

is a great agitator and the school-
master says he has on one occasion
asked him a question or two about
the school & he told him that
on his enquiring that the standard
of examination was the second so
I have no doubt that he was ^{the} writer
of the letter. Of course as you
are aware a good many of the
cottages are very old and not
worth repairing for the trade of
the place is almost entirely gone
& they will not be wanted, at the
present time there are 9 of the oldest

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Sturminster Newton,

Blandford, 7th Nov 1884

Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

The Road Authorities
have I am informed decided
to proceed with the other ends
against yourself and also Sir
Thos. Gurnes and Mr. James as
well, Mr. Deane and myself
have met and had a consultation
on the matter, it will be necessary
for you to contest this before the

Magistrates ~~cases~~ and also for
Sir Thomas and the Ladies and
should they still be of the same
opinion, appeal to a higher
court -

I return the extract from
the "Daily News" of last Tuesday
I have inquired of the Returning
Officer, School-master as to
the error & find it is not correct
for no man was summoned at
the time mentioned for School
fees & it could not be the case
for these could only be required

recovered in the County Court with
which the Police have nothing to do,
the fees at the School are only
2^d for Labourers children over 7
& 1^d under that age, there is
only one barter in town with 7
children, he knows nothing of the
case and lives in a good
barrage on the Abbey Farm. I find
that a man who is the one of
the chief supporters of the Labourers
Union with Joseph Cook holds
meetings at town sometimes, he
is named George Mitchell and

unoccupied and in a few years
time there will be many more
so far there is nothing to be done
for people to get a living there
now the trade has gone.

I have heard nothing since
from any of the Friends who
have given notice respecting
the same but as I shall see
them at Hurdley on Friday
at the Audit I may be able to
learn if any thing like a combination
or has taken place between them.

and can inform you on Saturday
at Rushmore.

Sammy's time has expired
now for repairing the Roads
and Stonley is now I understand
to have charge of them for
the future -

I remain

Yours very obedt servant

Alfred