

myself or the Church.

But I hope I am not without the old-fashioned virtue of loyalty; and consequently I have all along intimated that before the work was begun, the plans must be sent to the Patron of the living for his inspection and sanction.

I have, throughout, set my face against any Philistine tendencies towards the obliteration

Melcombe Horsey Rectory L1103

Ans^d.
Nov. 12/94

Dorchester Dorset

10 Nov. 1894

Dear Sir

I beg herewith to forward for your inspection and approval, the plans for the repair of Melcombe Horsey Church. I was not able to send them sooner, as they have only just now come into my hands.

These repairs are designated by a word that expresses far too much, - are spoken of, as a

Restoration - I don't quite like the word 'Restoration' for the sort of work that is contemplated. It is too big a word; suggesting & implying something on a scale quite beyond our intentions. But as my parishioners have themselves undertaken to raise the funds, - if 'Reparation' seems too small a word, they have a right to use the larger word 'Restoration'. And they think that by use of the

larger word, people at a distance may perhaps be more easily induced to take interest in the work.

There is nothing in these repairs and slight alterations to which I could object without seeming not merely unappreciative of the enthusiasm of my parishioners but even perhaps somewhat awkward & unpleasant, and so incurring the danger of alienating any good will or kind feeling they may have towards either

plans, we shall have to
send them to the Diocesan
Church Building Association,
with our application for
a grant.

I beg to remain

Faithfully & Respectfully Yours

Joseph Hall

To

General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S

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of anything antique, or L2
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Characteristic, or of
archaeological interest.

If I may presume to
say so, and compare
small things with larger,
my own tastes & sentiments
in this region are exactly
the same as those of the
Patron - I remember
that once, referring to
private patronage, you
said that Laymen had as
much right to be represented
in the Church, as

Bishops or other Ecclesiastical
people - I think - more
right. With a much
diminished patronage Bishops
would still be quite sufficiently
represented - And I
hope, that at Melcombe
Horsey, there is a Clergyman
who thinks that good
work may be done, without
trying to fetter people's
intellects, and Cramp
them in a narrow
dogmatism; - and

without insisting upon it -
that their best welfare
can be attained only
through incongruous
and impossible beliefs -
At the same time, some
penalty has to be paid for
all this. The narrow
minded dogmatists
hurl hard names at
the Parson.

After you have
kindly inspected the