

Ans^d
Burtace Bricport Dorset
Feb 4 1799

To General Pitt Rivers,

Dear Sir,

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I am writing to know
if you will continue me as a
tenant here, it would quite
break up my little home if
you turn me out after been
here so many years, I have my
little pony & carriage & cow &
two sheep & I have taken such
an interest in the garden & seen
every thing almost that we have
planted, it would be such a
break up and at any time of
life, if I was younger I should
not mind at all, for really
general the house is so badly
situated it is so unhealthy.

situated the river in front
is scarcely anything but a sewer
sometimes very offensive and
the house has no conveniences I
do not believe there is a perpendi-
-lar wall in the house & the rooms
are all divided with wooden
partitions & the floods are very
bad when we have much skin
we were flooded a little time
ago - Burtace is very warm in
the summer it seems quite relaxing
when on the cliff it is most cool
& invigorating, so that I always try
to go to the cliff every day to get
refreshed.

Very glad to hear from Miss
Alice Gillett at Mrs Sheels that
you are better. Do Sir
an early answer will oblige
Respectfully yours
Th. Gillett

Copy.

Rushmore
Salisbury.

Feb. 17/97.

Madam,

I regret that I am unable to
comply with your request as regards
the house at Burton. You must take
what Mr. Creech has told you as coming
from me.

Yours truly,
A. Pitt Rivers.

Mrs Gillett.