

TELEGRAPH, GREAT BARDFIELD.

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PARK HALL,
GREAT BARDFIELD,
BRAINTREE.

My dear Spencer.

I found your letter at my club, when up in town the other day. - You have indeed been having a busy time & I can heartily congratulate you on having secured the filler coll^{rs} for the Victorian ~~coll.~~ Museum. It would have been a thousand pities if it had been allowed to leave the colony. Read

wishes we also to say how pleased he is, but
at the same time hopes that you will remember
the British Museum with regard to duplicates,
as we have no title from Central Australia
and it would not be the part to have that-
exchanges have been made with your
Museum. I can quite imagine what the
work must have been. Weeding out and
labelling. I have been v. busy too. Anyway,

my collection in my new home. It certainly
is very astonishing how keen in the position
of Sir Wm. Pitt Rivers who held governmental posts
became (wth pay) can so utterly disregard their
obligations to the nation - Why should his
things go to Cambridge & none come to the
Brit. Mus. I shall indeed be pleased
if the next time you are over here if you
can come & stay here. I enclose you a
photo of the house where you will always
be welcome. I am afraid my good
wishes for Xmas will be late but they
are none the less hearty - coupled with
probable happiness for the New Year

Ever y^r sincerely

J. Rags. Cantington