

L1495

35 Kensington Park Road
Notting Hill
Feb 10th 1896

To General Pitt Rivers

Dear Sir

I am requested by a lady of Notting Hill to write to you respecting a piece of Coral measuring 2 feet 4 by 2 feet 6 which came into her possession about the year 1853 it is in good preservation & in a well made oak air tight case as I have told her of your wonderful & extensive Museum she is desirous to know if it would be acceptable to you as a purchase to exhibit amongst your interesting collection if so she would be glad if

a drawback or tend to spoil the beauty & the antiquity of the place but I would be so glad if you could help me or tell me of some means by which I could perhaps start a fairly comfortable conveyance from Dollard to Salisbury & other towns & villages round about. As I am a native of Farnham Newton I have noticed with great admiration & satisfaction your many praiseworthy additions & improvements surrounding my old birth place on your delightful estates in Dorset & Wilt's so ancient & historical I have had the pleasure of visiting the ancient house of King John the grand old yew tree & the splendid museum once known as the Gipsy school. I have long been anxious for my healths sake to get back to my native country I would be willing to work hard & to do my best & would

You would think proper
to look at it on your next
occasion of visiting London
her Address is

The Misses Roberts
66 Lansdowne Road
Notting Hill.

London

If I may assume the liberty
as I should like to speak
to you on what would
seem rather an import-
ant matter.

Several lady friends
who have employed me
besides others of my ac-
quaintance would like to
visit your Museum and
other ancient objects of
interest to be seen in
Dorsetshire but I know
of many unable to do so
or even visit their friends
on account of no proper
conveyance being available

& I believe that the need has
long been felt of a more
safe & easy conveyance
from Salisbury & other towns
to Toward Royal.

Just lately so much
has been discussed in
the papers concerning
light-railways I would
like to ask for that you
would allow me to suggest
a motor car or small
railway such as used in
ship building dock yards
to take up passengers anywhere
~~no~~ Stations or expensive signal
work would perhaps be
required the roads seem
so hilly & sometimes stoney
for horses heavily loaded
it would seem that some
convenience to convey
passengers agricultural
produce & luggage would
prove a great blessing in these parts
lying so far from a railway
station but perhaps a
railroad would be considered

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be quite Contented with
any small Cottage that
may probably be empty
Should it not please
you Sir to entertain the
Idea for the Railway I
would be glad & willing
to put all my Strength &
Energy to work of any
kind that you may
think proper or consider
to be wanting & if I
may say at a very low
wage.

Trusting you may
give my wish for employment
in the old Country some
consideration & excuse
my application for your
kind & worthy attention
to this affair.

I have the honour
to remain
Sir Yours very obediently &

respectfully

W. J. Cutting

If you please Sir
permit me to add that
I would gladly devote
my spare time to
Carpentering picture-
frame making
plumbing & glazing
also useful at Engineering
& Clock or Bicycle
repairing & should you
think me worthy of
employment I may say
that Mr W. Barrett
my Uncle of the
Farnham Post Office

would furnish any
information concerning
my Character

To
Genl F Pitt Rivers
RUSHMORE HOUSE
Windsor Royal

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