

Answered

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72 High Street  
Chester  
3 Nov 1883

Dear General Pitt Rivers.

I heard a day or two since that you are probably at Rushmore so I write to you there. You may have heard that the Directorship of the Fitzwilliam Museum at Cambridge is now vacant owing to the resignation of Prof. Colvin. As such a position is one which would suit me admirably just now I have decided on offering myself as a candidate and I shall feel much indebted if you will kindly give me any assistance you can in the matter. I have been over to Cambridge twice and

ascertained what the duties are  
and have no fear but what  
I could discharge them  
faithfully. I enclose a  
copy of the printed announcement  
together with the names of  
the electors. If you know  
any of them and can induce  
them to give me their support  
I shall be glad.

I have  
prepared a preliminary circular  
with such names and  
testimonials as I have been  
able to get, at a short notice  
I propose to add to the  
List by inserting further  
signatures after Mr Martins  
name and print any  
further letters that may  
come in. If I may add

Yours kindly fill in the  
enclosed and return to me  
here. I should have  
had many the introductions  
if there had been time to give  
the matter proper attention,  
but I am under an engagement  
here with the Corporation to  
complete the Catalogue of  
Antiquities in the Museum  
by the 9th inst so as to  
finish during the present  
Mayoralty. In haste

I remain  
Yours faithfully  
Wm. E. Price

Answer

"Duties of the Director"

"To take charge of the Pictures, Sculptures, Casts, Books, Engravings, Coins, Gems, and every other object included in the Collections, and to see that they are properly cared for, protected, and kept in order.

"To make arrangements, under the sanction of the Syndicate, for the placing and exhibition of the various objects which at present compose or may hereafter be added to the Collections.

"To exercise a general superintendance over the subordinate officers, and to see that all rules laid down by the Syndicate are carried out.

"To undertake and superintend, under the sanction of the Syndicate, and with such assistance as they may think necessary, the formation of inventories

and catalogues of the collections.

"To give, so far as is consistent with the performance of the above duties, assistance and guidance to persons visiting the Museum for purposes of study.

"To make inquiries and give advice upon the propriety of making acquisitions for the Museum, as opportunity may arise, by purchase, donation, or bequest.

"Candidates are requested to send their names and twelve copies of testimonials if any to the Vice-Chancellor, on or before Saturday Nov. 3, 1883

The Electors are the Members of the Fitzwilliam Museum Syndicate, the Disney Professor of Archaeology and the Slade Professor of Fine Art.

"Electors"

Dr Phelps

Mr Blox

Mr Burn

Mr Lewis

Dr Perouse

Mr Bradshaw

Mr Sandys

Mr Mole

Professor Colvin

Percy Gardner