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Sturminster Newton,

Dorset 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 1885

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I had intended to have gone to Bournemouth to-day but that when named Harris of Strimling A. Lang had returned from the Grand Comby hotel 2 or 4 days ago, & which you will recollect I told you about, he at once commenced his wild behaviour and was

locked up again yesterday  
for threatening to murder his  
wife & family as they tried  
to prevent his squandering  
the stock on the Farm & to-day  
he has been sent back to the  
Gaol for 2 months, I had to  
attend the court & since he  
has gone this afternoon I have  
been over the Farm and had  
the gates locked up and shall

now try and end the matter,  
there is just about enough  
left on the Farm to pay the  
rent & outgoings so there will  
be no loss of rent.

I will go to Rushmore as  
soon as Christmas is over and  
if you will allow me I will  
take this opportunity of wishing  
you very compliments of the Season.

I remain  
Your very obedt Servant  
A. J. C. C.