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36. Fenchurch Street.
London.
E.C.

September 3rd, 1898.

General Pitt Rivers, D.L.

Rushmore,

Salisbury.

Dear Sir,

We have received from our Mexican friends a Statue, which we understand is of great historical importance, and as we understand that you are interested in antiquities, we have taken the liberty of addressing you with regard to same.

The Statue represents the celebrated King "Netzahualcoyotl", in the act of sacrificing his first born to the "Sun God". The referred to King, is supposed to have been a companion & tributary of the famous "Moctezuma", so renowned in Mexican History. After the defeat of the Mexicans, the object of the present, is said to have fled to the "Huasteca" the land lying on the banks of the "Panuco" river & its tributaries, and then inhabited by the fierce "Texcocos", "Huastecos" & "Otomis", whom he rallied to his standard to make a last and desperate stand against the Spanish invaders. To propitiate the native gods & invoke victory, he made a sacrifice of his only son, and in this attitude he is represented on the Statue.

The latter was found a few years ago on the banks of the "Panuco" and on the estate of "Paiga", where it is supposed "Netzahualcoyotl" assembled in 1503; the native warriors to preserve their native country against the Spanish conquerors.

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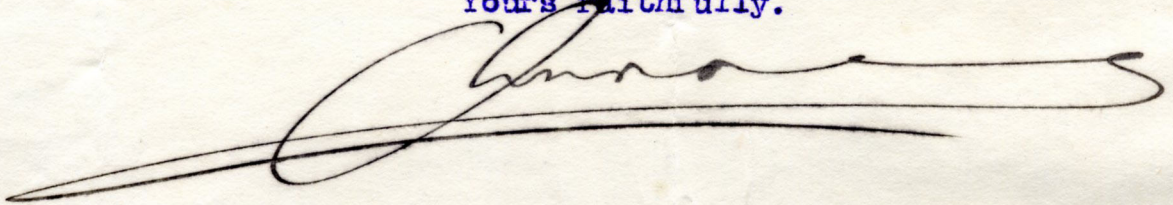
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General Pitt Rivers, D.L. (2) F.C.

The Statue is to be seen at our office, and we shall be glad to hear if you would like to become the possessor of this Statue, and awaiting to hear from you.

We beg to remain,

Yours faithfully.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, likely belonging to a representative of Landauer & Co. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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This statuette ~~is~~ is believed to represent the King write name
in the act of sacrificing his first born to the
Sun God he is believed to ^{said} have been a companion &
tributary of ~~Montezuma~~ Montezuma around in Mexican
history ~~to~~ Notzahaloyotl fought against
the Spaniards in 1503. The statuette was
found in a well on the banks of the Panuco & on the
estate of Paiga a few years ago & sold to Genl Davis by
Dr. Landauer & Co. Sept 3rd 1898

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Ans?
Nov. 24/98.

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36. Fenchurch Street.
London, Nov. 23rd 1898
E.C.

Sir

We have received from our friends two more Mexican sculptures, which from appearances are certainly much better than the last you bought, & as no doubt these will be of interest to you, perhaps you could make it convenient when next in town to favour us with a call & see them for yourself.

Awaiting the

pleasure of your reply.

We remain,
Yours faithfully

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General Pitt-Rivers
Rushmore
Salisbury

To ask whether you can send the objects here packed, or approved

H. R. is in constant receipt of obj^s sent by dealers & nothing has ^{ever} gone astray as yet. It shd. be sent to Iris Stal, Wilt. and the real price shd be named

You must be careful to
send them to Tis + not
to Salisbury where later
is only the post town, +
I objects ~~sent in that way~~
~~I do not believe objects~~
~~sent in that~~ do not
reach me. If you ^{Genl. P. Union} does
not agree to take them
he will return them to
your address.

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The above received
from your friend who
was been in
which from appearance
are certainly much better
than the last for weight
+ as we doubt there
could be of interest to
you, perhaps you could
make a comparison when
next in town to favor
us with a call + see
them for yourself
Thanking you

Ans'd.
Dec. 1/98.
£12
two offered for the
pottery urns.

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36. Fenchurch Street.
London, Nov. 25th 1898
E.C.

Sir We beg to
acknowledge receipt of
your favour of the
24th inst & as
desired we have forwarded
the two Mexican Sculptures
to Tisbury Station Wilts,
so please claim same.

You will find these
sculptures to be of
the best & as the price
is only £10.- each, we
trust you will keep
them & awaiting to hear
from you in due course.

General A. Pitt-Rivers
"Rushmore"
Salisbury.

We remain,
Yours faithfully
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Leque
£12 sent
on Dec. 3/98.

36. Fenchurch Street.
London. Decr 2nd 1898
E.C.

Sir We have your
favours of the 1st
inst to hand &
noted & as our friends
have left us a
certain discretion &
taking into consideration
that you purchased
the first carving, we
accept your offer,
notwithstanding we
have several parties
anxious to become
the possessors of the
sculptures in question.
We

We have the
pleasure to remain,

Yours faithfully

Chandos

General A. Pitt-Rivers
'Rushmore'
Salisbury