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7, WEST HILL,

GEO. F. LAWRENCE.

WANDSWORTH, S.W.

April 7 1898

Dear Sir

When stay ing years ago
at Canon Greenwells I saw
with admiration your
first large volume on
your excavations, since
then I have seen the
others, only to regret that
they are not purchasable
I do not know whether I am
presuming too much on our
present relations to ask you

for a set. I know I am
going quite far enough, but
the plates themselves will
be of great use to me, in
identifying my own local
fauna & the letterpress will
inform me of their periods.
I am intending to excavate a
Barrow or two at Ikley here
this season & before doing so
I certainly would like to
study your works & methods
of digging. Of course I will
let you be the first to know
of the result of my ^{labours} ~~work~~

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I certainly do not intend to
go more "relic grubbing" in the
Barrows - for every thing found in
them has some relation to
others on the same spot & more
"digging" not only does no
good but wrecks results for
further digging.

I trust that you do not
consider me a mere buyer
& seller of antiquities - I
have loved the subject for 20
years & free of circumstances

have compelled me to do what
I am doing now.

I am mentioned 5 or 6 times in
Ewans new edition of Stone Insects
Worthington Smith, Allen Thorne,
Spurrell have all mentioned
me in their works & I read a
paper in conjunction with
St. Garson on some Thames
Skulls at the author's Inst
some years ago.

I mentioned the matter to Mr.
Gray & he said he thought
I might write, as I took an
interest in the subject & hoped to
excavate soon.

I am Yours Obediently
Ed. Lawrence

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RS

I ought to say that I consider
honestly, that your ways of
excavating, as evinced by
the papers read at Dorchester
are the perfection of
scientific & patient
investigation & will always
be useful for reference
& not die like such books
as Bakeman & others wrote

some year ago. now these
only cause wonderment
that such books were
considered scientific
flakes were called knives
arrow heads &c &c that
at least is most
misleading