

Ralls.

Budport

June 8th 1895

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Sir

I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed sketches of Brown Hill implements which I understand are thought to be the best ever found there. Allow me also to remind you of the three photos of the place (taken by Sir A. Peck's assistant) which I gave you last June. Mr B. A. Hogg of Dorchester has given me the sketch of ^a very peculiar implement from Bonnington which some judge to be even older than those from Brown!!

I trust that you will make your
arrangements so that when you
do come to Chand Junction
you will return via Budsport,
& feel sure you will be repaid
for the little time spent here
I have to thank you for the
most handsome & ever useful
gift of your three beautiful vols
which arrived safely to my
great pleasure & I trust future
antiquarian profit, while
coming from yourself personally
they will be ever doubly valued

Yours respectfully

James Ralls
General Pitt Rivers. F.R.S.
Rushmore.



Butt end.

J. Ralls.
Bridport.

5" broad. }
8 $\frac{3}{4}$ " to tip }

$\frac{1}{2}$ size of original

Potsloe Road

Heteru, - 7. June. 1895

Dear Sir -

Your letter, as you will see reached me at last - I was Messrs Williams manager at Colyton, for many years, & retired here about three years ago.

Above are sketches of the implements. The larger, is the finest of that type I have seen - it is of yellow flint (chert) worked exceedingly true, with a wonderful cutting edge, and rather thick at the butt end (A). Whoever the workman was he was a clever artificer, and had an artists perception of symmetry as well, - the smaller, I picked up myself on the railroad ^{from} among the ballast, it is also a very good specimen, of gray flint, with a ridge on one side, (B) and it is polished.

There is no history of Brown gravel pits, beyond ^{the} many descent of the adjoining lands, that I am aware of. I am no geologist, beyond a little general knowledge of the district, but my impression is, that this gravel bed, consists of flint debris ^{first} washed off the hills and into the sea, mostly perhaps from the eastward, & subsequently again washed up in beds, in the Axe valley, when it formed an estuary of a primeval sea, before it reached its present boundary. Of the period of time this would extend over, would be a matter of speculation only. But how the depth of the gravel bed, & distance down these implements are found, the probability would be they were fabricated before the sea retreated to its present boundary. But

nothing is evident - mind & intellect were the possession of the makers of these implements, as surely as the designer & maker of the locomotive, ^{to day} ~~to day~~ ^{from Brown} ~~from Brown~~ knew for its pathway.

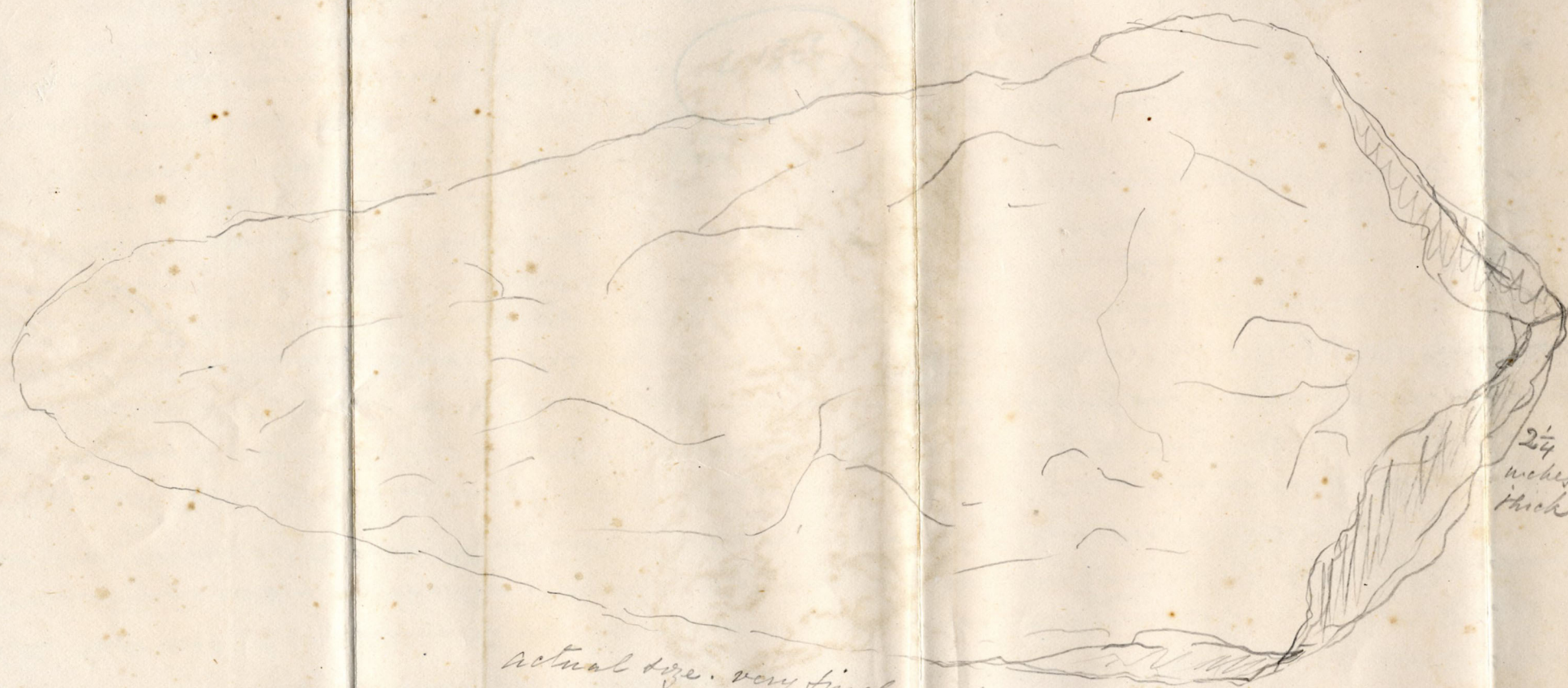
There are a number of the flint implements in the Museum here, but none exactly of this shape, nor so large, - they are more void in shape, generally, but they are fine collection, & mostly of yellow flint. If you came to Heteru, go & see them, it is close to the S. Western Station.

I send you a prospectus or two of some of my little books, - but for no purpose of subscription unless you feel interested, - the Memorials, an interesting book I think, is near your point.

Yours very truly
W. W. Pages

This kind of chert (yellow flint) is found in strata
interesting for fossils, ~~then~~ occurring in the hills near
Kendy & some pebbles -

about 10 inches



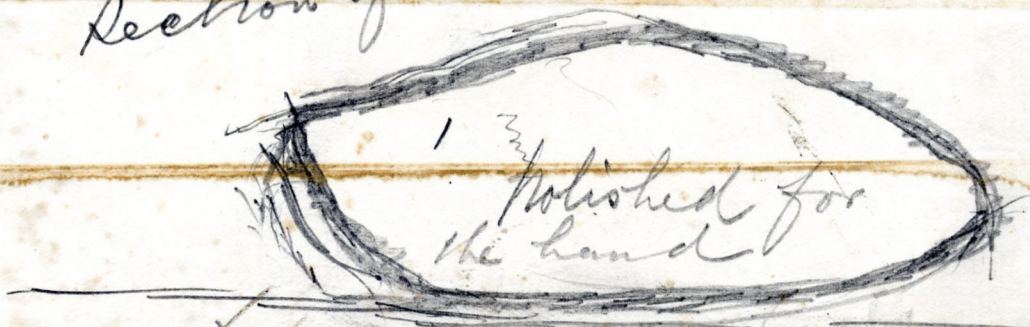
2 1/4 inches thick

Actual size. very finely worked, - not polished.



Actual size - surface polished.

1 Section of end



1 polished for
the hand



chipped with
fine force

chipped for
ball of thumb

W. B. A. Hogg
Dorchester.

found near Bournemouth.