

The Rectory  
Melcombe Horsey  
Dorchester, Dorset  
23 Jan 1886

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Dear Sir  
This morning I received from Douglas the accompanying document with a request that I would fill up what falls to my portion & forward it on to Rushmore.

I have great pleasure in complying with his request.

As has been said of many capable men in time past,

So of Douglas it may be said,  
"He is a plant that flowers  
late". Many men too, who  
have proved their ability  
afterward have been backward  
at school - There is a vein  
of originality in Douglas  
& I feel sure he will yet  
strike out a path for  
himself, and perhaps surprise  
a good many of us -

If in any other way  
I can be of the smallest  
use to him, I shall be

only too pleased to place  
myself at his service -

With kind regards

I remain

Faithful & Respectfully Yours

Joseph Hall

To

General Pitt-Rivers F. R. S.

Answer

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The vacant living is  
Kirk Andreas Rectory,  
Isle of Man, vacant by the death of  
the Ven. Joseph Christian Moore.

Let me repeat that if I am  
guilty of too great presumption,  
I at once respectfully retire, and  
hope for your kind forgiveness.  
If Sir John Lubbock kind speaks for  
me, my chance is considerable.  
Sir John Lubbock is prompt,  
intelligent, influential; and  
whatever he undertakes, mostly  
has a successful issue.

I remain

Faithfully & Respectfully Yours

Joseph Hall

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General Pitt-Rivers F.R.S.