

but I hope with your
assistance to be able to surmount
many if not all of them.

I apologise for troubling
a busy man like you with
my personal matters but my
intense anxiety to be an FSA
must be my excuse.

I am

Yours faithfully
Ernest R. Baker

Major Genl. A. H. L. Fox Pitt-Rivers

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Weston-super-Mare

March 31 1886

Dear Sir,

My Uncle W. J. G. Halliwell-
Phillipps has filled in for me a
Candidates Certificate for election
to the Society of Antiquaries, and
he tells me particularly that I
should have it signed first by
Members of my County Archaeological
Society and as you are the most
distinguished member of that Socy,
and the one best known in
literary and archaeological circles

in London I write to you to know if you would be kind enough to sign my application.

I am a member of the Archaeological Institute, and local Secy of the Somerset Archaeological Society, and I have taken and still take no little interest in Archaeology generally and in Somersetshire literature in particular.

I send for your acceptance copies of the Somersetshire reprints I have

edited, these are the first two of a series: I have other rare tracts on the stocks and they will see daylight from time to time. The "Overflowings of Waters" tract you will see, was for a book of its class very favorably received by the Press generally.

I know that many dangers & difficulties beset the path of the aspiring Candidate for Fellowship in the Society of Antiquaries