

My using my eyes for much
reading or writing. They
warn me that the consequences of
disobedience, might be very serious,
but I can get about, and see my
friends, much the same as heretofore,
and am learning to dictate my
correspondence, and to keep awake
while I am being read to. (somewhat
a difficulty, after a walk over my
hilly farm) and with so many comforts
about me, how can I complain! &
I have to thank you, and many friends
for kind enquiries - With all good ^{reasonable}
wishes ^{from} us, both to you, & Mrs Pitt Rivers.

Believe me

Yours sincerely-

Salut
Albert H B Baker

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Dictated

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Dear General

I received your letter
and its enclosure yesterday.
The latter proves how lynx-
eyed the journalist of the day
is. I heard by chance, in
November about the Petition of
Right-ousness. I was told it
was suggested by a dissenting
minister to the Clergyman, who
lives some distance from you,
and from me, who got it up.
I am not aware whether or not

it was largely signed, but the fact that it fell through at the meeting, at the Palace, at Salisbury, & went no further than the Bishop's room, shews that ^{there was} at least a strong minority, if not a majority, against its being presented. I do not think you will hear anything more about it. The only thing that can be said against your philanthropic exertions to entertain the

Public on Sundays, in my judgement, is the taking away the holiday from drivers of vehicles from neighbouring towns; but it is impossible for men to plan good altogether unmixed with objections in this world.

As far as we, in these villages, on the eastern limit of the Vale of Blackmoor, are concerned, we are practically unaffected by it. While we all benefit, more or less, from the provision you make for the amusement of our Choirs & Clubs in the "Quarters" at the Larmer Tree, - on week-days; & while we help to swell the huge gatherings at your September Festivities.

You will observe that I am writing by another hand - I have seen two oraculicks lately, and though differing slightly in the cause of the mischief, they both agree in forbidding