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December 2nd 1898

CROSS, LIVERPOOL.

TELEPHONE NO 6491.

To General A. Pitt-Rivers
Rushmore Salisbury.

Mr Cross has most respectfully to in-
-form Gen. A. Pitt-Rivers that he is
sending the Benin objects and others
this day by passenger train to
Tisbury station. Upon the other
* side is a complete list. Amongst
the Benin bronzes, there is one of
especial interest, it is the figure
probably of a priest, in solid bronze
and upon which are curiously worked
figures of a Cross, Beads, Girdle
etc. Mr Cross has had probably
more Benin specimens through his
hands than anyone living, yet he
has not had anything to compare
with this figure, to which he places
an especial value, because it in-
-dicates with some sort of definite-
-ness, the origin, and date of these
specimens, however General A. Pitt-
-Rivers will perhaps communicate
directly they are inspected & state
the value of any specimens selected.
A connoisseur who called here to see

These specimens wished Mr Cross to
reserve four of them for him, but
having previously written to General
A. Pitt-Rivers Mr Cross decided to
reserve them.

List of Specimens sent.

- * 1 ^{Solid} Benin bronze figure, with Cross, Bead, Girdle.
1 " " " " with crest on head from King's palace
1 " " " " from Queen's compound
1 Gold coast bronze weight from Prempeh's palace
1 River Niger (Asaba) State Court spear
(not sent) 1 Wood Stool Gold Coast
1 four-bladed paddle. River Benue
2 two-bladed paddles. " "
1 Ivory war horn, King's house, Benin City.

1 Ancient head of an extinct race of
Indians from PERU. A curious
type with low forehead, large cheek-
bones, and coarse black hair
much resembling the Malay head.

P.S. Mr Cross has not sent the stool
we think it is not required.

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Mr. Cross has not at present
 either Runging Jackasses or Wallaby
 but he will inform Gen. A. Pitt-
 Rivers the first he receives. At
 this season of the year he has
 not much live stock, about 28
 lions 6 tigers 23 Panthers, 2
 Black Panthers 27 Polar bears
 23 Caracaras, 200 Baboons, apes,
 & monkeys, 200 Pythons, an
 Rhinoceros, 2 Gigantic pythons
 24 feet, perhaps however some
 of the lesser things would be taken.
 A small herd of 10 Golden Apote £12-10 of
 pretty creatures, bred & live on the lawn.
 Coatimundi. Crown Cranes. Mongol
 Prairie Marmot. Macaws. James
 Crested Screamer follows one,
 Canada geese. Nile geese, Bean geese,
 Arctic snow geese. A miniature
 Shettan pony 34 inches. Rare
 Amazon & Curruco, Loris.
 Large purple Gabilules. Nicobar
 pigeons, Abyssinian Francolin.
 12 Large Tinamou, a fine Argentine

same bird size of a pheasant
which had fair to become
naturalised in England.

Also following Museum specimens
Giant Hippopotamus head
" Elephant head
Giant Elephant skin, head, ✓
all perfect to stuff (Bonnum's largest)
Giant Red Kangaroo perfect to stuff
Leopards, Lions, Tigers, Panthers perfect to stuff
3 Enormous Snakes 23 feet long
Skeleton & skin perfect to
stuff " Python reticulata "
4 Elephants feet to mount as stuff-
holders, tobacco jars etc
1 Orany Outang to mount?
1 Giant Himalayan Bear
3 Egyptian mummies.