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SHILLINGSTONE,
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Dear General Pitt Rivers
A few mornings ago, I
found in Robert Sedlins
farmhouse an old
ladies saddle & Pillion,
which was condemned
to the flames, it was
rather in a state of decay
but most curious, so I
asked for it, & took

the liberty of conveying it
to your Museum

at Farcham, thinking that
if you did not find it
worthy of preservation
you could have it destroyed

Sedlius sister remembered
riding behind her Mother
on it to Shroton Fair.

the manner in which
the pillion is attached to
the saddle is not perfectly
clear, but the farmer
said wisps of straw were

made use of, & the crupper
behind kept it steady.

I was very sorry to hear at
the Museum that you
are not very strong, also
to find that the old Custodian
was dead.

Believe me

Yours faithfully
Julia Forbes.