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WHATCOMBE,
BLANDFORD.
—AND TELEGRAPH—

My dear General Pitt-Rivers

My Bailiff Tinsdale
agrees with me that your
team was superior to the other
at Blandford on Thursday. He
is a first rate judge of horses
and he says they were in
better working condition and
walked faster than their
competitors. The terms &
about the 1st prize was
awarded were followed up
for the occasion, & caught the
eye of the public & the 2nd prize
team was made up from
four farms of about the same
in the occupation. There I know
therefore have no practical
ground - & the result is not to the

useful & profitable class of hour
but the ornamental - the
whole thing was a snare & a
delusion. The hour show was
on the same line few of the
year the same hour walk
not a counter sound any
admiring audience of jokers
from any distance Bristol
Gloster etc. - e.g. the lad
who so cleverly & boldly
sent his pony (about 13 hands
high) over a tremendous
fence - double - ditch - with -
back & other sweetmeats
told me he came from the Duke
of Praup's County! I had not been
to one of these impromptu before
and was sorely disappointed
However I met many friends.
I was in hope to be able to

send you the photograph of the
Cornish Dutch excavation with
this letter but Mrs. Westall
has failed.

I am glad to hear Douglas
coming over here on Monday
take me Ireland -

Will you please tell Mrs. Hill
Buen I was at (Charmante)
on Friday & heard that the
Handy Girl is still in the
same state & no better.

I remain

Your most sincere
G. Mansel-Meynell

I am writing the above from
your letter & was happy
to receive many thanks for it
also for offering to photograph
the Brick Kiln, pottery & the Antiquary
near the Silo