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Sturminster Newton,

Dorset 28th March 1887

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I am glad to say
Lady Amy has passed & I have
not received a notice to quit
my Farm at Lady Amy next,
Mr Packard of Aberton wanted
me to receive a 6 months notice
for the Farm he occupies but
as it was illegal I would not do
it. You have no property at Lyze

the place mentioned in Mr.
Birmingham's letter, I return the
letter - The letter from Mr. Dallas
refers I think to the same quarry
but as I am going to Durham this
week I will ascertain full
particulars on the spot, you
visited the quarry at Durham &
thought there was nothing of interest
there - I will return Mr. Dallas's letter
after I have returned -

I will make some necessary

business as to the Durham South
Institute celebration & do as you
wish -

I remain

Yours very obedtly

W. P. Barrett

West St Budport
March 22nd 1884

(B225)

Sir
I take the liberty of writing to inform you that I believe the remains of an interesting Roman settlement or place of cremation is situated on your estate near Buntan Bradstock. For many years a quarry has been worked at "Green Hill" near "Cogden", & I found that repeatedly, urns, bronze ornaments etc had been found by the men at work there. I have a collection of Roman & English coins, & on enquiring at the quarry, I received a 3rd bronze of Constantine & on another visit have received many pieces of pottery, teeth of various animals, human bones & in the bottom of some of the urns

remains of the cremations, while some of the large stones near have been subject to fire. Only one perfect urn has been got out I believe, & I did not get it; most of them fall to pieces, or are already broken in the soil. There is some 2 feet of dark soil under the turf & then the natural rock, nothing has been opened up, but gradually uncovered as the stone is required, ^{perhaps} ~~say~~ 2 months every year. Should you not deem it worth your notice would you kindly allow me to carefully uncover some of the turf? all that may be found being subject to your inspection at any time. I have mentioned the matter to William Colfox Esq^r J. P. & he has wished me to lay it before you. I may say that Roman coins etc are found in several places around here, I have a silver Family about

B. C. 150 found on making your
two new villas on Burton Cliff.
Should you wish it to remain as at
present I shall be glad to state
your wishes to the tenant, as as
yet, I have not mentioned it to
him. Trusting you will pardon the
liberty I have taken in writing

I remain

Yours respectfully
James Ralls.

To General Pitt Rivers
Rushmore Lodge
W. Salisbury

Dorchester Sept 29 '56

Sir ~~Answered~~

(B225)

I thought that
you would be glad
to hear of a discovery
on your property at
Swyre, in a stone
quarry on the high
ground facing the
sea, West side of
the village.

There are some Roman
graves there, two or
three have been dug
out, & I yesterday
saw a black Roman

bowl found in one
of them, is such di-
ameter 3 inches high
with a broad rough
cross across the
external base. I
found in one of the
places dug out, a
small piece of Laminon
or a few fragments
of black ware.
I have no doubt that
other instruments are there

I am Sir
Yours respectfully
Ed. Furmenington

To
General Pitt Rivers Lt. Col.