

condition, which I hope may
improve.

I am sorry to hear you
complain of infirmitis
still.

Yours very truly
Charles St Read.

I wish some thing could
be found for Payne -
he has applied for Plymouth
Museum to be founded -
I don't know if you have
any influence there

Read.
And Apr. 22.



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13 April 1897

BRITISH MUSEUM,

LONDON: W. C.

Dear General Pitt Rivers

I am glad you keep on
as Local Secretary - It is
fitting you should, from our
point of view.

I will certainly take the
earliest opportunity of seeing
your 'Local Museum'. It
is absurd that I have never
seen it - as a visit would
be both business & pleasure.
My view of local museums
generally is that their



value depends less on
the Museum than the
man at the head of
it. My old chief view
was to a certain extent
justified by his experience &
even my own - our local
Museum sold local things
to neighbouring people: but
when I offered to clear them
out of a lot of ethnographical
curios which they thought
nothing of, they immediately
had a general meeting &

passed a Resolution that nothing
was ever to be sold or parted
with - Their local antiquaries
all the time were going to rack
& ruin for want of cases, wh^{ch}
my money would have provided.
This is a fair sample of our
experience -

I am sorry to tell you
that Sir Wollaston is very
ill - He has been more or
less an invalid all this
year: & now is practically
confined to the house - My
movements will depend to
a great extent on his