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STRATFIELD SAYE RECTORY,
MORTIMER,
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April 23 1895

Dear Sir

I was this morning
shown some pieces of brass
dug up in a field at Broughtfield
which came into the possession
of Lady Russell of Broutonfield
& by her had been given to the
Bishop of Wellington.

They have engraved on them
the names of various members
of your family & dates in the

St. George's Church,
London.
1841

Last century. Her Grace had intended to bring them over to me here that I might send you a copy of the inscriptions. But since I was there Lady Russell has come over to beg for them for an archaeological lecture to be held in Reading on Thursday.

My own impression is that they are coffin plates stolen at some time when the Pitt vase was open from beneath this church. That the thief was

endeavouring to break them into pieces & being interrupted buried them since they remained hidden till three weeks ago. The whole thing is very sad & shocking. I have written to beg Lady Russell not to allow them to be lectured upon until you have consented.

If they come into my possession I should be glad to consult with you what you would wish done with them.

I remain

Yours faithfully

Horace J. Moore.