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Springfield Villa

Dunbar

11 Sept. 1883.

Dear Sir

I beg to thank you for your courteous communication of yesterday, & copy act there-with. I have, however, to inform you that the "Catstane" near Kirkliston you refer to, is not on my property, but upon the adjoining one, belonging to Sir James Ramsay Gibson-Maitland & Co. It stands in the County of Mid-Lothian, not West Lothian shire, within a stone-cast of the boundary.

I was much interested in the old Monument from having some years ago, along with my late friend Sir J. G. Simpson explored under & around it, finding over 70 Stone Cists (now re-covered up)



The result of the "dig" was com-  
municated in papers to the  
Antiquarian Society Transactions  
and Sir J. Simpson also wrote  
a very elaborate Monograph  
on it, starting the enquiry, "Is  
it not the Tombstone of the  
"Grandfather of Nengjet & Storsa?"  
which he made out as quite  
possible & very probable from  
the names on the stone "Vetta  
(Vittus) Victi" only being known  
in the old Chronicle, in that  
relationship, as well as being  
very rare names in themselves.

I have no doubt the present  
Sir James Gibson Maitland wd  
be glad to place the Monu-  
ment under the Act's protection  
His father Sir Alex. Maitland when

MP for Middletham had it  
Scheduled, & meant to have  
had it enclosed with an iron  
railing, as he told me before  
his death. Sir Jas. Gibson Maitland  
address is at present "Sancti  
House, Bannockburn Stirlingshire  
unless he is still engaged in  
London with the Fisheries Exhib.  
in which he is much interested.

I do hope you will induce  
him to place the old relic  
under your protecting care

I am Yrs faithfully  
Robt. Hutchison

Lieut Genl. Pitt-Rivers