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Dear General Pitt-Rivers,

I wrote to Mr. Gray a week or so since as to measuring a skeleton I have been fortunate enough to get from the site of Mr. Arthur Evans' "Late Celtic" settlement at Aylesford near here.

This letter informed me of how ill you had been again with bronchitis but I rejoice to learn that you have somewhat recovered and are able to

General Pitt-Rivers J.R.S.

Fox was speaking to me when I saw him at Silechester about digging in a Roman cemetery south of this town, saying that they wanted me to help them later on.

In the reference to this I should ever be very much indebted to you if you could take up a certificate for me for admission to the F.S.A of the Society. Mr. Stope told me privately that this must be done by a Fellow who was personally acquainted with me. It is my hope that I may be of service to the Antiquaries in a field wherein few men have been properly trained for the special work of excavating in a scientific manner.

Should I have to apply for a form or would the proposal?

Yours very truly

Frederic James

get out to your diggings at Woodgate.

The skeleton referred to is the first I have been able to recover since I left Rushmore and with, I believe, have an important bearing on Mr. Evans' paper, being found at a lower depth ~~than~~ than his bronze vessels. He obtained I believe, two skeletons buried in stone cists, but no measurements appear to have been taken of them. I am

writing to ask without, I hope, bothering you, whether you would like to see it and measure the skull & bones or whether I shall send it to Dr. Spross.

I should very much like to have seen

all this here, but I ^{am} without instruments of my kind. It appears (the skull) brachycephalic with narrow frontal region, a female and young skull.

Mr. St. John Hope has asked me to take the find, together with the plan & section, to the Antiquaries & to let Prof. Victor Horsley discuss the racial characteristics, but I don't think the latter knows enough about the matter.

And this brings me to another matter which has been long on my mind.

Since coming here, I have done a lot of archaeological work, being continually on the go and I hope to do more. Mr.