

his conduct & tact in
hardship & ^{maintaining} discipline
among large bodies of
men have been such as
to secure from the Admiralty
through the Director of
Transports & the War Office
through the D.A.A.S. at
Portsmouth, gratifying
testimonials in writing.
From the British India Co.,
who have several times
offered him the command
of one of their ~~large~~ ships
on the ^{Indian} Coast or African
services (which he has

Billington
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CHALBURY RECTORY,

WIMBORNE.

Aug 14. 1896

Dear General Pitt Rivers

A great friend of mine,
Mr Duncan McIntyre, is
among the applicants for
the vacant Command of
the London Fire Brigade, &
knowing the great weight
that Sir John Lubbock's
good opinion wd carry in
the final selection, I am
venturing to write to you
a few of the points which
might not be without

their value in Mr
McIntyre's
favours when the
matter comes up for final
decision.

Mr McIntyre has been for
many years in the service
of the British India
Steam Navigation Company
as Chief Officer, holding
his full Master's Certificate
from the Board of Trade.
He is a Lieutenant of the
Royal Naval Reserve, &
has been through his full
course at Whale Island
& on board one of her

Majesty's Ships, holding I
believe special certificates
of proficiency in navigation.
For saving life at sea, the
Royal Humane Society
awarded him their Silver
Medal with Clasp, the
circumstances having been
exceptionally difficult &
involving great daring.

In the past two years,
Mr McIntyre's ship the
Dilwara has been taken
up by Government as one
of H. M. Hired Transports,
& in the troping duties

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declined, as preferring
for family reasons the
Home line), as well as from
his Commander (Capt. A.
W. Mann he wd bring
the very best testimonials
as to character & energy.
I may add that Mr McIntyre
is a gentleman by birth,
his uncle being General
McIntyre & his cousin
Miss Margaret McIntyre
the well known singer, &

that he is unmaimed.
From long acquaintance
with him, I am certain
he wd spare no pains
to be worthy of the trust
placed in him, and the
choice of the London
County Council fall
upon him.

Believe me
most very truly
Yr. S. Billington