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WICKEN,
STONEY STRATFORD.

April 15/95

My dear General

In "The Times" I saw a notice
about your late bailiff which reads
as if he might perhaps be just the
sort of man I am in search of as
manager of farms here which

The Island house need be large
and it may not be what he would
expect but in these days I think
£250. and a very good house
is as much as ought to be given for
the management of this estate
if you would send me a line about
this I should be very much obliged

Yours truly
Charles

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are in hand and at some times
be through competent to carry out
the ordinary duties of agent on a small
estate such as cottages, repairs &
building in a small way but before
I go any further in the direction of
of fully enquiring into his merits

& qualifications for such a place I should
be glad if you would tell me privately
whether he is a good Churchman
& a man of business whether he, his
wife & his family if he has other
a son, are the sort of people to
get on pleasantly ^{with their neighbours} and do good in
the parish (in fact nice people).
This being a small property

Copy.

Rushmore,
Salisbury.

April 17th, 1895.

My dear Penrhyn,

I am glad you wrote to me about Brewer. He was not justified in putting in that Advertisement, and I never sanctioned it. He was with me about two years, and I gave him a character for honesty and sobriety, and said that I thought he might manage a small farm, but that he was not up to 2,000 acres, which he had under me. I am very particular about accounts, and I know he used to get the village school-master to make out his accounts for him. As to his capacity for surveying land, I know nothing about it. I have not the remotest idea whether he is a Churchman or a Conservative, but I have no doubt if you make a point of it you will find him both. His salary was £100 a year and a house, but he was only Farm Bailiff.

Yours sincerely,

A. Pitt Rivers.