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My dear General

My incessant worrying
about Richborough having
brought about its purchase
I find myself once more
moving for the complete
exploration of the interior
of the castrum and for
an exhaustive investigation
of the great mass of masonry
within its walls. I am
to lay a scheme before the
Council of the K. A. S. next

month. I propose to suggest that the N. A. S. initiate the excavations, and invite archaeologists generally to subscribe to the work, and further, that we call in upon our Committee two or three experts. Of course I had it in my mind to ask you to be one & I should therefore be glad to know if you would kindly help in this important undertaking. I shall ask Sir John Evans & J. E. Fox. I desire especially to clear up once for all the mystery surrounding the mass of

massary and to ascertain if it be solid or hollow. Hitherto it has defied the weak efforts that have been made to deal with it. For my own part I am not to be defied & have no intention of making a weak effort to settle the matter. If I may reckon on your invaluable support, all will go well. May I trouble you to let me have an early answer so that I may proceed rapidly with my plan. Believe me
Yours very faithfully
George Payne