

PR Box 3/3/11

Sept 27

87.

WOLFETON HOUSE
DORCHESTER.

My dear General

I will communicate
at once with the Mayor &
will let you know directly.

I care as to what he says -

I quite agree with
you in thinking it most
desirable that the Amphitheatre
should be safely preserved
for those who will come
after us - you shall hear

WOLFFTON HOUSE
DORCHESTER

again within a few days.

Yours very truly

Albert Bankes.

Our united kind regards to
Mrs Pitt Rivers & yourself.

PR Box 313/2

Thurs. Sept 29
87

WOLLETON HOUSE
DORCHESTER

My dear General.

Have just heard from the
Mayor of Dorchester.

He says that the Amphitheatre
is partly in the Boro' & partly
in the Duchy so he thinks the
simplest plan will be for you
to write a formal letter to him
requesting him to assist you by
getting ^{both} the Permission of his Boro'
Council & also of the Duchy which
he kindly offers to do through Mr.
Holzman the Duchy ^{of Cornwall} Secretary -

Mr. Pope promises to write
to you also on the subject.

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His Address is

Alfred Pope Esq
(Mayor of Dorchester)

Dorchester.

If I can help you further
may let me know -

Yours very truly

Albert S. Banker.

Mr. Pope belongs both to the
Field Club & to the County
Museum & is all in favour
of protecting the Amphitheatre -

You can if you like
mention this in your letter to
Mr. Pope as it would please
him & get him to take all
the greater interest in the
matter -

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PR Box 3/3/3

South Walk House,
Dorchester.

Dear Mr Manuel Pleydell

I am very glad
that question of procuring
our Camp to the hi as a
monument of antiquity
has been taken up.

Mr A Stokes had already
written to me, at the request
of Genl Pitt Rivers in this
subject, and being in
London yesterday I called

Mr. Hodgkinson the Secy
to the Duchy of Cornwall
with his letter.

The Amphitheatre is
the key of the Duchy &
as quasi Crown lands
do not he says appear

to be protected by the
"Ancient Monuments Act"

However I would suggest
that an application be
made direct to him

by Genl Pitt Rivers
as Commissioner under
the Act: when some
definite understanding
will doubtless be
arrived at. It seems
to me most important
that so interesting a work
should be preserved as
a monument of antiquity.

Believe me
Yours very truly
Alfred Popham

J. C. Mansel Pleydell Esq

Sep^r: 21: 27.

PR Box 313/4

South Walk House,
Dorchester.

Dear Sir,

Both Mr & Mrs Bankes,
and Mr Mansel Pleydell
have written me as to
the desirability of including
our Camp that lies under
the "Ancient Monuments Act"
I called on Mr Holzmann
the Secy to the Society of
Cornwall yesterday with
Mr Bankes's letter -

He assured me that

There would be no necessity
of including that work
in the act as ~~that~~ being
quasi Crown property, there
is not the least danger
of its ever being disturbed.

I think however it would
be more satisfactory were
you to apply to their
direct. his address is

— Holzmann Esq
Society of Council Office
Buckingham House Gate
London S.W.

when he says he will
only reply to your letter
after looking further
into the matter -

And I am sure as
speaking in behalf of the
Irish people of Great Britain
they will be very much
obliged if you would do so -
As it seems to me that
so interesting a monument
of antiquity should have very
productive efforts.

Believe me very dear Sir
Yours most truly
John Pitt Rivers. Alfred Pope

a Ben Warren when sitting
upon 4 Eggs. which he took
& subsequently gave to a
London Lad who took them
away with him & I fear
an instrument of tort.

We enjoyed Mrs Pitt Rivers
& Alicia visit here last
week very much. Please
remember us to both

I believe me
Yours very truly
W. G. Marshall-Meynell

PR Box 3/3/15

WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

September 27th

My dear General Pitt Rivers

I have written

to Mr Pope the Mayor of
Tisbury about placing
the Amphitheatre under
the Act and accept his
reply with some interest -

I have pointed out to him the
advantages of placing it
at Statutory protection &
reminded him of the danger
it incurred under the South
Western Companies Act and the
fatal consequence had the
Company carried out its
first proposal to erect the
theatre right through I have

WISCONSIN
MUSCOTAH
ORCHARD
MAY 1857

been working with Mr
Common Fisher at a bed of
lava grit about 100 feet
above the Valley in which
a couple of years ago I found
the remains of Elephas.
Mr Fisher's curiosity was
stimulated & we had a
day together last week - found
the grinding part of an
molar beside innumerable
fragments of teeth. I received
a letter from him this
morning in which he says
he is almost certain the
teeth belong to Elephas
meridionalis a species
which belongs to the palaeo-
lithic age - contemporary with

E. antiquus and has never
before been found so high
but only in the submerged
parts of Cores. This will
be another lesson for
the Old County! I think
I have added a new form
& day to our Botanical list
~~notwithstanding the locality~~
It has only been dis-
tinguished from the well-
known *S. praevarius* ~~various~~
within the last two years & is
characterized by *S. neglectum*.
Another interesting addition to the
ornithology of Quercus has just
been brought to my notice by
one of my servants when moving
manure last from Di-tender

PR Box 3/3/6

WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
AND TELEGRAPH—

W.H. - 1865

My dear General Pitt Rivers

I enclose you
a letter I received
this morning from Mr
Roper the Mayor of
Dorchester. by which
you will see he
has called upon the
Hereschman's Secretary
and opened the question
of placing the Amphitheatre
under the
Act. I scarcely think
the Mayor or his advisors
will not claim priority

SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

but accept the pro-
tection the act affords
to ancient monuments

Greenwood

Yours very truly
J. C. Marshall - Myrdell

12 Box 713/7

Dorchester Dec 1 87

Sir I did not
reply to your note
respecting the Amherst
Theater earlier, as the
Mayor was from home
I soon find him in
correspondence with
you on the subject
Of course I should
join in any efforts
to keep it intact
There is a boundary
stone at present on

the East side of the
bank, it is a thing
that I should wish
was away. but the
Town Surveyor tells
me that he is going
to put it in the
center of the Arena,
where still. The
boundary stone should
be put outside feet
of the Cricket
If you wish to refer
to the article or the
illustrations of the

House of James Beane
or other objects found
in Malbury Court
Dorset; it is in
No 148 of the Ar-
chaeologia. The Anchor
House, head, we see
that you saw last
month in the Museum

I am Sir
Your Obedt Servt
Richard King

The
Genl Pitt Rivers
1845. or -

P.R. Box 2/3/8

Ash Mills,
Hemel Hempstead.

June 16 1890

My dear Pitt-Rivers

Many thanks for
the sight of the anchor
which I return in case
you may like to send
it to some one else -
I do not think that
the amphitheatre at
Dorchester is one of the
monuments under
your charge, but I may
mention that I have
a letter from Nuttall
that it is suffering
from the turf being

worn through and holes
being gubbed in the
underlying chalk by
the boys of the neigh-
bourhood - Is it worth
while writing to the
Mayor of Dorchester?
Believe me

Your most truly
John Evans

PR Box 7/3/8

Copies

Bushy
Sullivan

June 28th 90

Dear Mr. Michael Lyell

Thanks for sending me
the report of your address. It is
most useful to find a resume of
the scientific work of the past -
this way has been done.

I send a typed copy of a letter
from P. Coan to President
of the Society of Antiquaries about
the Earl of Arundel's Theatre. I
passed in the matter of its protection

Some time ago Mr Meyer was
in favour of putting it
under the act but it belongs
to the Faculty of Law & the
Faculty refused. I know nothing
of the damage referred to in the
letter but it is a pity it should
not be looked after. I always
send paper such questions to
the local archaeological bodies.
But some work has been done
in these days perhaps the
club has been in use

Yours truly
W. H. Murray.

Box 3/3/8

June 29th 1840

Dear Sir

I enclose a type written
copy of a letter from Mr.
Lewis President of the Society
of Antiquaries relating to some
damage done in the Amphitheatre
in Worcester and shall be
glad if you should find it
in your power to stop the
defray complained of. We
will remember there was a
previous correspondence on

The Subject

Miss Paul

At Pitt Rivers

St Paul

Director, Ancient Monuments

in Barbary

11 Box 3/3/7

Dulphinstreet

Wh

Dorchester

A. M. Act

Correspondence

PR. Box 313/10



Duchy of Cornwall Office,
Buckingham Gate, S.W.

7th October 1887.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of yesterday's date with its enclosure and to inform you that I will submit it at the next meeting of the Prince of Wales's Council which I expect to take place in the course of next month.

I think it right to mention at once that the records of the Duchy show the ancient Amphitheatre at Worcester, locally known as Mambury Rings, to belong entirely to the Duchy of Cornwall and I am not aware of a claim having before been raised by the Town Council of Worcester to any part thereof.

Accordingly the ground enclosed by the ancient walls has been and is still held on tenancy from the Duchy on condition

Lieut. General

A. Pitt Rivers F. R. S.

7th 7th 7th

of allowing free access to the public.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

M. Holzmann.

PK Box 3/3/11



Duchy of Cornwall Office,
Buckingham Gate, S.W.

10th December 1887

Sir,

In accordance with my letter of the 7th October last your application of the previous day for placing under the guardianship of the Commissioners of Woods, under the provisions of the Ancient Monuments Protection Act 1882, the ancient Roman Amphitheatre at Dorchester locally known as Marnbury Rings, has been submitted at a recent meeting of the Council of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and I have been directed to express their regret at being unable to comply with your request.

As your application appears to have been based on the assumption that part only of the Amphitheatre belongs to the Duchy of Cornwall and the other part to the Town Council of Dorchester, I am to inform you that the statement to this effect of the late

Lieut. General A. Pitt-Rivers, F.R.S.,

Y^{rs}. Y^{rs}. Y^{rs}.

Mayor, Mr. A. Pope, must have been based on an erroneous impression which, I am given to understand, is not shared by the present Mayor and other inhabitants of the Town, and that the Duchy Records prove the whole of Mambury Rings to be parcel of the ancient possessions of the Duchy. The bound stones of the Borough which by sufferance have stood on the grounds merely indicate its limits without implying that the land within such limits is the property of the Town Council.

I am to add that the question of placing the ancient monuments within Duchy possessions under the protection of such an Act as the one referred to above was under consideration in 1875 when a Bill on the subject was first introduced into Parliament, but that after consultation with the Home Office it was then deemed advisable to strike out of the Schedule those monuments, including Mambury Rings, which were existing on Duchy lands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

M. Holzmann.

are calculated to ensure
its preservation.

Dear Sir

John Woodcut
A Pitt Rivers
to General

Superintendent of Ancient Monuments
in Great Britain.

It has I understand already had
one narrow escape during the
construction of the railway. I
understand also of the act which is
opposed to be made. It will be seen
that its inclusion under the act will not
in any way affect ownership. nor does



P.R. Box 313/12
Rushmore
Salisbury
Oct 6th 1887.

Sir,

I beg to request you will
be so kind as to inform
me whether the authorities of
the Duchy of Cornwall are
willing to place that part
of the Amphitheatre at
Rushmore which belongs to
them under the protection
of the Ancient Monuments
act. Being the property of
the Duchy my right of way which
does not already exist

few owners I think it
most desirable that its
preservation should be
secured for the future in
the manner I suggest. I
have applied to Mr. Pope
in reference to the part
that belongs to the Town
Council & he informs me
that he ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{they are} most anxious
to have them restored if



the monument were
under the act. It is
difficult to conceive how
any law or encouragement
could arise to better owners
by carrying out the wishes
of the Government in this
respect and the monument
is one of such great interest
that I think no steps
should be neglected which

M. permission -
I did not
M & Thompson
give to Maria's father -
M. M. M.
quite different -
M. M. M.
M. M. M.

PR Box 3/3/13

Crichel,
Wimborne.

Friday

My dear General -
I have just
received your kind
letter -
I have just
received your kind
letter -
I have just
received your kind
letter -

I do not
like these
fig - excursions -
- model - mounts
the place as if
it were
our parents - but
mind & note

letter to the
tenant -
Mr. H. Duke - Junia
High East St
of a letter
and take him when
you are coming
that also you
have got

13 Brunswick Terrace ^{PK Box 3/3/14}
Brighton ~~Seidhard,~~ 5 Oct 1887
~~Dorchester,~~

Mr. Robert Williams
presents his compliments
to General Pitt Rivers and
begs to inform him that
he is willing to put the
two monuments which he
mentions under the protection
of the Ancient Monuments
Act. If Mr. R. W. is

expected to put up a notice
board he will be glad to be
informed the terms of the
notice.

PA. Box 312/115

~~Marlow Castle~~
Ampley Theatre
Dorchester

Letter to Mayor of Dorchester
on the preservation of

30. Sep. 87 —

Letter to Duchy of Cornwall
6. Oct. 87 —

[Faint, illegible handwriting on the reverse side of the paper]

Rushmore

Salisbury

30 Sept. 1887

Sir

I write as superintendent of Ancient Monuments in Great Britain under the Office of Works to inquire whether you and the Borough Council are willing to place the Amphitheatre at Dorchester under the protection of the Ancient Monuments Act.

The Amphitheatre has I believe once narrowly escaped destruction during the formation of the railway and as you ^{are} yourself personally interested in archaeological matters, it is hardly necessary that I should dwell on the importance of securing so interesting a monument from the possibility of being injured in the future.

I enclose a copy of the Act ~~as~~ with a preface which is official by which it will be seen that the act of placing a monument under the guardianship of the Commissioners of Works does not in any way affect ownership nor does it establish any right of way that does not already exist.

I am informed that the amphitheatre is partly in the Boro and partly in the Duchy of Cornwall but Mr. Banks tells me that you are kind enough to say that you will communicate with the Secretary of the Duchy ~~of~~ on the subject. Should you be able to do this and obtain the consent both of the Boro Council and of the authorities for the Duchy to having this monument included ~~in~~ in the Act, I should be much obliged. I remain

(2)
To Mr. Holyman
Duchy of Cornwall
Buckingham Gate, S.W.

Rushmore

Salisbury

Oct. 6. 87

Sir

I beg to request that you will have the kindness to inform me whether the authorities of the Duchy of Cornwall are willing to place that part of the Amphitheatre at Dorchester which belongs to them, under the protection of the Ancient Monuments Act. Being the property of two owners I think it most desirable that its preservation should be secured for the future in the manner I suggest. I have applied to Mr. Pope, Mayor of Dorchester in reference to the part that belongs to the Town Council and he informs me that he and they are most anxious to have their portion of the monument put under the Act. It is difficult to conceive how any harm or inconvenience could arise to either owner by carrying out the wishes of the Government in this respect and the monument is one of ~~which~~ such great interest that I think no steps should be neglected which are calculated to ensure its preservation. It has I understand already had one narrow escape during the construction of the railway. I enclose a copy of the Act which is official and by which it will be seen that its inclusion under the Act will not in any way affect ownership nor does it establish any right of way which does not already exist.

I have the honor to

A. Pitt Rivers

PL Box 3/3/116

The Bristol and District Footpath Preservation Society.



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4 Exchange East,

Bristol, 10 June 1893

Dear Sir

A Complaint has been made by our Society that there have been certain wrongful encroachments made upon Hambledon Hill which is I believe in the Parish of Mild Okford not far from Blandford and about two miles or less from Shillingstone Station. I believe that both Hambledon Hill and Hodhill have on the top interesting Roman or British Camps and it is stated that encroachments have been made by the Hon. C. B. Portman and I should be glad to be informed if it is so.

that the hill in question (Hambledon) was formerly
open land, and also if it is true (as asserted)
that it has been wrongfully enclosed.

I should also be glad if you were able to
furnish me with the names of persons in your
locality who might take an interest in the
matter.

Yours truly

Rich^d C. Tuckett

Lieut. General A. H. F. Pitt Rivers
Rushmore Lodge
Salisbury.

PA Box 313/17

Alma House, Weymouth

May 6 1895

Tenant
Hill Circle

Ans.
May 18/95

Sir, About four miles

South of Albury, on
the Duke of Bedford's
Estate, there is a very
rough irregular circle
of stones; it is under
"the Ancient Monuments
Protection Act".

The inside area is
large - under turf.
Would there be any objection
to my digging there in

the interest of the Dorset
Field Club? Of course I
should undertake not
to touch a stone, or to
make good the ground;
also, I suppose it would
be necessary, to get the
Duke's consent
I beg to remain
Sir,

Your Obedt Servant

Ed. Gunnington

The
Great Pitt-Rivers F.R.S. &c
Rushmore

Copy.

PR 3/3/17

Rushmore,
Salisbury

May 18/95.

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

It would of course
be necessary in the first place
to get the Duke of Bedford's
Consent for digging at Ampston
Russell. Then you would
have to apply to the Board
of Works, which might be
done through me if you
thought proper.

Yrs very truly,
A. Pitt Rivers.

Ed. Cunningham Esq

Dear Mother & Willy
Particular see present.
Send love to all I love!
With our very kind
remembrance to Mrs
Pete Rivers

I remain
Yours very truly
J. M. Mearns

PR Box 3/3/19

WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

November 21
1887

My dear General Pitt Rivers
At last I have
received Colonel (ambidex)
copy which is as dis-
appointing as possible.
In the first place he
is unable to give the
Pit Rivers Cave with the
emboss of the ancient
monument. But as he is
not Pitt Rivers, let further
add. If I had more
I sh^d have been very
much disinclined to
do so, as were a thing

