

Thomas Mr. Walter gave the matter
would be comparatively simple,
but from the family connexion I
should not do so if I were in your
place. My experience both of
Jetty and Quarter Sessions is, that
they are very sensitive in all
matters touching Stignette
amongst their members. Having
said thus much, however, I
need scarcely add, that the
decision lies with you, and that
as you decide, will do my best
to carry the matter out.

I am, dear Sir,
faithfully, truly yours
Robert S. France.

You Pitt. Rivers F. R. S.

Rushmore.

Salisbury.

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Gillingham. Dorset.

17 December 1884.

Dear Sir,

In consequence of a letter
from Mr. Creech, this morning, I write
to say that it is not a question
whether, by getting an inspection
of the proposed new Road a few days
earlier, we should be able to
utilize the January Quarter Sessions,
as the doing so is not possible, owing
to the formalities to be gone through,
and the length of notices to be given.
The next step in the proceedings is the
view by the Two Justices - these
notices must be affixed at both
ends of the proposed deviation for
four consecutive weeks after the
view. Notice has also to be given in
a newspaper, circulating in the
County where the Highway is situated
and also to be affixed on the Door of
the Church of every Parish, in which
the Highway, or any part thereof, shall
lie, for the same four weeks - After

the verification of these facts to their satisfaction, the viewing Justices sign their certificate of the propriety of the contemplated proceeding, stating the facts and reasons why they do so. Then the certificate has to be lodged with the Clerk of the Peace, who has to read it in open court at the sessions "next after the expiration of 4 weeks from the day of the said certificate of the said Justices having been lodged with the Clerk of the Peace" aforesaid - after having been so read the certificate to be enrolled amongst the Quarter Sessions records, if the deviation be not appealed against at extra, the order is made. In Somersetshire I am told that the order is not final, until it has been confirmed at a yet subsequent Quarter Sessions - I have enquired of W. Locke whether or not this is the case in Wilt - If I might

make a suggestion in the matter it would be, that the materials should be carted to the place where they will be wanted - that the certificate of the viewing Justices be obtained as soon as practicable and then that the new Road be carried out - I cannot help thinking that if we are fortunate in our viewing Justices, the risk of the Quarter Sessions not making the order, is almost infinitesimal. I do not mean, for a minute, to say that failure is not possible, but I should think it very improbable. I have written to W. Locke, Lord Arundell and Mr. Beaufroy, & between them hope to arrange the view very shortly. It could have taken place, in all probability, by this time, but for the uncertainty as regards Mr. de Boulay, who now tells me that he is unable to attend - of course if we availed ourselves of the assistance of Sir