

Dorchester.
not Museum. Apr. 23. 1897.

Ans.
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My dear Sir,

It is no small relief to my mind to find from your letter of yesterday that you think that the invitation about sending that Hagber fragmentary urn is reasonable.

As to the most desirable completion of the excavation of the Hagber barrow and pottery-site by W^r Mansel Pleydell I am sure (if I may venture to express an opinion) that your persuasion will suffice, his age notwithstanding. By the bye I have been told

of an old world pottery guild
(or quasi guild) in Germany
who use stone-wheels exactly
like the Wimmeridge and one
of which we have a fragment
in the Museum.

In the second place, as to
the study of the ornamentation
of the Bagber urn, at the
earliest possible moment I
will send a rubbing of a
section of it. Then if you
consider it likely to be useful
I could do a careful one -
I may remind you that in
our 'Warrne Collection' there
is ~~the~~ a small fragment of
a similar & similarly orna-
mented urn, more elaborate I think.
For study a rubbing would be

better than a sketch, but of
course I should be willing to
send you a sketch also, of
the Bagber urn, if you wish.

It is just doubt, surely,
that, as you say, Sherwood's
is of the last importance in
excavating. I regret more than
I can say that one of our
friends, for whom I have the
greatest friendship and in
many parts of his antiquarian
work the greatest admiration,
does not always see this.

It is odd that this should re-
mind me to ask you if it is not
a very extraordinary person -
know that a barrow should
be within Celtic Poundbury?
I am yours truly
Chas. Pitt Rivers. R. A. S. M. Noble