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Chesham Rectory  
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Dear Gen Pitt Rivers

The case of our Labourers  
urges me to write in their  
behalf, as week after week  
the want of work continues  
to be felt, & is likely to be so  
for the next three months.

My wish would be to give  
employment, which might  
open a way for earning the  
wages of three days per week.  
This would procure bread, &  
relieve the minds of the poor  
fellows, who, having nothing  
to do, are a prey to discontent,  
melancholy.

A gift of £10 would with

careful husbandry, stave off  
the effects of enforced idleness  
for several weeks, by making  
it serve at the rate of 4/10 a  
week to six of the most needy.  
If you could suggest any plan  
of labour, as here I feel quite  
helpless. It must be something  
that the men will honestly  
strive to do. but I think  
the necessity, they are sensible  
of, would somewhat inspire  
them to acquit themselves cre-  
ditably. I must ask you to  
pardon my appeal on the ground  
that I know you care for the  
poor; there is no one whom it  
is more reasonable for me to  
turn to. Yours very faithfully  
Charles Barton

The present falling Cottages <sup>might</sup>  
be fully cleared away. their  
unrightly pressure be there-  
by removed. They are a great  
disseipt.  
Could spade work instead  
of plowing be carried on?