

Reading

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Answers
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Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th ult. and I hope that in reply I may be allowed to assume that the somewhat indefinite terms in which your inability to attend the meeting at Dorchester is expressed justifies me in believing that your inability arises more from the stated time being an inconvenient one than from any desire to avoid the trouble and inconvenience of journeying to Dorchester & if so I may be pardoned perhaps if I venture to say

for so kindly inviting the members to visit your most interesting museum & excavations in the British Village at Rushmore which I hope towards the autumn to find it possible to have the pleasure of accepting.

I am Sir

Yours very truly

J. Kingsley Stallwood:

Genl. Pitt-Rivers.

how very much pleased
I should be, if by altering
the proposed time of meeting
to some other date more
suitable to your convenience.
I fear by that means
secure to the Society the
privilege and benefit of
your most valuable aid.

Since the receipt of your
letter of the 6th ult: I have
been endeavoring to ascertain

who I can apply to in the
event of your being compelled
to decline, and the great difficulty
which I have experienced in
meeting with any one of known
authority upon works of the
Roman period induces me once
more to appeal to you relying
upon the gleam of hope
which I venture to recognize
in the somewhat indefinite
expression of your letter -

On behalf of the Society I
thank you most sincerely