

Sturminster Newton,
Blandford 9th Decr - 1885

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

As I expected Mr Portman
is returned by a large majority
just about what was expected
for the last day or two viz
1,482, the Tenant Farmers with
2 or at ^{the} most 3 exceptions voted
for Mr Sturt and are exceedingly
bitter at the result & would not
listen to a word of Mr Portman's

but hooped & shouted at the top
of their voices, of course the
Labourers who almost to a man
voted for Mr. Portman were not
present to support him, I much
hope it may end without further
difficulty as between employer &
employed for it has proved what
I strongly anticipated a class struggle
& not political. It has passed
off very quietly taking it altogether
& altho' some kind of smacking has

occurred it has not happened
to my house in which a
dozent of yours lived.

I will be at Ashmore on
whatever morning you may wish
to see me.

I hope this will be in time
for the ordinary part this evening.

I remain

Yours obedt. Servant

Agnes