily given
to an other portion of the Dyke only,
or to another Dyke altogether,
& transferred in later days to

its present designation?

I have not heard whether Mr.

Shrimps' excavations have been
successful.

Yours very truly

A. H. Joyce.