

three large volumes before, I scarcely
like to trespass on your kindness.

With renewed thanks for help,
Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Jos. Landon.

General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S., &c.

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Dear Sir,

I must apologise sincerely for not
having sooner acknowledged your kind
letter and the receipt of the pottery. I
was exceedingly sorry to find you were
ill, and regretted having troubled you
at such a time; so that I purposely
delayed writing for some days so as
not to bother you with a letter while
you were so unwell. I was myself
indisposed also, & was soon compelled
to relinquish for the time everything
but my college duties. Last week I
broke down completely, and to-day,
for the first time since, have resumed
work. Under the circumstances I
trust you will kindly pardon the
delay, & accept my grateful thanks
for the help you have been so good
as to give me.

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Further investigation has shown me that the old gravel of the River Lea here - some 80 feet above the present river - have been themselves overlaid by a considerable amount of surface wash, some of it made out of the drift but all rearranged. In my last letter I used the words "new gravel" loosely for the whole deposit above the glacial drift.

The accumulation in this way is instructive, as I do not think any piece of pottery was found nearer the surface than about 10 inches.

One palaeolithic implement from the gravel below the pottery layer, Sir John Evans thinks a very perfect & rare specimen. It is of flint, & he has had it engraved for the new edition of his book. I enclose proof the engraver has sent me.

Most of the fractured flintzites Sir John Evans thinks must have been produced naturally as they do not show the bulb of percussion. Years of search have never brought me any like them from any other gravel, & the arguments for their

fluviatile are in no way dependent on the nature of the fractures. Quartzites (such as most of the pebbles) do not fracture at all like flint, & I am still in correspondence with Sir John Evans respecting the whole matter.

Some red & grey pieces of pottery found since I sent to you are believed by several friends to be Roman, & I shewed two or three of them to Sir John Evans who also believed them Roman. One of the Roman Roads is only a few miles off & almost within sight.

It is extremely interesting to find that some of the fragments at least are almost certainly Norman, as something is known about the Norman occupation of the place from Somesday Book. It is exceedingly kind of you to offer to send me a copy of your book on King John's House. I have never had an opportunity of seeing the book, & should be delighted to have it, but remembering your generosity in sending me