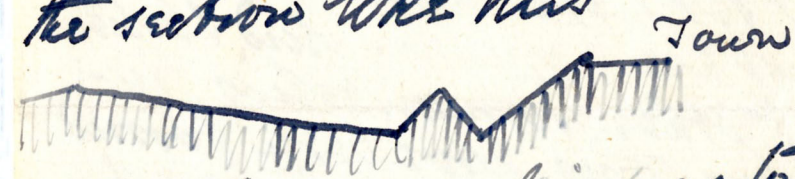


ago ^{near} the S.E. angle of the
fortifications, there is (to me) the
strange feature of a ridge or
small vallum left in the chalk
work at the bottom, making
the section like this:



Pray be so very kind as to
let me have a line or two on
these points, if it is not too
much trouble. I am thinking
of writing a few notes (hardly
a "paper" probably) on these late
discoveries here, for the Field Club.

And of course it would be an
inestimable advantage to have
some communication from you
on the subject.

I am yours truly
Lt. Gen. Pitt Rivers. F.R.S. H. J. Moule

Dorchester, Mar. 9. 1896.

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My dear Sir,

While desirous not to
trouble you needlessly I
cannot refrain from sending
a few lines to accompany
my receipt for your donation
towards the Field Club gift
to the Salisbury Spire Fund.

My object in writing is
to beg you to favour me with
your opinion as to two
points which have lately
presented themselves to me
here in connection with the
deposits of Dorchester.

Much digging has been
of late going on just outside
the West Wall here, in con-
nection with building and with
forming a public garden.

All this digging has been
on the counterscarp and
bottoms of the Roman fossa.

Several times the diggers
have found bones. At first
I thought I said that these
must be from burials during
the Black Death or some other
pestilence, inasmuch as
Roman graves within the outer
limits of the Roman forti-
fications were an impossibility.

I still think that many of these
bones are to be accounted for, but

not all. For we have one bone in
the ^{Museum} Dorset, 2 Bronze torque arm-
lets taken off the wrist bones
of a skeleton in a grave on
the counterscarp. I cannot
but set these down as Roman
if not pre-Roman. And I believe
that other Roman relics, in-
cluding coins, have been found
in graves on the counterscarp.

Scarcely, in digging a very
deep drain at the angle uniting
the West & South lines of forti-
fication the drainers exposed
a capital section of the bottom
of the fossa, with part of
scarp & counterscarp. Mr. Hamp-
ton, the borough surveyor, must
kindly fetch me to see this
extraordinarily interesting sight.

Here, as in a partly exposed section
which I saw & measured 2 years

Telegraph, Colliery, Mills.
Cisbury Station, 10 Miles.

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Rushmore,
Salisbury.

March 10 96.

Dear Mr. Moule

As regards the small ridge
on fausse braye as I have sometimes
called it in the ditch, such a work
or rather occurrence as it might be
better termed is not uncommon in
ancient fortifications. In 1875 when
describing some excavations in
Cisbury Camp Sussex (Journal of the
Anthropological Institute Vol V p 367).
I mentioned that in the centre of the
ditch of the camp I found a
ridge of undisturbed chalk about 3
feet wide & 2 feet high running along
it. Pl XV fig 4 N. of the volume. The
camp is pure Roman.