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Dear General Pitt Rivers

Thank you for your letter, but you sadly whet one's curiosity when you talk about Roman walls 8 feet high & covered with painting. I suppose you will have the painting photographed & copied in colours. How Mr Fox would be interested in your discovery. What does the building belong to? Is it part of a villa & are other walls

as high? Is there any hope of
you equalling or rivalling the
famous Whitcomb villa
described by Lysons?

We have found some
very curious buildings this
year at Silchester, of which
you will hear more anon.

We have also recovered
three more tubs. Two of these
are perfect, with staves over
6 feet in length!

When is your new volume
coming out?

Yours very truly
W. H. St John Hope