

in the Parish that I know is the
keeper of the Village Shop, taking
him alone he cannot be of much
influence or consideration in an
election, it would also be as well
to try to ascertain his politics &
which I will do, as he is I suspect
opposed to the Conservatives &
consequently opposed to Mr. Sturt.

It is a great pity that politics
are to be introduced into these matters
as it will keep many good men off

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Sturminster Newton,

Dorset 5th Nov - 1888

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

When at Gurnham on
Thursday I did not hear a
word as to the coming council
election for the Sturminster District
either from the Gurnham or
Sturminster people, the district
comprises the following Parishes,
Sturminster, Gurnham, Long Lichel,

St. Michael, George All Saints,
George St. Michael, East and
West Woodgate, Chettle and
Lodbridge, the two churches
belong wholly to Lord Arlington,
the Chettle belongs to the Baskin
Family, the other Parishes belong
chiefly to Lord Shaftesbury,
Marquis of Argyle, Queen's College,
Sir G. Stiles, the Trustees of
St. Michael's & St. George's.

The population of the whole
district is 2824 of which the
whole of Farnham & Hambury
Parishes would amount to about
100 less than a half, the lists
of electors will not be ready
for some little time yet, the
elections will probably take place
between the 17th & the 30th of
January next.

You have no electors of
Hambury a Tenant, the only one

them from trying for seats.

I remain

Your very obedt. Servant

Albion

P.S. I am sending off the
£500.