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My dear Sir,

Your letter of yesterday
has just reached me, and I
hasten to send a few lines in
reply.

I fear that I must have ex-
pressed myself badly in
speaking of Mr. Cunnington's
diggings at Pomeoebury. I
did not see him at work there,
nor do I know what he did,
or omitted to do, in the way
of plan, section, drawing, or
other exact record of his re-
searches. He only told me in
general terms that he ^{dug and} found
early Celtic pot. & sherds low

down in the fossa. Of course
he has seen a great deal of
ancient pottery in the course
of his long series of diggings,
and may be credited, I think,
with good judgment as to
the spot to which this or
that specimen belongs.

At Maiden Castle, on the
other hand, I saw one of his
diggings in progress, or rather
completed but not yet covered
in. There past doubt he had
uncovered the foundation of
a house of the Roman epoch.

The evidence consisted not only
of coins, but of fragments of
decorated plaster, of tessellated
floor, and of roofing. A record
of his excavations at that
house-site is, I understand,

included in his book which is
still only in MS. This a great
misfortune that he cannot
or will not publish it. For,
although carried out on a small
scale, and sometimes imper-
fectly, his work is worthy of
record. I have urged him to
issue, through the Field Club,
proposals to publish his book
by subscription; but so far
without success.

I hope that you will forgive
me for inflicting such a long
letter on you, but it seems to me
my duty to define clearly the
superficial character of my
knowledge of Mr. Amminger's
researches at Dorchester.

I am yours truly
Lt. Gen. Pitt Rivers. A. J. Moule.