

to offer you my congratulations
in person. Had it fallen to
my good fortune to have proposed
your health I should have
tried to do justice to the theme
of the occasion. Still you
have my heartiest good wishes
for your health & welfare,
and that of Mrs. Pitt Rivers
with kindest regards to her
Yours most faithfully,
C. O. Drew

TELEGRAMS:-
DONHEAD-ST ANDREW 3½ MILES.
STATION:-
TISBURY 4 MILES.

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ALVEDISTON VICARAGE,
SALISBURY.

Dear General Pitt Rivers.

I thank you very
heartily for your note today, with
which I most fully agree. You
are perfectly correct that any
privilege too generally granted
becomes very shoddy & unaltruistic.

I shall look forward with
very great pleasure to a game
at golf, if only I am well

enough to make the journey
though if I am not I trust
you & yours will honour my
course, which is now in fine
order, and which affords me
constant amusement now that
I can drive very little. I am
too playing a much better game.
I have been suffering —
apparently without any certainty —

from two years from stone, &
having been very ill a week ago,
trust that now freed I may
remain free but still caution
is the word.

You will understand that
under these circumstances I feel
bound to decline your most
kind invitation for your 70th
birthday - You have my very
heartiest good wishes, & it is
a most sincere disappointment
to me that I shall be unable