

Please let me know. Of course
the Bagher one should be the
one chosen for sketching.

Mr Stephenson & Mr Green have
been here for a week, on behalf
of the Archael: Institute, visiting
various places with a view to
make a programme for their
meeting in August. I have been
with them on one of their ex-
cursions - to Abbotbury &
Portesham.

I am yours truly
H. Moule.

Lt Genl Pitt Rivers. R.R.
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P.S. I thank you for your inform-
ation about the existence of barrows
in connection with camps. To me it is
niggling to find here (as was done last year)
Roman graves in the Roman fort.

Dorchester, May 11. 1897.
And
May 12/97.

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My dear Sir,

Pray accept my many
thanks for your letter of
yesterday. It is certainly
lamentable that in antiquarian
research the craving for im-
mediate results should lead
to such hurry & incompleteness
& to interference with the
work of such an explorer
as Mr. Petrie.

As to Portesham Mr. Am-
ington has several times
spoken to me about his
digging there; but has not
told me in detail about it.

Still can read & the advantage
of seeing the excavations in
hand, as I had the satisfaction
of doing when he was working
at Maiden Castle. But in
a general way he told me
that he dug in the fossa where
it still remains in a fully
visible state, viz. near the
N.W. corner close to the western
mouth of the tunnel. And he
found at the bottom of the
silting early Celtic pot-herds.
The result in his mind was
a confirmation of his previous
opinion that the camp is
pre-Roman. He has not opened
the barrow. I fancy from its
look that some slight digging
into it from the top has been
done long ago, perhaps by Mr. Leam

a Scottish dentist who partially
opened several barrows hereabouts
50 or 60 years ago. To return to
the fossa of Pormobury, ^{you know,}
I presume, that we have ^{in the museum,} a careful
section of 3 more fossae which
were shown in making the
railway cutting east of the camp.
I argue that, if on that side,
much more on the S. & W. sides
must there have been such elab-
oration, because on those sides
the position is naturally weaker.
This feature and the remarkable
road leading from the great cattle
fossil seem to my un instructed
mind to make Pormobury an
exceptionally interesting camp,
whereas on a cursory view it looks
quite the reverse.

If in addition to the rubbings
of these urns you would like me
to make an outline, or slightly
shaded drawing of one of them,