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Sturminster Newton,
Dorset 7th Oct - 1887

Dear General Pitt Rivers,

Your letter has been delayed in the post. I am sorry to find you have arrived at such a conclusion as to your having a house in this locality & I cannot understand ~~on~~ what can have caused you to think so as I have not said a single word to this effect. As to giving

Mr Hawley notice to quit, in the letter you wrote me on this subject there is not a word to this effect but even if I had instructions it was no use to give notice as Mr. H. is entitled to 12 months notice ending on church eve 25th in any year as I told you on Tuesday the proper time to give him notice will be in church next weekend to inform Mr Hawley the first time I see him that I have instructions

to do this as you told me on Tuesday
that I must give him notice.

The House adjoining the Office
is strictly speaking the Agents
House & which many years ago
Mr. Hawley lived in, after his
removal to Clinton my Father
lived here for about 25 years
until his death. There is a
very small House at Newton
it belongs to a Farm which I
now occupy but in the year 1850

in consequence of a House that
was always used for an Agents
Assistant or Clerk being burnt
down this was given up for the
purpose & I have since occupied
it ~~as a residence~~ ~~as a residence~~
in such capacity & of course no
rent was paid for it. I dare
say you will recollect that Mr.
Hawley did not pay a penny full
rent until you owned the Property.
I remain your obed. Servant
Wm. W. W. W.