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Anthropological Institute,

3, Hanover Square, W.

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Dear General Pitt Rivers,

I have read these painful letters, and regret to say that I know nothing of the writer. He seems to have been at our time in correspondence with you with reference to the sale of a collection of Bronzes. He is

Certainly Not Causal
Hutchinson, whom we formerly knew so well.

With best wishes for the new year
allow me to remain

Very faithfully
Yours

J. W. Rudler

Major General Pitt Rivers
J. W. S. &c.

This is the appeal of a poor
gentleman suddenly brought to
beggary & in great misery -
who humbles himself to beg
your kind help - feeling assured
that it will not be in vain -
but that you will help to
some extent in such an
emergency.

Anticipating waiting to hear
from you per return

I remain Dear Sir

Yours truly
in deepest distress

Geo Hutcheson

To Genl Pitt Rivers }
London }

280 Madison Avenue
New York 7th Nov: 85

~~ARUNDEL HOUSE,~~
~~HIGHGATE. N.~~

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Dear Sir It is with great sorrow
& a deep sense of humiliation
that I am about to write these lines
& nothing but the direct necessity
impels me to do so

I used to be happy in
helping others - but now I stand
in bitter need of help myself

Some two or three months ago
I disposed of my pretty little place
at Highgate, horses, carriages
& every thing, with a view to coming
out to try, if possible, to save some
portion of my property, wh: I
found was fast being dissipated
& appropriated by rascally agents.
In this I regret to say I have
utterly failed & am now left

absolutely penniless in a foreign
land destitute!!!!

I have been obliged to dispose
of every thing available, even to
the smallest piece of jewelry, to pay
for law & other expenses -

For several weeks I have been
forced to take parcel after parcel of
our clothes to the pawnshop that
I might get food for my starved
wife & children (the clothes
cant last much longer & the weather
is getting frosty & cold)

From affluence & comfort
I am now reduced to the most
utter poverty - & to add to all with a
dying wife, unable to stand against
such terrible privations - to say
nothing of the want of medicines
& medical aid - She suffers
terribly & it is fearful agony to me
to see her thus & unable to
supply necessaries -

When I had occasion to address
you in reference to a collection of
Bronzes wh. I had for disposal on
account of a poor friend, you
wrote me so kindly that I feel
sure you will not turn a deaf ear
to my pleadings when for my poor
wife, self, & children, in this our
time of dire distress - but will send
me a cheque however small -
to alleviate our suffering & privations,
which are greater than I can ever
care to tell -

Mine is indeed a pitiable
Case, but I refrain from going
into details - too painful

Pray dear Genl. Rivers do
send us some assistance & that
as soon as you possibly can
as we are desperately in need -

Post office (2183)
Fairview, N.J.
United States 5th Decr 85

Dear Sir - I had fondly hoped & eagerly
looked to hear from you ere this -

I have been forced to vacate
the Madison avenue basement
wh: seeing that my wife was in a
dying condition - was perfectly
brutal - I feel sure no doctor
w^d have permitted her removal -
but I had not the means of calling
one in -

I got here with my poor
wife more dead than alive, though
it is only a couple of miles or so across
the Hudson from New York.

She fainted dead away twice
while being dressed. She still
lies in the same critical
condition suffering great
agony -

Sir - I send the enclosed in
the hope that you may feel
interested - with permit
me to send a small selection
for your inspection -
I will you kindly return
the photos: in replying &
oblige you faithfully
Geo. Hutchinson

Arnold House
Hightstown

She is lying poor thing without
even a fire - & the snow a foot deep -

What will Xmas: be to us this
year? Dismal enough - hungry
scold in addition to other & greater sorrows.
And my poor children? -

For Heaven's sake do kindly help
us. if ever so little, in the fervent
prayer. of yours in extreme misery

Geo Hutchison

To.

Genl Pitt Rivers. }
London }

Pray do kindly write per return
that I may hear from you before
Xmas: that we be not dinnerless
on that day - of all days -
Pity us!

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