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Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I should be very glad indeed if you would kindly give me your ideas as to the best way you think the Ethnographical Room here should be rearranged.

There is no doubt that the plan introduced by yourself in your own Museum at Oxford is the best for a large collection

great difficulty now is to adapt the rooms. A proper sequence is out of the question. If you can find a moment just to write me your views I should appreciate the advice. I certainly don't like the "Geographical" arrangement in the Ethnographical Collection, but something better must be devised than that ~~now~~ now existing.

Yours very truly
Frank. James

Genl. Pitt-Rivers F.R.S., S.C.L. &c

but for a small collection such
as ours I fear the number of
gaps ~~would~~ which much occur
would perhaps militate against
its adoption.

Do you not think that as the
collection for the most part illustrates
the ethnography of the South Sea
Islands, it would be best to arrange
~~the~~ objects having a like purpose,
altogether. For example, all the
drinking utensils should be placed
in one case from all the islands,

and not, as at present, kept under
each island. The "Personal Ornaments"
case likewise.

Then on another subject.
Our series of Palaeolithic and Neolithic
implements is so small that I
think the former would come
better in the Pleistocene case in
^{association with mammoth &c}
the Palaeontological series, than
apart as beginning the department
of antiquities. I propose commencing
with the Bronze Period (local finds)
in this latter room. My